

# On The Main Street

In the year 1854 at the end of October the famous battle of Balaclava was fought and the date recalls the fact that then hamlet of Lindsay was represented by a soldier by the name of Major Martin. This veteran of a famous war was the founder of the Victoria Laundry, a name tacked on to the business at its beginning.

The name which had been heard through the century was popular because it was associated with England's greatly loved Queen Victoria.

Once a year for many years a small cannon, the property of Major Martin, boomed across the town, some times following a Kent Street parade.

This miniature cannon is today sitting on a frame structure in front of the Victoria county museum on Kent Street West, thanks to some one interested in preserving

this priceless moment.

Incidentally, large and obsolete cannons, prized souvenirs of past European wars, stood for many years in Lindsay, one at the Court House corner, one on the lawn in front of the library on Kent Street and two others flanked the sidewalk leading into the Lindsay Armoury. These cannons disappeared during the last World War and were melted down to steel for war purposes when steel was hard to get.