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MAIN STREET

The writer of this column has received a letter of inquiry from Miss Jean Dorgan of Ottawa who is interested in receiving information regarding the history of the once well known establishment, the Daly House.

Information at this stage is meager but senior citizens will recall the period when the Daly House was known as the Pym Hotel, located where the present Woolworth Store is situated. Pym will be remembered by many as an employee of the old Grant Trunk Railway Company and on his retirement he became well known as the proprietor of the Pym Hotel when a long shiny bar of mahogany stretched the full length of the room along the east wall, a brass foot rail stretched from north to south and a number of large brass cuspidors were scattered around the room.

Later on the Pym House became part of the Sutcliffe estate when F. W. Sutcliffe ran a departmental store where Zellers is now located, with entrances on Kent and William Streets. When the late F. W. Sutcliffe bought the hotel property he changed the name to Elsmure, named after his daughters Elsie and Muriel. The hotel contained a lunch counter along the west wall and a dining room to the north. At one time the hotel was operated by a gentleman named Darch, a relative of Mrs. W. H. Roneigk and Mr. Roneigk will be remembered as owner and manager of the Academy Theatre.

It is interesting to note that the Sutcliffe business originated on Yonge Street, Toronto, the present site of Eaton's mammoth store on Yonge

Street, and that another Sutcliffe brother operated a store at Trenton.

In the days when miniature golf was popular there were two golf "courses" in Lindsay and one was in the L-shaped Sutcliffe store, second storey, and the other was operated by the late Thos. Spratt on the lawn at the corner of William and Melbourne Streets.