

On The Main Street

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How many readers remember when a man named White

manufactured boots in a store now occupied by Brownies and a former business in the same area in charge of O'Loughlin and McIntyre? A merchant named Hockin had a shoe store close by and Duck had a clothing store, followed by W. E. Baker and Wallace Baker. Ed Armstrong had a men's store and was followed by Bill Kelcher and later by Leo Rogers.

There were a number of grocery stores including the ones conducted by Spratt and Killen, Tom Brady, Joe Carroll who ended his business career as a tobacconist. Archie Campbell and son Lorne were grocers, followed by Holloway. Jas Dwyer clerked for Campbell and later operated his own store. Adam Bros., J. E. Delbert, George, Theron and Frank were grocers at the corner of Kent and Cambridge Streets and J. L. Primeau was a grocer in the present Morley Greaves store. J. Primeau was a grocer and his son Joe Primeau became the ace centre man on the Maple Leaf front line with Harvey Jackson and Charlie Conacher.

First class grocery store proprietors included Joe Brown, T. J. Flurey, and A. C. Babcock and butcher shops were operated by John O'Halloran, Walter Arksey, Primeau and Adams.

Merchant tailors in bygone days, who made men's suits before they were made by machinery included George Milne, Alex and Basil Cathro, Alex Clarke and Lou Wicket as well as Ab Blair. The mercantile firm of Dundas and Flavelle also made many fine suits and overcoats.