

Having written the history of business men and mercantile firms on the south side of Kent Street it now behooves us to venture into the history on the north side of the main stem.

Many decades ago the north side of Kent Street from Victoria Avenue to Sussex Street was lined with a row of small frame houses, chiefly occupied by men who worked for the Sylvester Manufacturing Company, in the days when the Company was one of the largest manufacturers of binders and tools..

A double store building was located on the north-west corner of Kent and Sussex Streets and it was owned and occupied by W. M. Robson, grocer and tea merchant. A large sign projecting from the building was adorned by a large bronze figure of a Chinese tea drinker. Ed Robson operated the store for many years.

One of the builders of Lindsay was C. L. Baker who built the large building at the corner of Kent and Cambridge Streets, now the home of the Royal Bank. For years Chas. Blackwell ran a grocery store in the corner building, as well as a butcher shop and the same family founded the Matthews Blackwell grocers and wholesalers in Peterborough. The Blackwell firm was succeeded by Adams Bros. Messrs. J. E. Adams, George Delbert, Theron and Frank Adams were in business for a number of years

Immediately east was the furniture and undertaking firm of Anderson and Nugent, now the store of Lamantia Brothers. Harry C. Brown ran a music store and other store operators included a grocer named Grandy, a confectioner by the name of Bryson and before this there was Primeau's grocery store.

In long ago days the premises now occupied by Ivan Briens, tobacconist and billiards, was the home of the James Hamilton Carriage Works, manufacturers of wagons, sleighs, cutters and buggies. The plant was located across the lane, north of the Kent Street showroom.

Many readers will recall Phil. Morgan, druggist, who was followed by the first Lindsay Dominion Store, Phil. Albert's Ladies Wear store and Stedman's Store.

Moving easterly there are two of the oldest hardware stores to be found in Ontario and both operated today under the same name of Boxall

and Matthie and the Edwards Hardware.

Long years ago when Lindsay was "baseball crazy" a player by the name of George A. Little was brought to town from Kingston and set up in the stationery and book business. The business still carries on with the same name.

The store occupied by the Olympia Tea Room or restaurant, was at one time the home store of a man named A. J. Ford and later came under the ownership of E. E. W. McGaffey. A merchant tailor named Harry Morgan operated a men's store east of the Olympia laneway and for a time Jos. Dwyer and son Vince conducted a grocery store in the same location.

The premises occupied by Graham's and now Forester's Bake and Cake Shop, was at one time the home of the Home Bank and the Farmer's Bank with A. B. McGill and T. J. Powers as Managers.

The drug store to the east is one of the oldest and was for many years owned by Andy Higinbotham and for many years by Arn Harrigan.

The Montreal Shoe Store will be remembered as having been the Neill store for several decades.

What was once Blair's Tailor shop was also the home of the Crest Hardware firm and the building is at present undergoing extensive alterations by a new tenant.

Few of Lindsay's present day citizens know the history of the big store now occupied by Woolworth's. It was once the Daley Hotel, the Pym Hotel and the Elsmure Hotel. It was called Elsmure after Elsie and Muriel Sutcliffe whose father ran the present store immediately east, owned by the Zeller firm today. For a time the A. and P. firm operated in the same store premises.

Years ago the small store east of Zeller's was a shoe store with George Ewart and later Fred Robinson as owners. It was also the business outlet for Harry Brimmell and son Frank who ran a modern Men's Wear store. Next to the Reward Shoe store is located Quinn's Pharamacy, the original owner being W. G. Dunoon. The present Sally Ann Ladies store was at one

time two small stores occupied by Charles Smith, tobacconist and Joe Lamantia, fruit store. In the distant past the grocery store of Archie and Lorne Campbell was in this location.

The fine building at the corner of Kent and William Streets has been occupied for many years by the Ontario Bank and later by the Bank of Commerce.