

On The Main Street

with Ford Moynes

Echoes of Santa Claus parades past and present.

President Dave Walling and Secretary McClellan of the Chamber of Commerce deserve considerable commendation for the success of Saturday's event.

In past years the C. of C. was known as the Board of Trade.

The Chamber of Commerce was reborn a few years ago when barrister Dave Thomson of the Kiwanis Club became President and the Club has been a member of the Chamber ever since.

The forerunner of the Chamber was an organization known as the Lindsay Advancement Club with Pat Breen, Allan Gillies and Felix Forbert as the organizers. The organization was dormant for several years.

The Kinsmen Band, which marched in front of Santa Claus in Lindsay and Fenelon Falls parades was preceded years ago by the first Boys' Band in the days of Bandmasters Chenall, Perrot and Cox and the first band was formed with a large grant from the Kiwanis Club when the band room was over the present Frost building at the corner of Kent and Cambridge Streets.

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Through the years Victoria County farmers have ably advertised this area at Canada's National Exhibition, the largest of its kind in the world.

For many years men named Campbell and Kelsey of Eldon Township blazed a trail of red ribbons for prized sheep at the World's Fair in Chicago and at the Toronto Canadian National, as well as at fairs in Quebec and Ontario.

The Wilson and Dawson

heavy horses also carried off first prizes in many exhibitions.

One of the best advertisers from this district in recent years has been Lorne Thurston of Dunsford, at times called the Honey King. He has done it again -- a big winner at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair. This year he had the best honey in comb and the best fluid honey, edging out many top ranking exhibitors. He won first prize in dark honey, as well as first for honey in the jar.

It is very worthy of mention that Jos. Vallas of Lindsay, carried off the red ribbons for first in the bee's wax contest.