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York St. building served several purposes over years



A former flour, feed and seed warehouse, later a mortuary, and more recently a vacant warehouse is being removed from the Lindsay scene of York Street north.

Long time residents of the area will probably remember the extensive flour, grain and mercantile business operated in Lindsay under the name of Spratt and Killen. The business occupied an "L" shaped building on Kent and York Streets, an elevator and grain storage on Victoria Avenue south, later owned by Hogg and Lytle Ltd. and recently destroyed by fire. Spratt and Killen also had a storage barn on William Street south, upon the foundation of which William Street Baptist Church, now the Bethel Missionary Church, was built.

Lindsay citizen Herb McFadden remembers well the days of the Spratt and Killen operation, of the large Kent

Street store, of the second floor office with a skylight, and the glassware and china articles sold in the store.

He recalls across the lane on the west side of York Street, a frame building was occupied by the Brian Gune-gal Carriage Works where fancy carriages and cutters were displayed. That firm also had a livery stable and upstairs apartment across York Street, part of which still stands just south of the Legion, later used as a warehouse by Eatons.

Following the termination of the Spratt and Killen operation on Kent and York Streets, Jim Cain operated a mortuary in the building now being demolished with casket storage upstairs. Later the second floor area was used as a meeting place for Girl Guides, according to Mr. McFadden.