

FORD MOYNES

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# MAIN STREET



A series of articles on the late Sir Sam Hughes, written by Al Capon, attracted the reading eye of hundreds of people in town and district, as well as abroad. There are many residents who recall that Dr. John MacAlpine, who lived at the corner of William and Colborne Streets, was a brother-in-law of Sir Sam.

The name MacAlpine goes a long way back in local history and at one time, Dr. MacAlpine was a resident of Janetville, but in this article "Main Street" recalls a very colorful gentleman, C. D. H. MacAlpine, a son of the Doctor, who received his early education in Lindsay in both the Public and High Schools. At the age of 21 he went to the Canadian West to Winnipeg where he attended the Winnipeg Law School and he practiced law in Winnipeg until 1915 when the call of the Empire's need carried him overseas as a member of the Canadian Army Service Corps. He saw four years of service in Great Britain and France, becoming Deputy Director of Supply and Transport of the Canadian Army on the Western Front.

Returning to Canada early in 1920 Lt.-Col. C. D. H. MacAlpine, OBE, turned his attention to the Canadian Mining industry. His enterprises have taken him into distant camps on the edge of the confines of civilization.

In one of his tours by air to the far North country, he and his party on one occasion narrowly escaped with their lives.

After a successful career in the mining industry and at 54 years of age he became the Conservative candidate, for the then National Government of Canada in the riding of Vic-

toria and Haliburton, but was unsuccessful. At that time his favorite expression was "to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before" and he is credited with having started mining enterprises around which prosperous settlements took form where formerly muskey and moose pastures held sway.

The late Cyril MacAlpine purchased a large farm area on the banks of Sturgeon Lake in Verulam Township, situated between Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon where several years ago he erected a beautiful brick home, which contained a mezzanine floor and a melodious pipe organ. He also erected a large barn and for a time was in the stock raising industry. Mr. MacAlpine's son, Rod MacAlpine, resides in this beautiful home and operates a machine industry on Lindsay Street North.