

In 1863 a number of very fine and distinctive buildings were erected in Lindsay and one of the largest and best was the Court House. Forefathers in those days had vision, courage and were progressive. One outstanding evidence of this fact is the court house at the corner of Cambridge, Francis and Colborne Streets. The county jail was built at the same time. Both buildings are somewhat monumental and have a certain type of architectural beauty.

Members of the County Council of today in their best judgment have decided to remove the artistic old cupola which has topped the building since 1863. Wise or otherwise the decision has been made.

In many parts of the world today there has been a well organized effort to maintain and retain buildings linked with tradition. This is particularly true in London, England, strikingly evidenced by Winston Churchill. After part of the historic House of Commons had been bombed and set on fire by the enemy, there were some parliamentarians who advocated rebuilding along modern structural lines but Churchill told the Commons: "No, we will rebuild the building exactly as it was — let us hang on dearly to our traditions."

With the removal of the court house cupola in all likelihood down will come the tall and well built chimneys. The old court house is to undergo a sort of "face lifting", an operation practised by those of the female gender which does not always improve appearances.

The central heating system which was installed many years ago in the court house and jail when B. L. McLean was in the County Council, is due to be dismembered, the

new heating system to be operated by gas.

There was a time when prisoners in the jail were called on to cut cords of hardwood, to be used in heating the county buildings, but those days disappeared long ago. What do jail inmates do today to earn a meal? Cut grass with a gas mower. The army of hand propelled lawn mowers has disappeared.