

On the Main Street

Through the years probably the biggest change in retail stores has taken place in the ownership of grocery stores. The old time grocery store has disappeared, the modern groceteria has evolved, including the super-market stores. Good old fashioned grocery stores, now gone, included: J. R. O'Neill and Jos. Staples on King Street, Hussey on Colborne Street, Robson's on Kent west, Pitts and Hall on Albert Street south, Langdon on Sussex Street, Babcock's on William Street south, Baker, and Burke on Lindsay south, and Doherty on Ridout Street as well.

On Kent Street the stores in the grocery line to disappear include Adams, Primeau, Dwyer, Campbell, Baker, Tre-sidder, Spratt and Killen, Boyle, Flurey, Jos. Brown and Claxton's groceteria and Lob-laws and A. and P. changed locations.

At one time there were seven hotels on Kent Street, one on William Street south and one on Lindsay' Street south. Today there are two on Kent Street and one on William Street and one on Lindsay Street south.

History records that years ago there were three hotels on King Street, one hotel on William Street at Peel, one at Victoria Ave and Glenelg, two on William Street south, one on Lindsay Street south. The Grand Hotel is still in businessness across from the town hall, the Royal is still at the corner of Kent and Lindsay and the Benson, a business landmark, remains in the same location. The old Daoy and Pym Hotel is today the home of the Woolworth Store and the Butler Hotel is today the home of Fee Motors.

The present Century Theatre and the Lloyd Flack, Optometrist, location was at one time the Jake Houzer store and the Little King Edward Hotel which was operated by Albert Ashmore.

The Maunder or Central Hotel was at one time the Carr Hotel and the Clunan Hotel was one door south. The Simpson Hotel was where Claxton's departmental store is today located. The building at the south-east corner of Kent and Lindsay Streets was a hotel.