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**On The  
Main Street**

"Progress" is a word used many times "in this day and age" to justify the actions of men or society. Several moons ago the venerable old clock was hauled out of the post office tower and for a long time was heaped in the cellar under the town hall. Recently it became the property of a society in Toronto and it is being preserved. This old time piece was Lindsay's "Big Ben", the famous clock which has been heard in London, England, for many years. Authorities in London believed in retaining and recognizing history and tradition.

Another historical relic has disappeared from the Town hall square, namely the well designed and one time usable drinking fountain for horses and dogs. It was a "haven" for thirsty horses and a small receptacle near the base of the fountain was often used by dogs and it was a common thing to see a canine standing on two legs and lapping up water. The drinking fountain was part of the scenery at the town hall and strange to relate few people recall who gave the order to dislodge the fountain. At least it has been taken care of and has been refurbished and consigned to the museum.

All of which recalls to mind that at one time two very old and large iron cannons used to ornament the lawn in front of the Armoury. These guns bore silent testimony to deeds of valor in days of ancient wars. At the same time a large cannon disappeared from its

pedestal on the court house square. Old timers claim that for many years there was an old cannon on the front lawn of the old Sylvester house at the northwest corner of Peel Street and Victoria Avenue.

Years ago a popular Crimean War veteran in Lindsay, Sgt. Major Martin owned a small cannon, which boomed out loud and clear on days which marked the Relief of Ladysmith and other historic war days. It is understood that this bit of iron is now on exhibit at the County Museum on Kent Street West. Good!

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