



On The Main Street

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Industries have proven to be the life blood of many towns and cities and industries have played an important role in the town of Lindsay. Gone are the exciting days when Lindsay depended on saw mills and planing factories for a considerable pay roll; the days when steamships carried materials and products from Lindsay to summer resorts on the adjacent lakes and when freight trains rolled up and down Victoria Avenue.

Steamers Crandella, Esturion and the Maple Leaf made morning, afternoon, and evening trips to Sturgeon Lake and excursions carried hundreds of people to their summer resort homes.

Local industries include the John Carew Lumber Company offering year round work for men in the bush and at the Lindsay sawmill. It was a common sight to see the Scugog River at Lindsay jammed with logs.

A man named Davies had a large shingle mill on the east bank of the river, north of the Wellington Street bridge and Burke's saw mill and a cooperage mill were located on Ridout Street East.

A large planing mill was

operated by Rider and Kitchener on the south-east boundary of the town and the Geo. Ingle mill at Cambridge and Wellington Streets, employed many hands.

The G. H. M. Baker Lumber Company was located at the corner of Lindsay and King Streets and Jos. Killaby had a lumber yard at the corner of King and St. Paul Streets.

In the same era there were three hotels on King Street. The majority of men engaged as lumber jacks lived in the east ward.

How many readers remember when a man named Cole had a plant on the south side of Wellington Street where the Queen Street Church now stands? Cole manufactured brass articles including large chandelier fixtures. The