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Mr. Cecil Clark,
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Dear Cecil:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 21st which I found most interesting.

In trying to answer your letter I thought it would be better if answered each paragraph adding my comments with particulars pertaining to it.

Vic did look after our advertising and as he was a member in Rotary I had the privilege of meeting him often. I knew Vic's father-in-law, Mr. Grant, and if I remember, he had two daughters and Mr. Grant bought a 1914 Overland from us and I either delivered it to him or taught him to drive. He and my father were good friends. I think he owned the saloon on Government St. Was it the Windsor? Once my father went in to buy a bottle of liquor and the bartender put the money in his pocket. Being a good friend of Mr. Grant he told him about it. Mr. Grant's reply was that "I pay him \$ 125.00 per month and he takes a like amount and it was all right with him as he was worth it." In those days when a man paid his bill we bought him a drink and if he couldn't pay it we bought him a drink anyway because we felt sorry for him. With regard to the money making a detour, this today as you know is not stealing, but a fringe benefit.

As to the second and third paragraphs of your letter, I worked in the bicycle shop, as shown in the picture, after school. One of my jobs was to bore holes in wooden bicycle wheels for the spokes. I used to drill every other one at an angle and then turn the wheel over and drill the ones I missed. This was to take care of the angle of the spokes.

In looking at the picture, in the front was the Windsor Grocery owned by partners Smith and Walls. Mr. Smith was fair and stout and very jovial and when we paid the bill he always gave a little present. Mr. Walls was of a more serious nature and wore very thick glasses. Incidentally, Mr. Smith's son Stewart has the grocery store in James Bay, corner of Simcoe and Oswego. I went to school with him and as I played the violin and he the piano, we used to play together.

On the corner, further down, was the old Belmont Saloon and on a Saturday night at closing time it was quite an affair. There were some wooden steps leading to the door as the building was quite high and I remember a man falling down the steps.

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