

THE OLD STONE MILL

The Lindsay Public Library Board, by unanimous vote, decided to engage the consulting firm of Dudas, Kuypers and Adamson to carry out a feasibility study on converting the old stone mill on Kent St. east into a library resource centre for Lindsay.

The building has a long and fascinating history. An inscription on a stone in the gable end of the building indicates the building was erected in 1869.

According to the record, Joseph R. Dundas, who had business training in Peterborough, was sent to Lindsay to manage the Cluxton business there. In 1860 he was taken into partnership in the Cluxton and Dundas General Store.

The store prospered and extended the operation into buying grain for export to the United States, and butter to be exported to England.

Subsequently, expansion brought Mr. Dundas into association with Needler and Sadler in the grist mill and saw mill.

About 1880, Mr. Dundas was elected to parliament and the management of the mills was left in the hands of his nephew Jnoh D. Flavelle, and management of the store was tured over to William Flavelle.

In 1892 Mr. Dundas moved to Toronto, and an Ontario charter was obtained in the name Sadler, Dundas and Flavelle Milling Company Ltd., to operate the mills, with Thomas Sadler as president and J. D. Flavelle as secretary-treasurer and manager.

In 1895 Thomas Sadler resigned as president and he was succeeded by William Flavelle.

During the next few years operations were expanded in the flour mill to include oatmeal, barley and split peas. The sawmill however had problems in operating profitably, and it was finally decided in 1898 to discontinue the manufacture of lumber.

This decision concluded the need of the paddle-wheel steamboat "Alice Ethel", the barge and scows which were sold to the Trent Valley Navigation Company, Bobcaygeon in 1898. The steamboat "Alice Ethel" was said to be the fastest steamer on the Kawartha Lakes.

In the meantime, in Octo-

ber, 1899, application was made and approved to change the name of the Company to Flavelle Milling Company Ltd. The Company continued operating the flour and oatmeal mill until 1910 when the operation was sold to the Canadian Cereal and Milling Company Ltd.