



## On The Main Street

and entries as the drivers were replaced by motor cars.

Above are some of the reasons why the Lindsay Central Exhibition has "weathered the storm" through the years and is today one of the largest in the Province of Ontario.

Echoes from Lindsay Central Exhibition of the past.

The first fair was held on the grounds where Loblaws is presently located.

One of the first, probably the first secretary, was James Keith, with books and records kept in a desk in his feed store on William Street north.

The second secretary was J. P. Ryley.

Two Carews were presidents of the fair, John Carew and his son Frank and for several years Arthur Carew, William Street north, was one of the race track officials in the judge's stand.

For several years Dick Butler of the Butler Hotel at the corner of Kent and Cambridge Streets, was in charge of the special acts in front of the grandstand.

A man named Isaac Deyell rode up and down the track and was responsible for seeing that the various judging in front of the grandstand gathered on a time schedule.

B. L. McLean was the president and later manager who brought the Conklin midway to the fair on five-year contracts.

D. C. Trew was a poultry judge at Lindsay and district fairs. He was also the librarian in charge of the Grand Trunk Railway library.

B. L. McLean fathered the idea of pedestrian tunnels

under the race track to the grounds opposite the grandstand.

Stephen Oliver, William Street north, was one of the largest exhibitors of poultry at fairs in Lindsay, Toronto, Ottawa and elsewhere.

It was once and still is the custom to bring people of note to open the fair and these included the Governor General of Canada, the President of the CPR, Juliette the entertainer, the Premier of Ontario and many others.

The famous musical ride of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was a special attraction on different occasions.

Chariot rides by professionals proved to be a good attraction.

Many high wire artists performed in a startling manner and trained seals performed to the applause of thousands and many a boy was permitted to watch the seals as they swallowed big white fish as a daily meal.

Many readers will remember the horse races, termed speeding in the ring, when some of the fastest racers from different stables in Ontario trotted neck and neck down to the finish wire.

Years ago livestock animals were housed in open pens at the south end of the fairgrounds.

One of the best attractions used to be the judging of driving horses, an event which lessened in interest