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MAIN STREET



Lindsay is to have another restaurant according to Philip Albert, who can be seen these days supervising the complete overhauling under way at the building formerly occupied by the O.K. Cafe on the south side of Kent Street. The adjacent store, formerly occupied by the Leslie Shoe Store, has been completely rebuilt and when opened shortly by a Peterborough wall and tile business it will be one of the finest stores to be found east of Toronto. The old premises have been extended by some 30 feet.

The former O. K. Cafe, which was gutted by fire, will be a building citizens of Lindsay will be proud of. The new front will be modern in architectural design and appearance, with a high front of glass and quite ornamental. The new restaurant will be very gay, modern and attractive.

Historians and other readers will be interested in learning that the building is one of Lindsay's oldest and dates back over 118 years. It belonged to the Patrick estate, and Mr. Patrick, who lived on Bond Street where he erected a couple of large brick homes, also had an office in his block on Kent Street..

One of Lindsay's prominent business men at the time was the late J. A. Williamson, father of the late Howard Williamson.

Mr. Williamson, Sr., came to Lindsay from Manilla, where he learned the trade of a harness-maker, for many

years one of the most needy businesses in the country. When in business on Kent Street, Mr. Williamson employed several men making harness of all kinds, but particularly sets of harness for farm teams and for liveries. These sets were actually beautiful and the tradesmen had to serve an exacting apprenticeship before they became experts.

One of the veteran harness-makers in the Williamson shop was a gentleman named Lamonte, who will be remembered by many as a member of St. Paul's Church Choir.

The Williamson harness shop disappeared many years ago and next in line of occupancy, the O. K. Cafe, has also bowed out of the picture. Life goes on just the same and in the new set up in the pioneer location comes a new and completely modern restaurant. "So Be It".