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On The Main Street

With FORD MOYNES

One hundred and twenty five gentlemen attended a Brotherhood dinner a few weeks ago in the new Moose Lodge Hall on Lindsay street, south. It is doubtful if more than two or three were aware of the fact that the site of the new hall was once topped by a very old frame building, the home of one of four blacksmiths shops which catered to owners of horses several years ago.

Louis Cain was an expert blacksmith and gained wide publicity at one time as the inventor of a light and beautifully molded shoe for race horses. This special shoe brought owners of race track horses to Lindsay from Toronto, Montreal and horsemen from Buffalo used to make the trip to Cain's smithy.;

Many readers will remember Jim Cain the first upholstery and furniture store on Lindsay Street. He generally wore a long double breasted frock coat and a christy hat known as a bowler. He was industrious and was at all times courteous with the citizens. As business increased this gentleman moved to Kent street, east of the present Walkers Jewellery store.

Several years later he moved to Kingston where his brother had started a funeral parlor.

The Cain family was one of the pioneer families in the business and church life in Lindsay.