



## On The Main Street

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History records that the Ross Memorial Hospital was a gift from a Montreal business man, whose parents lived in Lindsay and that the hospital was opened in the early nineteen hundreds; that J. D. Flavelle was the chairman of the Board for several years and that J. R. McNeillie was secretary of the original board. The latter gentleman was clerk and treasurer of Victoria County for a long term.

The Kiwanis Club donated a motorized ambulance to the Hospital about 1929 and the vehicle was in service for several years. The vehicle was housed in the fire hall and later in the Thos. Arnold garage.

Lindsay's first fire hall was located on Kent Street where Tangney's Store is now located and the fire hall was in a tower at the north side of Kent Street East, at the Academy corner.

Lindsay's first Opera House was on the top floor of the town hall and the manager was a man named Burke, followed by Robt. Menzies. The latter gentleman was a dry-goods clerk in Dundas and Flavelle's Store, where Walker's Store is now located, and for years known as Eaton's.

Recently the property at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Russell Street was cleaned up and levelled and a drive-in store is being erected. This spot was once the home of the Squires' fancy pea factory.

Robt. Touchburn was in charge of a grain and feed business at Victoria Avenue and Russell Street, which business later on was operated by Joe Costello for Hogg and Lytle.

The name Victoria Laundry has been on the books for many years and was once owned by Major John Martin, a veteran of the Crimean war. The Major owned a small cannon and it was his custom to discharge the gun on patriotic celebration days. The cannon now rests at the Victoria County museum.

Lindsay had two brick yards, one operated by Sam Fox, MLA, and the other by John Curtin, both located south of what was known as the Brick Corners at the junction of Highway 7 and 35. The foundation of these old kilns are still visible.

It has been chronicled that the corner south of Riverside Cemetery was once known as the Pottery Corners.

When a circus visited Lindsay, a yearly event, tents were pitched on the ground on George Street, now a baseball park.

Lindsay supported a YMCA years ago at the corner of Kent and Lindsay Streets South and this "Y" had a large swimming tank, a ten pin bowling alley, a gymnasium, a game and reading room and on the second and third floors, dormitories for railway terminal.