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On The Main Street

The Butler Family

Information is to the effect that the Victoria and Grey Trust Company will vacate present quarters and build a modern office and bank on the south east corner of Kent and Cambridge streets, formerly Fee Motors, and this move prompts a question, how many readers can recall when the Butler Hotel was active as a boarding house with a very good dining room.

Mrs. Butler and her son Dick came to Lindsay from Lorneville Junction, at that time a very busy railway depot. Dick Butler became the owner and he also was foremost as a sponsor of baseball and hockey teams. He was for a term president of the Curling Club and president of the Lindsay Fair.

Incidentally the first location of the Victoria Trust Company was at the south west corner of Kent and Cambridge streets and it is understood that the founder of the company originally lived on Victoria Road.

Gentlemen closely identified with the early days of the Company included C. E. Weeks, of Cannington and Woodville, and Newton Smale, a young farmer from Ops Township.

"V and G" Trust added to the business life of Lindsay and district when it absorbed Trust Companies located at Stratford and Owen Sound. The Company has had a remarkably successful financial and business life and is "still going strong." Who knows, perhaps the writer may be handed a share in the lucrative stock of this old and honorable financial institution.