

Kent Street storekeepers  
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article.

The building at the south-east corner of Kent and William Streets has been the home of the Dominion Bank for many decades under the management of a number of leading citizens of the town, including Robert Ross, S. L. Reade and Murray E. Grant.

The latter gentleman is well known for his interest in community affairs, including his membership in the Golf Club and the Curling Club. He was

a formidable skip and a fine President of the Curling Club as well as a President of the Kiwanis Club.

His other activities include his long term as treasurer of St. Paul's Anglican Church and treasurer of the Kiwanis Club. His hobbies include horticulture and postage stamp collecting. He is a recognized authority as a stamp collector and has a very valuable collection. Mr. Grant is a member of the Waterworks Commission and has rendered many years of good service.

The Don Scott store was the starting place for the Ontario Liquor store and going a long way back this building housed the J. W. Wakely Drygoods store and later the store operated by E. E. W. McGaffey, a gentleman bachelor, who, as a member of the town council, was handed all written applications for the job of policeman and other positions as he claimed to be able to tell a man's character by studying the applicant's hand writing, but other councillors were skeptical.

Incidentally, John W. Wakeley moved to Ottawa, ran a store and being a friend of Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, this Lindsay boy was handed large contracts for cloth in the making of military uniforms at the outset of World War One. As a matter of fact Sir Sam Hughes helped many a Lindsay and Victoria County boy in the war years. Remember?

The name McLennan will "ring a bell" in the memory of many citizens. The pater of the family started a hardware store and later on became Sheriff of the County and Registrar of the Surrogate Court.

His sons were recognized as among the best in the Curling Club, especially William whose name is etched in gold on Ontario Tankard banners at the curling rink. When the McLennans retired, the store was taken over by Art. Allin and West Maunder and later by Keele and Frank Gregory.

Court's Music store of today was the former butcher store operated by the very popular John O'Halloran, the friend of everybody. History records that this store was originally the Lindsay Post Office with Henry Gladman as the Postmaster, and Cliff Gladman, a resident on Victoria Ave. north, first saw the light of day in the dwelling above this store.

Henry Gladman became the first Postmaster in the Post Office which stood for many years on the site of the present Dominion Store. Incidentally, the first Anglican Church was on the same ground.

Next in line to the east, came a tinsmith shop and the owner was a man named Woods, father of the late Herb Woods. Different landlords followed, including W. Keyes a tinsmith; Alex Cathro was a merchant tailor and Patrick ran the Arcade store with Albert Callaghan as manager. In time the A and P Store occupied the enlarged premises.

In the days of confectionery and icecream parlors, Wm. McWatters was prominent and he had the tastiest of home-made candies and bon-bons, heaping and frothy ice cream sodas and the loveliest of bread, buns and cookies. This store did big business.

Two of the pioneer business firms in the block were Mc-

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Watters and Morton, bakeries and confectioners. Miss Maud Morton became an excellent photographer and a brother made a fortune in Chicago when he started out with a two wheel hand push cart selling Morton's miniature fruit pies. Expansion was rapid and later on the Morton trucks loaded at the large Morton bakery and warehouse with Norman Morton in charge. He was estimated to be a millionaire.

The name McWatters became widely and successfully known in the States because of the recognized widespread ability of Wilber McWatters as a stage actor in dramatic roles and in acting scenes with a Lindsay actress, Miss Myssie Newton.

The McWatters store was operated for years by Walter McWatters. Senior citizens will recall the father, Wm. McWatters, when he was, for years, superintendent of the Queen Street Methodist Sunday School.

The premises at the corner of Kent and York Streets was once the home of the Standard Bank with F. A. Loosemore as manager.