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On The Main Street

With FORD MOYNES

Through the years many changes have taken place in the occupancy of Kent Street stores. How many remember when Nancy Mitchell operated millinery stores in Lindsay? The days when many women made their own hats — the days when it was considered sacrilegious to sit in a church pew minus a headpiece of lovely millinery. Artificial flowers and beautiful sequins were popular and at times added to the style was a large ostrich plume which set the hat off to perfection. Today plumes and ostrich feathers are a rarity and a collector's item.

Lindsay had two millinery stores operated by Miss Nancy Mitchell and Miss Bannon. Nancy Mitchell's store was upstairs and the doorway was an advertisement space for a glass case of hats. No one dared to steal a hat.

While the ladies were topped with ostrich plumes, the men wore little black "bowlers", with narrow brims and a fancy ribbon as a band around the hat. They were lined with beautiful white silk. Straw hats were in style and they had nar-

row brims and so as not to lose the hat on windy days each hat had a cord attachment with a brass bar which could be fastened to the coat lapel.

Plus four or knickers were also in style, knee length and quite wide pin stripe coats were in style and the detached shirt collar were two and three inches high, real throat chokers. A well dressed man wore a vest with beautiful brocaded silk on special occasion. For a short time the vests were double breasted and showing lots of buttons. Top handkerchiefs were stylish in button holes.

Small bouquets were in fashion at big dances and there were many. Spats around the ankles were in good taste and small flowers often decorated the coat lapel. White gloves were not popular but Mr. Beau Brummel put up with the fashion. These were the good old days.