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# On The Main Street

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Bits of history for the scrap book: A citizen by the name of Pat Green was the first to develop the street now known as Sylvan Crescent, at the top of Russell street on the west of Albert street. The present Sylvan Crescent was planned and developed by the late C. V. Sleep and the late Jas. Mackey. Two of the original homes on the crescent were built by these two progressive citizens.

The Ross Memorial Hospital was built and donated to the town by John Ross, a wealthy Lindsay man living in Montreal, in memory of his parents.

J. K. L. Ross, the millionaire lost a fortune so the story goes and was unable to fulfill his commitment but the RMH stands as a wonderful monument to the memory of the Ross family.

The success of the institution in many of the formative years was due to the first chairman and the first secretary of the Board, J. D. Flavelle and J. R. McNeillie.

Flavelle was the head of the Flavelle Milling Co. and several other businesses and McNeillie was County Clerk for half a century — two dedicated citizens.

The first Lindsay Fair has held on the block bound by Kent, Sussex and Russell streets and Victoria Avenue.

Lindsay first baseball diamond was on the land now occupied by the police station.

The first Presbyterian Church was on Francis street across from the Court House. The first Protestant cemetery was on the north ward school grounds and the first Catholic Cemetery was on Angeline street south.

That the acknowledged finest canoe in Ontario was manufactured by Jesse Perrin at the Perrin Boat Works on Kent street, east.

That the present MacDonnell Park is built after a man by that name who built the Legion Hall. This man wrote a beautiful Indian legend about a maiden named Manita and years later a passenger steamer, Lindsay, was named Manita and this steamer plied the Scugog river for many years.

That two large steamers the Crandella and the Esturi-on carried excursionists down the Scugog river to Sturgeon Lake.

That Lindsay streets were once "illuminated" by gas lights and the first gas reservoir plant was at the southwest corner of Kent and Sussex streets.

That the Lindsay YM was at the corner of Kent & Lindsay streets and that t