



FORD MOYNES

ON THE MAIN STREET

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While meandering along Cambridge Street North, we took a good look at the large brick building now occupied by George McCombe, genial proprietor of a well conducted Billiard Parlor.

Glancing upwards at the front of the building there appeared a wooden board, imbedded in the brick and the date 1868. This building is one of many large and substantial buildings built a century ago on the main streets of Lindsay. The walls of brick are 24 inches thick.

Local history brings to light that the McCombe building

was built by one of Lindsay's pioneer business men, C. L. Baker by name, a grandfather of Mr. John L. Baker and Mrs. Leo Rogers of Lindsay. Mr. Baker in the early days of Lindsay erected a large frame building on the north-west corner of William and Peel Streets, the ground floor serving as a mercantile store and the top floor was the dwelling for the family. Later on the building became the home of the Loyal Orange Lodge. This building was levelled to the ground a number of years ago to make room for the present modern offices of the Farm-

er's Union Mutual Insurance Company.

C. L. Baker was one of the builders of Lindsay. He had visions of a great Lindsay when he erected the large three storey building at the corner of Kent and Cambridge Streets where he carried on a produce business. Later the building became known as the Blackwell grocery and meat store with the present McCombe building as an abattoir. Adams Brothers became the next owners.

Doug. Carruthers operated a drug store and lunch counter in the corner store and

moved out following a disastrous fire. Today this corner building is occupied by the Royal Bank.

Returning to the Baker history, it will be remembered by many that W. E. Baker and son Jack Baker operated a grocery store business in Lindsay for many years and that Miss M. R. Baker was for many years owner and teacher of a very successful Business College in Lindsay.