



On The Main Street

With FORD MOYNES

Dozens of people gathered on the Lindsay Street bridge and at McDonald's Park Sunday to watch clean up operations. Many strange articles were found on the bed of the river including parts of a bicycle, a large oil drum, fishing lines, and a leather boot, bottles and of all things, a part of a female's unmentionables, a corset and steel staves.

Years ago the land properties facing on Kent Street stretched from the south side of the river half way to the north bank. McConnell's, who operated the Royal Hotel, had a deed showing part of the property extending half way across the river.

When the Lindsay Parks Board started beautifying the

banks of the river and created McDonnell's Park, one of the first steps was the tearing down of a number of unsightly boat houses along the west shore line and inviting the town council to repair the stone wall along the south side of the property.

Officers of the Canadian Legion improved unsightly conditions east of the Legion Hall; the town improved the hill at the end of Peel Street by landscaping efforts and the Hydro Electric Commission cooperated by repairing the east side of the property. Excellent planning by the Parks Board turned an ugly eyesore into a place of beauty.

The transition referred to above was largely due to the

"day and night" effort of aggressive citizens like Carl Brown and T. R. Price, then members of the Parks Board. Today, the McDonnell's Park is one of the scenic spots in Lindsay.

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Last Saturday members of the fraternity of Masonic organization gathered over 100 strong in Cambridge Hall at the United Church, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of the Lodge known as Gothic.

It was a memorable event and it is interesting to note that the late Jas. B. Begg, when he was alive and active as a member of Faithful Brethren Lodge, became the founder of Gothic Lodge a half century ago.

James Begg was a public spirited citizen, who served on the town council for several years and became mayor. In private life, he was the owner of Lindsay's first soda water plant, which was located on the north side of Peel Street between Cambridge and Victoria Avenue.

J. B. Begg served as mayor, as president of the Lindsay Fair Board and was vitally interested in politics as a Liberal and was unsuccessful in a bid for a seat in the Federal house as a Liberal. It is understood that he was the only member of the Masonic Lodge in the local district to be honored by being decorated with a Founder's badge or jewel.