



## On The Main Street

Lindsay's latest contribution in the realm of education culminated in the official, auspicious and realistic opening of the I. E. Weldon school on the eastern outskirts of the town.

Modernistic almost to the extreme the new facility will house a new generation of

thinkers and exponents of all the latest wrinkles in the teaching of the "Three R's". It is doubtful if the late barrister I. E. Weldon ever pictured in his brilliant mind the many modern trends to be depicted and taught in the new hall of learning. The school will stand for many years as a memorial

to the benefactor.

Comparatively few citizens of today remember the late Isaac Ernest Weldon. He was a colorful individual and a man endowed with considerable talent. His father was a teacher and a preacher. The family lived for many years in the vicinity of Cambridge and Bond Streets and for several decades, members of the family were pillars in the Methodist Church, now the United Church. The Misses Zetta and Florence Weldon were associated with the nursing profession in New York City and the teaching profession in Lindsay.

I. E. Weldon, benefactor in connection with the new school, practiced law in Toronto and for many years in Lindsay. He was short in stature, but long in brain matter. He received wide publicity when he "went to bat" for the hundreds of depositors in the Farmer's Bank, a financial institution which was born in Lindsay and district and also had its demise in this county town of Victoria.

I. E. Weldon and his farmer friend, Lyman Minthorne of Ops township, rallied to the aid of depositors, "sat on the doorstep" at Parliament Hill in Ottawa and after a long battle succeeded in getting the government to issue special monetary aid to the hard luck depositors.

I. E. Weldon entered the field of politics on the Conservative side but after defeat at the polls he made the oft

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repeated remark to the effect that he never experienced so many liars, friends who shook his hand and wished him well but who evidently did not mark an "x" for Weldon on the secret ballot. This same