

FORD MOYNES

on the MAIN STREET



Remember the days when magicians, prenologists and fortune tellers were recognized as a part of almost all communities? Professor Dean was part of Lindsay's knowledgeable citizens. He had a home on William Street, north, and besides having a good and profitable garden he also read the bumps on the heads of people.

He did not charge for his talent but he had many interested people at his front door and to many people he rendered a soothing and sympathetic kind of friendship and service.

He possessed charts and diagrams of the skull and although he did a reading all for no monetary gain, yet he satisfied many people by telling them they were going to be rich or always poor and whether they would live a long or short life and like a good man he foretold longevity and sometimes riches. He was a very pleasant and likeable gentleman.

Lindsay had a female resident in the east ward who had many people knocking at her door when they wished to have their fortunes told. She was a Mrs. Goheen, and she ran foul of the law at differ-

ent times when she was accused of telling fortunes whether by reading the cards in the euchre deck or reading tea leaves. Many women had their future foretold and many were glib and happy but as far as was known few ever experienced fortunes but it was believed she did guess right in predicting marriages and many a winsome lassie had faith and made plans for the future.

Travelling Gypsies told the future but first their palms had to be touched with silver. These wanderers were always on the move.

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Remember the arc lights which once swung from high poles on Kent Street, at the Lindsay Street bridge and in other more isolated spots? Do you remember how they were lowered to the street and a man named Bill Lake, and later, Dan McFarquhar, had

the job of replacing the carbons and cleaning the glass globes? Kids used to pick up the short carbon sticks and use them to draw large figures and letters on the sidewalks.

Do you remember the gas light standards on Kent and William Streets? Do you remember when the council went swanky and installed magnetite lamps on Lindsay's two main streets? These lights had attractive globes and they emitted very good illumination. It is said these lights replaced a two-globe type.

Reports are that when Lindsay's main streets were lit by gas lamps, the plant was first located at the south-east corner of Kent and Sussex Streets and years later the plant was dismantled, and residents at the corner at times hit hidden tanks when digging in their gardens.

Later the gas company built a plant at the corner of William and Wellington Streets, near the area presently occupied by the Lindsay hydro.

Gas lamps used on Kent Street many decades ago are still in use on the village streets of Sturgeon Point. It is understood that one of the old Lindsay standards and globes can be seen at the county museum.