



SOUTH SIDE OF MAIN STREET IN 1910

Lucknow

Notes on the past.

Malcom Campbell was the settlement's first merchant as well as Lucknow's first postmaster, the first post office having been established in 1859. He was also the first express agent and reeve.

The coming of the railroad in 1873 made Lucknow a flourishing centre and a shipping point for farm produce. While Lucknowites were united in one purpose to see the settlement grow and flourish, they were bitterly divided on the question of whether the village would be incorporated in Bruce or Huron County. This controversy stemmed from the fact that the village straddles the boundary lines between two counties. On June 11, 1874 the Lieutenant Governor issued a proclamation annexing the incorporated village to the County of Bruce.

Around 1890 Lucknow received electric street lights replacing the oil burning

lamps and the lamp-lighter. The lamp-lighter received twenty cents a night for lighting thirteen lights.

Rural mail service was introduced to Lucknow in 1915, its arrival meant the closing on many country-corner post offices and was

the "last straw" for stage coach operations.

Radio came to Lucknow in the early twenties with Doug and Jack Osterhout having one of the first earphones sets. Television came to Lucknow midway through the century with Harold Greer having the first set in 1950.

While Lucknow has seen many changes over the decades it is probably best described by George W. Joynt, Reeve in 1983, "Although the world is in troubled times, the people of Lucknow are proud of their community. They will not let it wither and die. They will protect it together for a better and greater tomorrow"

