

It would be interesting to hear how many old fashioned pumps are still used in the area, but a guess would be a hundred. There are less than a dozen pumps in Lindsay says one user and he added: "But if you want a cool, refreshing drink of hard water, refresh yourself at an old fashioned pump — Lindsay tap water is insipid, has a bit of a taste and at times a bit of a smell. Yet Lindsay water is not too bad."

There have been at least two well known pump makers in this district and one was John Dennis of Lindsay, and many of his pumps are still in use. Another manufacturer of pumps is well known to many people and he is Sam Brokenshire of Fenelon Falls. Bruce Cooper, widely known and popular teacher of music in schools, has a Brokenshire pump; a wooden pump with an iron spout and wooden handle. It works well and today is in the antique class.

In days of yore there were a number of good wells in Lindsay, including one at the Court House, corner of Colborne and Cambridge Street, and a well on the old Jas. Workman property on Wellington Street is still in use.

The well on the Ed. Harding property on the corner of Mary and Lindsay streets is much used, as well as one at 34 Melbourne west.

Hard water wells were planted on every school ground. Remember the old pump with the broken handle and the dingy, battered, rusty tin cup? Strange looking bugs frequently were coughed up into the cup and tossed to the ground, but the kids did not bother about the odd blade of

grass that floated in the mug. Microbes were scorned on, but that water was cool and surely quenched the thirst. Remember in the chilly winter months and how good the icicles hanging to the iron spout tasted, but how painful it was when once in awhile you bent down and sipped a drink from the frosty spout and lo and behold your lips stuck like glue to the iron spout and sometimes skin came off the lips and stuck to the pump?

Mr. George Beall, Albert Street, who has a remarkable memory, remembers the days when almost everybody had a private pump. Pumps gradually disappeared when local health authorities started the water-works system and after it was discovered that water entering the Town from the west was polluted with unsanitary water pouring into the town wells from farms. At one time the Town spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on an ozone plant which petered out. Today Lindsay has a splendid water works system and "cross the heart", there have been no contagious diseases in several decades.

The Dennis pump was made in a factory located at the north east corner of Lindsay and Russell Streets and was a big industry.

Away back through the years when a business area was located in the East Ward, when there was a hotel at the corner of Lindsay and King Streets and a second one on King between St. Paul and St. Patrick Streets, there was a fair sized knoll on the south side of Queen Street between St. Paul and Lindsay Streets. On this elevated ground was a boarding house known as Bow-

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man's. The pump at this property was used for many years by people in the neighborhood.

When Thos. Fee ran an open air rink at the south-east corner of Peel Street and Victoria Avenue, water for flooding purposes was pumped from a deep well.

Good wells served boys and girls at the old Francis Street School, the old Union School which once stood a couple of hundred yards east of the Collegiate Institute and other pumps were in use at the North Ward, South Ward and East Ward schools.

A well which served another area was located on the Gunnigle Livery property on York Street north.