

# On the Main Street

"Sylvester" is a name that was quite prominent in Lindsay a century ago, a name which was on the lips of many people in the local district and in fact, many parts of the Dominion and particularly in the Prairie Provinces.

There were two brothers, Richard who was the business executive, and Robert who was the head man in the plant, which at one time occupied the block bounded by Kent, Sussex and Russell Streets and by Victoria Avenue.

The Sylvester plow was a pioneer implement in Ontario and the Sylvester threshing machine was a pioneer in the vast wheat fields of Western Canada.

In the years long past the Sylvester brass band was recognized as one of the finest in Ontario, and in the days of militia units, regiments, and battalions, the 45th Regiment Band of Lindsay was at the top of the list with big bands.

The large residence at the corner of Victoria Avenue and

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Peel Streets was erected by the late Richard Sylvester and was for years a show place. Many readers will recall that a large fountain on the lawn was part of the scenery.

The present Victoria Park was owned by Sylvester and a number of employees. In late years the park was handed over to the town. The bequest has been a valuable asset to the Town of Lindsay and to citizens in general.

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