

# On the Main Street

Workmen and machinery are digging up King Street and when the job is completed this thoroughfare will be another speedway. However, the increased traffic warranted the improvement.

At one time King Street was recognized as the main artery for traffic but the street has gradually become secondary to the parallel Queen Street. Three hotels on the street have passed into discard and two lumber yards also vanished, including one owned by a man named Joseph Killaby at the corner of St. Paul Street and the Baker Lumber at Lindsay Street, which later became Todd and Waddell. Today this two-storey building is occupied by the Ontario Vehicle Licence Branch, the County Board of Education and Dr. Carman Blackwell's office, with apartments on the second floor and Russell Taylor is the landlord.

The elevator of Master Feeds is one of the oldest in Ontario and was quite busy several years ago, when the CPR and CNR handled many thousands of bushels of grain. At one time a well known farmer, Wes. Walden, operated a grain business in the building.

Two hotels did a thriving business on King Street, and a man named Martin had a soft drink factory east of one of Lindsay's biggest and busiest industries, Flavelle's dairy, egg, butter and cheese plant. This plant was later taken over by Lloyd Wood Company, manufacturers of Allanbury food products and was followed by Gentile Plastics.

Old time business men on King Street included George Mills, who operated a small grocery store, and Mose Grozelle, who was a kindly gentleman, operating a shoe repair shop with a sign bearing the words, "Hospital for Sick Shoes".

A tall fire alarm belfry stood at the corner of King and St. Paul Streets. "Smiling" Joe Staples had a grocery store at the corner of St. Peter Street and J. R. O'Neill ran a large grocery store at the corner of King and St. Peter Streets.

Well known residents on King Street included Capt. William Fee, a captain on the Scugog River passenger boats. Jim Kent was a drayman and Abe Hartley was an engineer in Flavelle's stone grist mill. "Pooper" Thompson operated a billiard parlor on Kent Street and Jim Appleby was a barber. Bob Martin had a soda water and soft drink plant and Bobby Wells made bread.

Alex Ross, another resident on King Street, was a busy man as a builder of government locks and dams, and one time owner of the Academy Theatre.

A popular native Indian residing on King Street was Johnston Paudash, who was decorated for deeds of bravery on the field of battle in World War I. In military language he was known as a sniper, one who handled the rifle with deadly accuracy.