



On The Main Street

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Naturally many changes have taken place through the years in the business personnel on Kent Street — the municipality is well beyond the century mark. From time to time it is well to bring forward into print some of the "Builders of the Past". The majority, at the time, hid their light under the proverbial bushel, to use an old trite saying.

How many readers remember Ed Robson who operated a grocery store at the northwest corner of Kent and Sussex Streets and his father, W. M. Robson who had a beautiful vegetable and flower garden on Albert Street South.

C. H. Hugnan had a jewelry store next east of the old post office and later ran a wholesale flower shop and garden on Kent Street, west of Sussex Street. At the same time Isaac Deyell had a large productive garden on Albert Street and specialized in celery — the earth was a rich black muck. Isaac Deyell was the proud owner of a good docile bay horse and he also had a job at the Lindsay fair, bringing the various horses from the stables to the show track.

On the same Albert Street South, the Beall property was practically an estate with a large white brick residence for the Beall family and a smaller cottage immediately inside the iron fence at the gate, for the caretaker. The residence still retains much of its original design with large windows stretching from the ground level several feet high. The brick in the house is said to have been "imported" from Rochester, NY.

The Albert Street property had many beautiful trees. It is also a matter of history that

Thos. Beall not only designed Riverside Cemetery but at the time planted a number of black walnut trees which beautified the Cemetery for many years.

Thos. Beall lived in Manilla and Oakwood before locating in Lindsay, founded the Beall Jewelry Store which was known as the House of Diamonds. This gentleman's son, G. G. Beall, was succeeded by his son, George W. Beall. As

a matter in history the Beall Store was the recognized establishment where railway employees had to have their watches checked regularly.

For many years the Beall's also were recognized as the official Weather Men in the area and a log was filled in from day to day, chronically measuring the rainfall, the snowfall and the temperature. Members of the Beall family contributed a great deal to the betterment of Lindsay.