



On The Main Street

With FORD MOYNES

Changes in the operation and management of business firms in recent years in Lindsay is probably best illustrated in the grocery store business.

Over a dozen years ago there were over a baker's dozen grocery and produce stores in town. Today there are three such stores and they serve three times the population.

Gone and almost forgotten are the grocery stores with the big cake of cheese and the large cake of dates sitting on the counter and covered with a large piece of netting to protect the precious "cake" from an army of pesky flies. The grocer who cut slivers of the beautiful yellow cheese and slipped a piece over to a fat chubby boy was a big man in the eyes of that boy.

On the same counter also could be found a large cake of

dates and, in smaller boxes, wonderful tasting figs, the kind with a core in the middle and literally thousands of seeds.

The poor lads of yesterday were well treated by the generous store keepers. Different today when kids have pockets jingling with silver coins, not coppers.

Grocers of the past included L. William Tresidder, Spratt and Killen, Thos. Brady, W. E. Baker, Lorne Campbell, Alex. Fisher, M. Murdock, A. L. Primeau, Adams Brothers at the corner of Kent and Cambridge Streets, Ed Robson at Kent and Sussex, John Fleurey, Jos. Staples and J. R. O'Neill on King Street.

Wilbert Nicholls on Queen Street, and Alex Fisher at Peel and William and Malcolm Cole and Amos Hawkins at Bond and William Street. Doherty have a store at Simcoe and Ridout, which was also owned one time by Roland Pitts, father of S. R. Pitts, Lindsay's Industrial Commissioner.

For many years W. M. Robson and his son Ed ran a store at the corner which was later on operated by Jos. Robinson. W. J. Hussey had a grocery store on Colborne Street at the head of Sussex.

History records that a Mrs. Hopkins had a store at the corner of Queen and St. Paul Streets. Jos. Staples had a store at King and St. Peter and J. R. O'Neill at King and St. David Streets.

Lindsay had several fine bakeries including Teddy Allen on Victoria Ave., Wm. McWatters on Queen Street, Bobby Wells on St. Peter and Wileman on Kent Street East.

Before the coming of the au-

tomobile, Lindsay had a number of fine horse liveries including: Wm. Workman on Kent Street East, Dunegal's on York Street North, Lindsay Brothers on Cambridge Street South, Ozzie Dagenais on the north side of Kent and Jim Isaac on York Street South as well as Frank Armstrong on York Street.

In the days of muddy Lindsay when several passenger trains ran in and out of town, William Street was a quagmire and at times Kent Street also was a "Sea of Mud" Many times as the story goes, wagons, buggies and horses had to be helped out of the deep and sticky mud. Lindsay was one

of the first towns in Ontario to adopt street paving and permanent roads.