

On the Main Street

with Ford Moynes

Many people have hobbies and the collection of old coins and stamps is probably the one with the greatest number of enthusiasts. Many people have been tossing odd coins into a drawer as well as postage stamps. Today they are valuable as a Collector's article.

A. C. Babcock ran a grocery store on William Street south, which was patronized particularly by railway men and their families. The same gentleman had a big variety of coins. He was also a public spirited citizen as he served as

Fred A. Broom lived on the lower end of Russell Street and was a coin collector, and he also was a member of the Town Council and one who was able to express himself and hold his own in debating local politics.

A Lindsay business man who had the habit of tossing coppers and coins into a counter drawer was W. F. McCarty, well known successful jeweller who sold the coins to a bon-a-fide collector a few years ago for a goodly sum.

Perley Miles, Queen Street, became a collector of coins in his later years and was a dealer. He was well known by members of the Canadian Legion and he became a recognized authority.

Probably the best known collector was Babe Heels who sold as well as collected rare coins.

It is reported that he had a trunk filled with a great variety of rare pieces. He was wont to visit sales of coins in Toronto and in the United States and his collection was so valuable that on more than one occasion his home on

Lindsay Street south, was entered by burglars.

Amos Howkins, a native resident of the Woodville area, who ran the grocery store at the corner of William and Bond Street, was also a coin fancier and had some rare pieces.

Old coins bring money - - - better ransack dresser and bureau drawers today and grow rich?

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Remember these dentists who extracted molars and bicuspids with the greatest of ease, or did they?

Dr. William Gross, who had two daughters, one being wedded to a well known business man and insurance agent, Bert McLean; Dr. Jacob Neelands, who is reported to have been the first dentist in Ontario to use gas in the extraction of teeth; Dr. Sam Clarke who had a brother William Clarke, M.D.; Dr. Simms, who came to Lindsay from Fenelon Falls; Dr. J. L. Sutton, a good curler and one of Lindsay's first golfers; Dr. Herb. Irvine, curler and huntsman, a pioneer summer resident of Pleasant Point; Dr. Cliff Laidley, expert curler and golfer; Dr. Stafford Shannon, one time star goaler for one of Lindsay's best hockey teams; Dr. V. Pogue; Dr. John Ross, expert canoeist; Dr. Howard Nesbitt, who performed the largest number of extractions as dentist for the 109th Battalion in World War One days; Dr. Coburn, Toronto hockeyist before coming to Lindsay; Dr. Clive Lyons, Dr. R. C. Wansborough and Dr. Curtis.

The gentlemen listed above were often "down in the mouth" but all were experts in their chosen profession.