

On The Main Street

with Ford Moynes

Among the many talented professional men, especially acclaimed in the field of music, is one of Lindsay's popular citizens, Prof. W. E. Fletcher, who has been the organist and choirmaster in prominent churches and is still active. Recently Prof. Fletcher and the choir of Fenelon Falls United Church presented the sacred Cantata "The New Jerusalem", one of his many compositions. It is interesting to note that a thumb sketch of this talented gentleman came to light recently. Several years ago the following item appeared in a journal "On Parade":

"Captain W. E. Fletcher was born, brought up and educated in England. He came to Canada in 1913, and served overseas with 193rd Battalion N.S. Highlanders and the R. C. Regiment. In 1919 he returned to Canada to resume his professional activities as organist and choir master in the Maritimes and Ontario. Capt. Fletcher is a talented musician ranking as one of Canada's leading organists. He is a graduate of the Royal College of Music and of Trinity College of Music, both of London, England. In 1941 he enlisted in the Veteran's Guard of Canada and after twenty months service as a Guard Officer in various P.O.W. Internment Camps was seconded to No. 60 (B) T.C. at which centre he held the post as Adjutant."

In the realm of music Prof.

Fletcher, before coming to Lindsay, as organist of Cambridge Street United Church, was for many years organist in one of the leading churches in Charlestown, P.E.I. and later held positions in Bridge Street United Church, Belleville and in the United Church at Brockville. His longest service as organist and choir masters was



in connection with Cambridge Street United Church during which time he had one of the largest and well balanced choirs. As a Composer he has written selections for the piano and the organ as well as being the writer of a number of sacred Cantata's and a large number of Anthems. For a considerable period he was Supervisor of Music in the town schools.
