



On the Main Street

Several pages in the history of Lindsay were turned over a short time ago at a meeting of the North Emily Women's Institute. The speaker was Ford W. Moynes who was introduced as the writer of the Main Street topics in the Lindsay Daily Post. Reference was made to a couple of murder trials . . . the famous Lindsay counterfeiting case as well as reference to past political days in Lindsay.

Mention was made regarding the days when Lindsay had three daily newspapers: the Evening Post, the Daily Warder and the Free Press; also to early days of sports and the days when Lindsay was labelled "Muddy Lindsay".

Horse liveries included Lindsay brothers Bob and Charlie with a barn on Cambridge Street, now the bus terminal; Workman's livery on York Street South and Cunnigle's livery on York Street North; the Jim Isaac livery on York Street as well as the Frank Armstrong barn on the same street and Ossie Dagenais livery behind the present Woolworth store.

Several railway trains passed through Lindsay every day and Wm. McIlmoyle operated a bus service carrying travelers and passengers to the Benson hotel, the Simpson house, now the Claxton store and the Pym hotel, now Woolworth's . . . Albert Jewett ran a hotel in the present Claxton store. John Wardrobe and George O'Neill ran the Benson hotel with O'Neill moving to Toronto to manage the King Edward hotel. The present Central hotel on William St. South was operated by a man named Carr and for years by the Maunder family. The Wardrobes ran the Grand Union hotel on Kent Street, opposite the town hall, as did Jim Cowan, Joe Jocque and Bert Everson . . . Albert Ashmore owned and operated the Little King Edward, now the home of the Century theatre.

Dick Butler was for several years the operator of the Butler hotel which building is now the home of Fee Motors at Kent and Cambridge Streets. The Kent hotel on Lindsay Street South has had a number of owners.

There were three hotels on King Street and there was also a hotel at the northeast corner of William and Peel Streets.

One of the oldest buildings in Lindsay stands at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Glenelg Streets and it was at one time a hotel where many railway men boarded.

One of the oldest hotels, the Royal, is located at the corner of Kent and Lindsay Streets and for years was operated by a popular gentleman Thos. McConnell and son Joe.

The brick building at King and Lindsay Streets was for many years operated by a citizen named Arch Bradshaw, who in later years became a liquor license inspector.

The present Woolworth store location was once a hotel with a man named Darch as the owner. The hotel later became the Elsmure with a Lindsay merchant, F. W. Sutcliffe, as the owner. This gentleman operated the Sutcliffe dry-goods and clothing store under the name of Sutcliffe, now the Zeller store.