

FORD MOYNES

ON THE MAIN STREET

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Thompson

The historic pendulum which has been steadily, slowly but surely swinging in the Main Street column for many months past seems to have taken on a stronger and more emphatic motion since people everywhere have been stirred up regarding Canada's centennial in 1967.

A visit to the home of Mr and Mrs. Cliff Gladman, Victoria Avenue, by Mrs. R. C. Fletcher of Vancouver, B.C. has started the pendulum swinging in another direction the history of Lindsay banking institutions.

Mrs. Fletcher, the visitor from the British Columbia city, has a special interest in Lindsay and stated her father was the late John Holmes Hopkins Jr., and this gentleman's father, John Holmes Hopkins Sr., was associated with the banking and financial institutions of Lindsay away back.

As a preface to the story the writer recalls sitting in a restaurant in Halifax, N.S., with a number of Ontarians, when the waitress said "You are from Upper Canada. I do not think too highly of Upper Canada people. We live in Lower Canada, and Lower Canada is just as good as Upper Canada and we not hold our noses in the air as you people do."

It is interesting to note the first Bank of Upper Canada was located at the north-east corner of Russell and Mill Streets, which has been the home of the Wilford family for many years and is now occupied by Mrs. John Wilford. The solid brick structure has solid walls of brick over twelve inches thick.

Lindsay has had ten banks and one trust company and

the Farmers' Bank both located in the building now occupied by Graham's Bakery.

The Home Bank "went down in history". The first manager was Peter Kennedy whose father was a broker at the time she was predeceased by a sister Elena and two brothers William and Henry.

Born on the family farm near Nestleton, she was always keenly interested in the operation. Her hobby was gardening and for many years, she shared her beautiful flowers with friends and neighbours. A devout Anglican she was a willing worker in St. Albans Church on the boundary between Cartwright and Manvers being a choir member and at one time organist.

Miss Thompson was a charter member of Nestleton Women's Institute, her mother being one who helped to organize the branch. Less than a year ago she was happy to attend a banquet celebrating its sixteenth anniversary and what was once the Daney Gough clothing store, later Dedman's clothing store and still later was the home of a

to her several years ago by the branch.

In 1949 Miss Thompson moved with her brother Henry to Blackstock where she spent much of her time assisting him in his clerical work as Secy - Treas - of Cartwright Township and other Township Societies and until the time of her death was keenly interested in the people and affairs of the Township.

When she could no longer attend Church she would sit beside her radio and with Hymn book and prayer book open follow the Anglican service which she so enjoyed. Miss Thompson spent her life ministering to her family setting aside her own desires to serve those she loved.

Left to mourn her passing are four nephews, Donald of Nestleton, Merle of Melfort, Sask., Ivan of Blackstock and Harvey of Oshawa.

The funeral service in St. John's Anglican Church Blackstock was conducted by Rev. R. C. Rose and interment was in St. Johns Cemetery. Pallbearers were David Johns, Maurice Nesbitt, Harvey McLaughlin, John Hamilton, Victor Malcoln, and Harold Phelps, and B. C. Maidens. J. R. McNeillie was the first auditor. Present Company offi-



THE NAME OF PATRICK TRUMAN WAS OMITTED FROM THE LIST OF BANK OF MONTREAL MANAGERS, AS PREDECESSOR TO MORRAN SMITH. H. J. LYTLE WAS MANAGER OF THE ONTARIO BANK WHEN IT CLOSED AND HE BECAME MANAGER OF THE BANK OF MONTREAL. THEN HE WAS PUT ON THE RETIREMENT LIST. THE BANK WAS SITUATED AT THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF

** PAT TRUMAN*