

On the Main Street

One of the oldest buildings in Lindsay is the two storey frame structure on the north-west corner of Cambridge and Peel Streets and if your eyes are fairly good you will be able to read the name at the top, that of William Goodwin. The landmark dates back 100 years and there will be many readers who will recall the name of W. A. Goodwin. He was one of the numberless old timers who sailed across the broad Atlantic and made the then village of Port Hope their home.

William Goodwin was a small man with a big brain. He was an artistic gentleman with a natural flare as an artist. The Goodwin's operated an art store on Kent Street and besides the work of picture framing, they dealt in framed landscapes, horticultural and floricultural pictures, many bearing the name of the original artist.

Apart from being an artist, William Goodwin was a vegetarian and also was blessed with a touch of socialism.

In his young married life he spent much of his time at

the cottage at Sturgeon Point and being of an athletic nature and an outdoor man he was expert with his birch bark canoe and thought nothing of paddling every working day to the Point and back, a distance of some 15 miles.

For many years William Goodwin, familiarly called "Billy", worked as an interior decorator, and his hobby was interest in fraternal matters as a member of the Masonic Lodge and a keen member of the Oddfellows Lodge. For several years the Misses Bessie and May Goodwin operated a store on Kent Street while another sister, a Mrs. Ross resided in Oshawa. George Goodwin, another son of Wm. A., was for some time interested in historical matters relating to Sturgeon Point and also "took a hand" in art work at the Goodwin store. Messrs. Ed. and Harvey Goodwin, rank among the successful business men in Lindsay as operators of the Goodwin Electric firm. The Goodwin brothers have been blessed with success in the electrical business, having built a good business on the foundation stones of good workmanship and reliability. A salute to the Goodwin Brothers!