



Main Street, Medina, N. Y.



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Today's pictures are from old photo post cards.

A more archaic spelling of the word trolley is used on the one card. The BL and R Trolley System was in service from 1908 to 1931. I believe these pictures were taken around 1910, when the BL and R first opened.

In the picture of Main Street, Medina, we see two trolley cars, one turning the corner onto East Center Street. This corner was referred to in Vol. XXVI, No. 14 a month ago.

This is certainly a view showing transition in transportation. Notice to the left a horse-drawn sleigh or cutter tied at the curb. Actually people could get to Rochester or

Buffalo faster using the trolley service than we can today, once they got to the depot by horse and cutter, for instance.

The other photo from which the title of this article has been borrowed is a contrast in seasons.

Here we see five small children sitting on a gate while two older boys are seen on a straw stack, pitching it around. The man in the distance to the left is seated upon a threshing machine operating the huge pipe, which is blowing out the straw.

At the time the picture was taken, this would have been a common scene along the trolley line as every farm had a straw stack in the barnyard.