

Frequently reference is heard about the "good old days". but very few people would want them back. What changes have taken place in the march of progress!

Remember the coal oil lamps and beautiful hanging lamp in the parlour with the multi-colored shade and crystals hanging around the fixture?

Remember the carpets which had to be hauled to the back yard and had to be whacked by a broken broom handle, or the floppy mattresses which had to be taken into the fresh air to be beaten and dusted?

Remember the tamarack slabs from the Carew Mill yards which had to be split with a dull axe and many times they were filled with knots and some times gummy?

Remember the old clothes reel and the time the wire broke and the articles had to be washed again in the tub?

Remember the trap door to the cellar with the dirt floor and where the apples you were forbidden to eat were lying on the cool earth? There was a large wooden cistern filled with soft rain water which entered the cellar through a wooden trough?

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Artisans and tradesmen of the past, including the shoe repair man, who wore a leather apron, sat down on a bench with a bunch of nails in his mouth pegging the soles of old shoes, or standing in front of a vise inserting holes in a stiff bit of leather, or drawing waxed heavy thread through a thick piece of cowhide — remember? The cobbler has disappeared — or almost. Fortunately there are still one or two expert shoe repair men still in Lindsay and doing well.

Remember Mickey Powers and John Berry who had harness repair shops on Kent Street, west of what is remembered by many as the G. A. Milne Tailor shop in years gone by?

Two well known business men in the same block at one time included: Holtorf, furniture and undertaking, followed in the same location by the Watchman - Warder newspaper, and Sutcliffe Drygoods Store, while, to the east, Jack McCullough, Dry Cleaner; Flavell Coal Co.'s office, A. O. Felt and A. S. Welsman, Jewelers; Geo. A. Milne, a merchant tailor, an Englishman

with smooth dialect; W. A. Goodwin and daughter who ran a picture frame store and many readers will recall Mr. Goodwin as a vegetarian and artist; Harold Rogers operated a Drug store and was followed by Jos. Brown, a grocer and for a time by Hilton Brown and Sam Fee, and later by Col. Ross Anderson, a shoe merchant and recently occupied by Pulver's Ladies Wear.

There used to be a number of changes of ownership in the stores immediately East, including Sandy Flack and Tom Murtagh as barbers, as well as Ancil King; Agnew and Lytle, insurance, as well as Andrew Marshall; A. J. Sootheran, insurance and later a Conservative appointee as Sheriff and County Registrar who was followed in that position by his daughter, Miss Mable Sootheran.

A pioneer business man was next in the line, namely, J. A. Williamson, a harness-maker from Manilla, who was also a military man and a major in the time of Sir Sam Hughes, and he was twice the Canadian representative as a marksman at the famous Bisley Matches in England and he was Past President of the Lindsay Fall Fair.

The Williamson store was occupied by the O.K. Cafe for many years. Through the years many different landlords have operated stores further East on the same block. For instance, there was once the Soanes Fish Store and as a side line this man made hard candy, including the popular bull's eye, with wonderful cream representing the eye.

Louis McGregor had a newspaper and cigar store and away back Percy Coad had a

drug store and a man named Perry a small jewelry store.

P. J. Campbell, Walter Arksey, Alvin Walker and Lynch were butchers in the same stand and many years ago W. F. McCarty launched the jewelry store which has been carrying on successfully by his son Bruce and the latter's nephew Bill McCarty.

Senior citizens will recall B. J. Gough, the 'King of Clothiers' who ran a large men's and boys' clothing store at the corner of Kent and William Streets. Remember how he advertised on mile post signs along every road leading into Lindsay, big ads in the newspapers and the entire east side of the store on William Street was plastered with a huge advertisement. Today the corner building is headquarters for the Victoria and Grey Trust Company.

How good is your memory and who did we miss in this old business block?