

There have been many "runs" through the years — baseball home runs, runs in nylons, etc., but what about "runs" on a Bank?

There was a short lived "run" on the Dominion Bank in Lindsay several years ago. It was one of those unnecessary happenings but one bright and sunny morning some one started a story that patrons were rapidly gathering at the Bank at Kent and William Streets.

Thousands of dollars were withdrawn and the invasion only ended when the patrons saw merchants, including W. F. McCarty, jeweller, entering the bank with his bank book bulging with green backs. Then the "run" was brought to a halt as abruptly as it had started. At the same time the manager of the old Ontario Bank, now the Commerce, was noticed hurrying across the street with a satchel filled with money and the "run" had its demise almost as quickly as it began.

Banking institutions in Lindsay have had their ups and downs. Remember the Home Bank, located where Graham's Bakery is today? It is understood that Peter Kennedy and T. J. Power, were managers.

Remember the Farmer's Bank, located in the same vicinity when A. B. McGill, of Janetville, was brought in as manager? The closing of this bank was disastrous to many farmers. When it failed many depositors secured the services of Barrister I. E. Weldon, a Lindsay lawyer, and he went to bat for the patrons. Weldon was given valuable assistance by a farmer from West Ops namer Lyman Minthorne, a gentleman with a Yankee background, who accompanied Barrister Weldon to Ottawa several times, soliciting government aid. Their efforts were not without avail as local depositors recuperated part of their deposits. Lyman Minthorne was a colorful gentleman and a smart speaker when it came to representing farmer depositors at Ottawa.

Mentioning banks, the Bank of Montreal is the oldest in Lindsay and it is reported that the bank grew out of the Upper Bank of Canada which erected a large brick building at the north-east corner of Mill and Russell Streets, where the walls are upwards of one foot thick. The Bank is reported to have occupied a structure at William and Glenelg Streets, now the A and P. market, before moving to William near Kent.

While on the subject of Banks, the Standard Bank was first located at the south

west corner of Kent and York Streets and the Royal Bank was first located at the south-west corner of Kent and William Streets. The Victoria and Grey Trust first saw the light of day at the south-west corner of Kent and Cambridge Streets, now the home of the Frost, Inrig and Gorwill law firm. The first manager of the Loan Company was John Magwood who started in business at Victoria Road.

Bank managers in former days included: C. M. Thompson of the Montreal Bank, who is now residing in Victoria, B.C. and is now in his one hundredth year; Padden and H. B. Black of the Montreal Bank; Robert Ross and Murray E. Grant of the Dominion Bank and the latter gentleman has been living a life of retirement in Lindsay but is engaged in a number of community organizations. Managers Holmes and Harper and Wilson, among others, the Bank of Commerce; Samuel Alcorn and Fred Loosemore are best remembered in the old Standard Bank and Managers Leach and Guy Brown in the Royal Bank; in the Victoria Trust, the names of C. E. Weeks and his son, George A. Weeks, will best be remembered as well as Assistant Manager Newton Smale.

Banking institutions have long played an important part in the history and development of Lindsay.