

Lorne, was packed to the door; every available spot was taken up to hear the Rev. Jeffery Hill deliver his sermon on Palestine or "Christ's travels in the Holy Land", illustrated by paintings, many of them real sketches of the Holy Land.

On account of the illness of his mother, Rev. C. T. Scott will not preach next Sunday evening, but a suitable supply will be procured to fill the engagement. Our popular pastor has our sympathy in this, his sad news, and the prayer of all for the recovery of his earthly parent, if it is the will of God, his Heavenly Parent.,

By the final draft of the Methodist Conference held at Windsor, Rev. C. W. Brown was stationed at West Lorne and Rev. C. T. Scott goes to Dutton.

The Rev. E. S. Wilson, being absent attending the Association of the Baptist Church at Colchester this week and will be away every Sunday, the Service will be withdrawn in the Baptist Church.

Elder Sheppard of Walkerton preached an affecting and instructive sermon in McKillop's Hall on Sunday last under the patronage of the Disciple Church. Elder Sheppard is the father of the great and popular author and writer, Mr. E. S. Sheppard of Toronto, editor of the Toronto Fireside Weekly and Toronto Saturday Ledger, two of the ablest written journals on the continent.

The Presbyterian Church services are at 4 o'clock except every third Sunday; then services are at 11 o'clock, S. S. at 10 o'clock. Rev. John Milley, Pastor.

THE ADVERTISERS IN THE WEST LORNE HERALD June 11 - 1891.

McPherson Bros.	.....	Dealers in Dry Goods.
E. R. Mogg	.....	Baker and Confectioner.
Harvey's Drug and Book Store.		
Schleihaufl Bros.	.....	Manufacturers of Lumber
Andrew Streib	.....	Merchant tailor
Thomas Harris	.....	Undertaker and furniture
M. D. Mehrling	.....	Manufacturer and dealer in Boots and Shoes.
F. Mettam	.....	General Hardware, Stoves
P. McGregor	.....	Wall paper, groceries, stationery
W. M. Paris	.....	Harness, Saddles, collar maker
P. J. Lindenman	.....	West Lorne and Eagle - Dry goods store.
A. McKillop & Sons	.....	Manufacturers of Bending material, also Dealers in Lumber, shingles, etc.
Herald Printing Co. and Book Store.		
George Gilpin	.....	Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes.
Clarence Ripley	.....	Town Drayman
John Gray	.....	Baker and Confectioner
P. Philip Miller	.....	Cooper
Alex. Beaton	.....	Issuer of Marriage Licences.
R. Cusack	.....	Town Butcher
E. Prebble	.....	General Butcher
D. J. McLean	.....	Dealer in Agricultural implements.
Osten Peckam	.....	General blacksmith - manufacturer wagon & buggies
D. McKillop	.....	Grain and Produce Dealer.
Augustus Thomas	.....	the veteran town Carter

John G. McKillop Prop town Livery.

Ed. Cahill general blacksmith and manufacturer of carriages,
wagons, carts etc. Horse shoeing a specialty.

Lorne Stock Farm Dealers in the finest bred horses - Proprietors,
A. McKillop & Sons.

Daniel Kirkpatrick Chief of Police

Duncan Gillies Builder

John A. McKillop Township Treasurer

Thos. J. Daley Contractor for building of all kinds.

Hockin & Pool Dutton

PROFESSIONS

Dr. Brock

Dr. Wilson Dentist lived at Wardsville, visits W. L. 1st
and 3rd Tuesday each month.

D. McKillop Postmaster

Skinner Bros. Private Bankers

J. Skinner Licensed Auctioneer

W. Church Music Teacher, Tryconnell - visits West Lorne
Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

HOTEL PROPRIETORS

Argyle House E. J. Winter

Commercial House B. Partridge

Elgin House Conn & Bale

MARKETS AT THIS DATE

Wheat \$1.07 to \$1.11 per bus.

Beans 1.30 to 1.65 " "

Potatoes60 to .65

Hardwood 2.50 to 2.75 about the same now

Softwood 1.50 to 2.00 not so much now.

Eggs10

Butter13 to .15

Written by:

Mr. and Mrs. John A. McKillop,

May, 1937.

THE HISTORY OF WEST LORNE (CONTINUED)

On January 6, 1898, occurred the first of the two fires which destroyed the business portion of the town.

This fire burned everything on the west side of Graham Street between the Argyle Hotel and the Elgin House. The former was owned and operated by Auntie McMillan; the latter was owned and operated by F. J. Lindenman. The Elgin House was saved.

In the summer of '98, Ed Cahill and B. Partridge built the brick block now owned by J. T. Lemon & Son. This store was first occupied by Roome and Cole, two local boys, who have since done well in the mercantile field; Roome in the West and Cole in Guelph.

One of the smaller stores was used by Walter Chasely as a Tailor Shop and the other by Robert Downie as a Barber Shop.

The next summer Andrew Streib built the Streib Block, now called the Campbell Block.

The Hardware Store, which was part of this block, was built to suit J. E. Westcott, who was the first occupant moving the stock from the store on the east side of the street which he had bought from Fred. Mettam. He only occupied it for two or three years when he sold out to B. Partridge & Son.

Early in 1900 the West Lorne Electric Light Company was organized. At first the power was furnished by A. McKillop & Sons from their boiler at the Grist Mill of that time. When this mill was burned down the Power Plant was moved to the McKillop Saw Mill (which was on its present sight). Later the company built a new power station at the corner of Main and Argyle Streets, where they carried on until their franchise was taken over by the West Lorne Hydro in 1915.

On the last day of 1900, fire broke out in the grocery store operated by Duncan McColl; this was nearly in the middle of the block and the fire spread both ways and made a clean sweep from corner to corner, including the fine McKillop Block, a three-storey brick building, on the ground floor of which were the general store of P. J. Lindenman, Hugh McCallum's Tailor Shop, a drug store owned by E. C. Harvey, A. McKillop & Sons' offices, and an office which had been vacated by Dr. Webster the year before. On the next floor were two dwellings and on the top floor was the McKillop Hall, used for Public Meetings, and on Sunday the Disciples held services in it.

Beside this hall was the lodge room used by the Independent Order of Foresters and the Sons of Scotland.

The date "1900" crops up often in the village history. It was about this time that West Lorne was set apart as a police village; the first village trustees were E. R. Mogg, F. J. Lindenman and Dr. Webster. The place was incorporated as a village in 1907 or 1908 and the first council, with Dr. Brock as Reeve, was elected for 1908. Dr. Brock was re-elected for 1909 and was beaten for that office in 1910 by Dan McKillop, who held the position for three years.

In 1900 the M. C. R. commenced their reservoir south of the town and it was finished in 1901. Previous to that they had pumped water for their trains from a deep well just north of their station, but they wanted to put in track tanks at West Lorne, and that did not yield a supply sufficient for this purpose.

Incidentally, I might say here that one of the biggest mistakes ever made by the town was when E. R. Mogg and F. J. Lindenman refused the M. C. R.'s offer of free water for fire fighting purposes if the village

would install mains and hydrants for that purpose. This was in return for a free right-of-way for their pipe line on the village streets.

In 1900 the P. M. Railway started building their line through here and had trains running July 1, 1901.

In 1901 the present McKillop Block was built and in it the Merchants' Bank opened the first branch of a chartered bank in the township; the Merchants' Bank was later taken over by the Bank of Montreal, which still has a branch here.

Shortly after this the United Empire Bank opened a branch in the village, which was taken over by the Union Bank, but after a few years this branch was closed.

The West Lorne Wagon Factory was started in 1904 under the superintendance of the late William Milner and his son John. It carried on until about 1912, when the machinery was moved to Orillia, where it is still running as the Tudhope Wagon Factory. After the machinery was moved, two or three winter corn and poultry shows were held in the building, and in 1919 the Seaman Kent Company started to build dry kilns, in March, 1920, started the manufacture of hardwood flooring, and continued until June, 1931, after which the company defaulted on tax payments and, to protect the village, the town council took the plant over for taxes and still own it.

Prepared by Dr. David Webster,
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ALDBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, ELGIN COUNTY 1855

This township's roads were surveyed but not opened up when the ~~settlers~~ settlers started to move in, coming up the Talbot road as far as Eagle then going north by Indian trail. They staked out their claims then bought the land from the Crown. It was very heavily-timbered and wild cats, lynx, fox and bears roamed the woods.

Henry Hill was one of those pioneer settlers, who brought a family of six from St. Thomas in April 1860. Their homes were log cabins and their shopping centre was at Lindeman's store, Eagle. Everything was brought in by boat. By means of cross-cut saws, trees were cut down and the logs were rolled in stone boats, drawn by a yoke of oxen and piled ready to be taken to the saw mill.

Mr. Morgan and Mr. Axford built a saw-mill north of the track. They hewed out timber for rail fences. As soon as they had enough land cleared, they sowed it with grain, cut it with a cradle, then took it to Tyrconnel to a mill-stone to be ground.

The Southern Railroad was built in 1873 and then was leased to the Michigan Central Railroad for thirty years, then leased later for 99 years. There were stations and section houses built along the railroad. The first station was built west of town, and a long shed to store lime.

Mr. Waw^{ugh} built a stove-mill there and the boiler exploded and hot boiler plates fell on Mr. Hood.

James Trigger built the Trigger Hall. Later it was used for a public school, as the one south of town was crowded

Henry Hill held Sunday School in his home. Later they held it in Mr. Mathison's cheese factory at Clark's Corners. There were culverts along the track and Henry Hill had a underground crossing for the cattle and sheep to go back and forth. The town started to grow fast and Mr. Schleinauf gave the Michigan Central the land to name it Bismarck. The McKillops came in and opened up a post office and named the place West Lorne. Mr. Schleinauf put up a saw mill on Hog Street. Mr. McKillop built a saw mill south of the Graham Road. Henry Hill had a portable mill to clear his 220 acres of land. They drew the logs by means of oxen to the mill after the first heavy fall of snow and continued work until the spring break-up. They had to build corduroy roads through the swamps.

There was a Methodist Church on the Carr Road near Middle Street, a Catholic church west of Carr Road on Middle Street and also a Lutheran church in the German settlement. This little church had a wide aisle through the centre. The pews were on each side to the wall and usher had a long pole with a little bag on the end to take up the collection. The service was preached in German and English by the minister Rev. Higstein. Later the Anglican church was built on the back street facing south then moved back on the same lot, where it now stands. The Baptists built their church and held their baptisms in McKillop's mill-pond south of the town. Joseph Wilton built a hotel north of the track; McMillon Hotel, corner Back Street and Graham; Romm had a hotel the east corner of Graham and Back Street, the souther corner, Mr. Blackwood had a general store; joing Mr. Beaton had a shoe repair snop. Mr. McKillop built a grist mill.

The business men: Duncen McPherson, general store; Skinner's General Store; Lindeman's General Store; Pethric, taylor shop; Walter Parris, Harness shop; Bob Mog, grocery and bake shop; Chasley, tailor shop; Tim Robertson, jewellery store; Thomas, Wagon maker; north of the track. Ed. Cahal, black-smith; Ed Clark, Bäck-smith, horse shoeing at Clark's Corners; and Fred Matlam, hardware store. The back half of Fred Matlam's hardware store was used for this tin shop. He made pails, milk pans, pie tins, bread and cake pans, cups, and everything that was for house hold use. If anything was wanted in a different size he would make it to order. There were only square nails of every size. There were wooden pails, wash tubs and wash boards, wooden dash churns, butter bowls and spoons, also one pound butter prints. Peter McGregor had a shoe store.

There was Esquire Thompson, Esquire Schleihau, Esquire Hill, Esquire McCall; John A. McKillop, Lawyer; Mr. Tasker, a bailiff; Linderman Girls' millinery; Annie Gillis, dressmaker; Edward Prebble, butcher. Mrs. Hill and the oldest girl were tailors. They would have a tailor come in and cut the suits for the boys. Everything had to be made at home, even the shirts with starched collars and cuffs. The closest doctor and dentists were at Wardsville.

There were dry goods' travellers going through with covered wagons loaded with webs of cloth, some in suit lengths, ladies' dress goods, bolts of bleached and unbleached cotton, grey flannel, shirting, talbe linens and towelling.

The rag men came every spring. He would weigh the rags, then you could buy some of his tin ware, cream skimmer, dipper, tin sponns

and other small things. The hand organ man came with his organ strapped on his back and leading monkey. He would play for a few pennies and something to eat.

My father took fleeces of washed wool to the Dutton Woolen Mill to get them carded into rolls. My mother spun the yarn until the spindle was full, then she took it off on a reel. So many rounds made a knot, so many knots made in skein. She continued until all the rolls were spun. Then they took it to Dutton Wollen millsto be woven into blankets. They gray wool was ~~sup~~ spun firmer for school dresses for the girls. Most of the lots in town had high board and picket fences, board side-walks and tie-posts all over town.

The first band in town was the Hill's Cornonet and String Band which was started in 1875. There was Gord Shippy, William Henry Hill, Jim Hill, Sandford Shippy, John Hill, George Hill, Fred Hill and Albert Hill. After the Shippys left town, Aaron, Seth, Abel and Joshua joined. There were nine brothers in the band. Led by George Hill, they played for parades, Calithumpian parades, picnics at New Galsgow, receptions, and church ~~awn~~ socials. They played for a wedding reception for the Hon. F.G. McDermond, New Glasgow. He was the minister of Public Works.

WILLIAM HENRY'S TOAST TO HIS NINE BROTHERS

Play well your part in life's brass band and make your music tell,
It maters but little what part you play, that's if you play it well.
In life's grand march there's no halt from cradle to the grave,
So let us march the best we can--the bravest of the brave.

Prepared by Mrs. Susie Hill Conway
Essex, August 1958