

FORD MOYNES

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Old timers like to talk about the days when the mercury in the thermometers went down to 20 degrees below zero and lower, the days when snow drifts six feet high completely blocked the roads, the days when the board of works hired extra men and teams to haul the snow off Kent Street. These were the days when Lindsay merchants sold coon coats and practically every farmer wore a coon coat which cost him \$40 and fur mitts extra. A storekeeper named George Armstrong ran a store where the Quinn Drug Store does business today.

Remember Pat Breen, who sold insurance? He owned Breenlands, a large field at the west end of Glenelg Street. He was a member of Council and he was a figurehead in the Lindsay Advancement Club. This Club was organized to boost Lindsay, much like a Board of Trade. The Club organized main street carnivals and sports as a means of attracting people to Lindsay and Allan Gillies, publisher of the Watchman-Warder was another booster.

How many fishermen, hunters and naturalists are aware that there are three Goose Lakes in Victoria County? Fishermen are very familiar with Goose Lake and the fish

beds west of the Scugog River where it empties into Sturgeon Lake. There is also a large lake called Goose, west of Burnt River. Goose Lake, west of Cambray is not large, but it has been practically fished out, where at one time it was a thrill to let out the line and quietly wait for a nibble and then a bite. "General" Jenkins of Oakwood, has had his share of fishing in nearly every stream and lake in a radius of many miles and he can recall the time when large fish were hauled out of Goose Lake, west of Cambray. "I have trapped, hunted and fished all over this area — it was nice to slip out to Goose Lake, drop a line and wait for a strike, but it was not too long until the fish were gone. I think I have hit every stump and sunken log in Goose Lake, off Sturgeon, and I have had my share of the big ones. In recent years there were too many people fishing and too many power boats, and a lot of the pleasure and thrill of fishing has gone. I am not complaining, simply telling the truth."