

"Butcher". The word according to the dictionary, means "One who slays animals to sell." The word is becoming obsolete, today and bullocks once killed by a mighty blow on the head, are now rendered lifeless, in a more humane manner. The slaughter house once used by the butcher, has been eradicated in favor of the large and almost beautiful abattoir.

Once the butcher hung large halves of beef on strong iron hooks arranged in a row behind the meat counter and when a customer wanted to buy several pounds of beef, the butcher expertly swung the hind quarter to the big wooden chopping block and he was an expert at guessing the exact weight.

Of all the butchers in days gone by, one of the grandest chaps was Jack O'Halloran. His shop was clean with sawdust on the floor and the store window was spotless with generally a bouquet of flowers on the marble background. There was never an odor of stale meat.

O'Halloran was a friend of boys and often sliced a large piece of bologna for a wistful looking lad.

Old time butchers included Silas Calvert and his son Walter who had a small shop in the north end of the Academy Theatre at the corner of Kent Street east. Primeau was a butcher and was located a few doors west of the Royal Hotel and this is the location of the butcher shop founded by the late Bill Langdon and the store has for several years been operated successfully by his sons Bill and Lloyd who have retained the same friendly spirit established by William Langdon. Incidentally the late William Langdon was brought to Lindsay as a very able baseball player and played for the Oddfellows team. He was also a good curler and past president of the Lindsay Club.

For a number of years the Primeau butcher shop was located in the Morley Greaves

block, a shop which passed into the hands of Don Blackwood, another butcher.

Adams Bros. owned the block now the Royal Bank and the grocery store was at the corner of Cambridge, with the meat department to the east. Theron Adams ran the butcher shop.

Another butcher shop was located in the Robson block at the corner of Kent and Sussex Streets and was in charge of Murray Greenhalgh, whose estimable wife became an expert meat vendor.

A citizen named Balfour and another named Braund were members of the Adams' staff.

The O'Halloran business was turned over to a man named Sutcliffe, who also operated at Little Britain.

P. J. Campbell had a butcher shop on Kent Street, west of the Victoria and Grey Trust and was followed by Alvin Walker, and by a man named Leitch.

For a few years Hector Naylor ran a butcher shop on Kent Street, east of the Tangney block, and on closing this store Mr. Naylor identified himself with the Polito Food Liner at Kent and Lindsay Streets.

Many readers will remember Walter Arksey when he ran the butcher shop, formerly Campbell's.

Ending this article, mention should be made of the time when Thos. Arnold did a thriving butcher business at the Lindsay Market. He was a very obliging gentleman and will be remembered as the operator of Arnold's garage on Kent Street and as agent for the McLaughlin Buick motor cars. Arnold Motors as handled by Thos. Arnold and his son Ross Arnold was at one time the largest automobile dealer east of Toronto.

The old butcher shop experienced a "slow death" and has been succeeded by the modern groceteria — whatever that dignified label involves.