

Many people believe that they eat to live and possibly some believe that they live to eat. Be that as it may, many citizens of advanced vintage remember the old time grocery store, the home of everything from the vinegar barrel, case of cacker jack biscuits to the big wedge of cheese sitting on the counter covered with a thin piece of gauze; when the genial store keeper often cut a thin slice for the customer to taste.

The grocery store was something like a conglomeration of bundles of merchandise including long needles, hat pins, curry combs, maple sugar, crackers in the barrell, audacious and jaunty millinery, brass toed boots of rawhide, plugs of chewing tobacco, coal oil barrels and coal oil lanterns, vinegar in the barrel with the wooden spigots, long fiannel underwear, large blocks of stick dates, coarse gravel salt and cow salt, crocks of yellow buttercup butter, fly pads, mouse traps etc.

The old grocery store was a real emporium and could be called a general store. One could generally find edibles, fodder and cough cures scattered among "the under bed crockery pot" and even at times a swig of real Hennessey Irish Brand Whiskey.

The mind of "Nipper"

Campbell, Lindsay Street North flashed back to seventy and eighty years ago as he recalled many of the old grocery stores in Lindsay. He was at one time the rig driver for the Alex. Fisher store at the corner of William and Peel Streets, now the home of Drury's I.G.A.

"A man named C. L. Baker" said Mr. Campbell, "thought that Lindsay's main street would be William Street north and he built a large two storey frame store and home on the north-west corner of William and Peel, today the home of the Farmer's Union Mutual. He was a progressive business man and he built the big three storey building at the corner of Kent and Cambridge streets now the Royal Bank corner" continued Mr. Campbell.

"Other grocery stores included the Malcolm Cole and later the Amos Howkins store at William and Bond, the W. M. Robson grocery at Kent and Sussex and the Samuel Walker store at Sussex and Glenelg. W. Graham ran the railway store at William and Durham and Doherty's of Kinmount the store at Ridout and Simcoe."

In the East Ward there was the J. R. O'Neill store at King and St. David, the Jos. Staples store at King and St. Peter, the A. D. Mallon 'Rose Cottage', apparently a tea vendor, on King street; the George Mills store at the corner of King and Caroline; a woman named Hopkins ran a small store at Queen and St. Paul where Barney O'Neill is now located."

According to Mr. Campbell grocery stores on Kent Street included: Primeau's now the Discount Pharmacy; Dominion, now Stedman's; Dwyers', now Selkirk's; C. S. Blackwell and later the Adam Brothers Grocery store, now the Royal Bank; Arch. Campbell, now the Sally Ann Store; John Duck now Ferguson's Men's Wear, which was later on the Wallis Baker Grocery store; Spratt and Killen, now the Batta Shoe store; Herley and Brady, now Tamblyn's Drug Store; W. E. Baker, now the Laundrimat; W. Tresidder now Hardy's Cigar Store; John Flurey, now Johnson's Jewelry store; Joe Brown now the Pullver's store; A. C. Babcock on William South, now Barbies Shoe repair; Dobson's Grocery and liquor store, now the Toronto-Dominion Bank; Harry Boyle, grocer, now Lynn's Lunch on William Street and Mick Fox's store on Lindsay street south and J. C. Burke's at the corner of Lindsay and Russell Streets.

Today there are few inde-

pendent grocery stores, many of the old grocery landmarks having been replaced by Super Markets.