

Michael (Mike) Georgas has disposed of his restaurant business on Kent Street and is retiring from active participation in the business life of Lindsay upwards of 50 years. He is quite pleased with the fact that in all his years serving the people that as far as he is aware he has many friends and no enemies. In fact hundreds of patrons of Georgas Restaurant will miss his friendly presence and generosity.

It is interesting to note some of the changes in business which have taken place in the last four or five decades on the north side of Kent Street, east of the Hotel Benson, where Mike Georgas was at one time the proprietor of a place of business known as the Arcadian Grill and Kandy Kitchen, where the genial proprietor took pride in serving the public with his own home made ice cream and candies of all kinds, even to the one time popular bonbons containing a sweet drop of liquor all of which was not frowned on by his patrons.

The Benson House block extended over stores on the second floor, over such stores as Brady's Grocery, the Arcadian Grill, over a large hand manipulated elevator and over the W. E. Baker grocery store, now the Laundramat. The elevator hoisted hundreds of trunks belonging to commercial travellers to the floor above. To the east of the Baker Store were stores occupied by Webb's Bakery, Delisi's fruit store, Langdon's meat store and R. L. Morgan's drug and variety store. Previously (in the memory of many citizens) in the same block was McConnell's Royal Hotel.

There are many residents in Lindsay who also recall a store run by a man named Graham and the first picture show house in Lindsay known as the Lyceum located in the neighborhood of the present Hardy tobacco store and a billiard parlor and cigar store to the east operated by Thos. Karrys.

When the Benson Hotel was extended to the east the Brady Store and the elevator, as well as the Arcadian Grill disappeared.

The late W. E. Baker and

his sons were proprietors of one of the finest grocery establishments in Lindsay and district. In fact the Baker family has been linked with the business life of Lindsay for over one hundreds years. The late C. L. Baker built a large frame residence at the northwest corner of William and Peel Streets, which later be-

came the Orange Hall. Grandfather C. L. Baker then undertook the herculean task of building the large three stor-ey business block at the cor-

ner of Kent and Cambridge Streets, now the Royal Bank Building. He also built a large abbatoir and a packing house Cambridge Street North, now the home of McCombe's billiard parlor.

For many years C. L. Baker's daughter, the late Miss M. R. Baker, carried on a successful Business College in the premises above the present Kenlin Studio on Kent Street.

The late W. E. Baker was a former member of Council as was his son, John L. Baker, now a resident on Russell Street East. Mrs. Leo Rogers, Glenelg Street, is a sister of the late W. E. Baker and