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Preface

Many of the pictures you will see in this book may have been seen in other publications which have chronicled the history of Port Perry and Scugog Township. And while some photos may have been viewed in the past, in this book the images have been enlarged and restored so small details lost, due to size, become more visible.

Enhancing the pictures required many hours of scanning old and faded pictures from the Scugog Shores Museum archives, and we thank the staff of the museum for the cooperation and assistance in the process.

Scugog Shores Museum, located on Scugog Island, has thousands of pictures in their archives, and many of the pictures found in this book come from the museum's collection.

The process to enlarge the pictures required scanning faded and damaged century old pictures in high-resolution. This was followed hours of enhancing the images through removing spots, scratches and blemishes, bringing them back to life.

Throughout the book, where possible, images from the past are compared with more recent pictures. This provides a comparison of Port Perry then... and Port Perry now. What become very apparent is how little the buildings have changed in 140 years. The attractive two-storey brick blocks constructed after the devastating fire of July 1884, look much today as when they rose out of the ashes of the disaster.

The attractive parapets which graced the rooftops during the late 1800s, fell into disrepair over the years and most were removed less than 50 years after they were constructed. Thankfully, over the past decade, proud owners of local property owners have undertaken the expensive process of rebuilding the parapets. Today Port Perry's downtown looks closer to what it looked like during the 1890s, which attracts visitors from all over Ontario.

We hope you enjoy the enlarged pictures which show our town in much more detail.

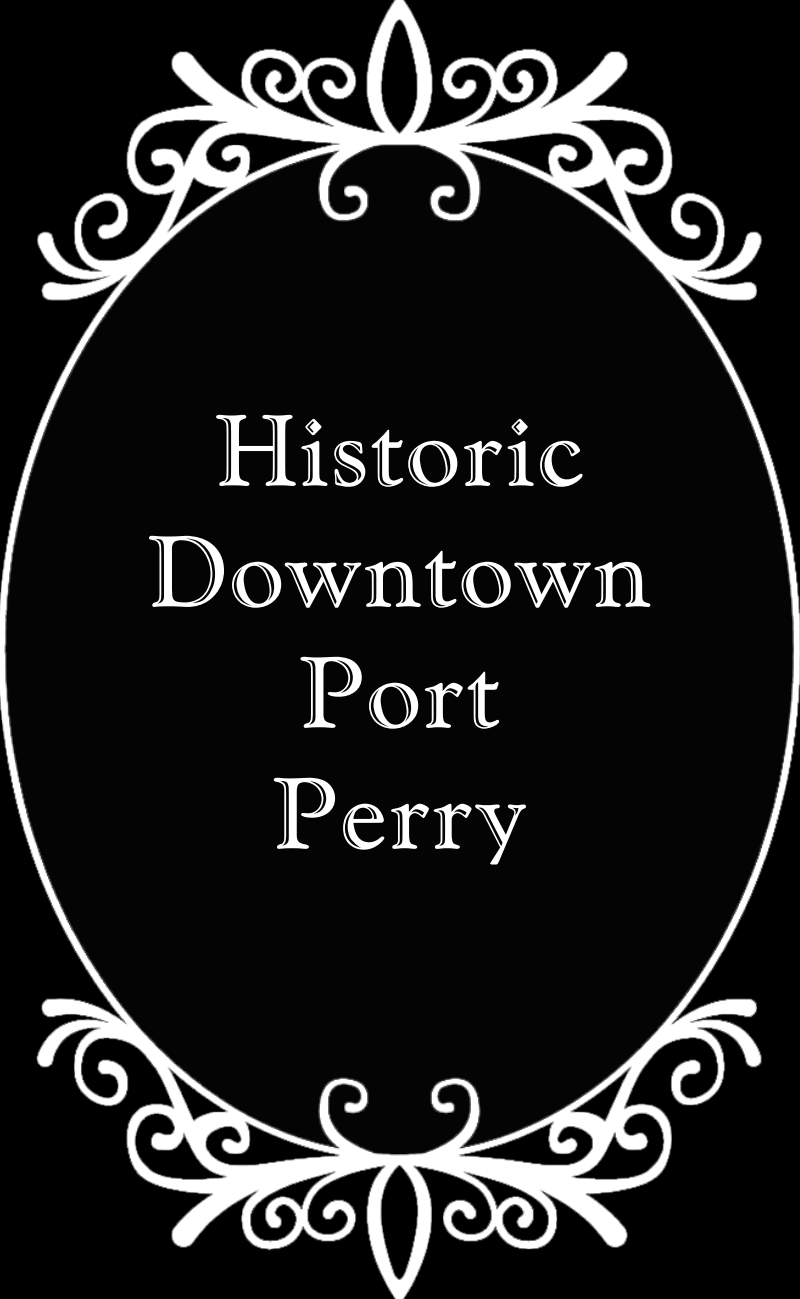
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Scugog Shores Museum & Archives
who are dedicated to
collecting, preserving and sharing
Scugog's fascinating history
with the residents of this community
and the world.



Historic
Downtown
Port
Perry



McCaw ~ Blong Block

181 Perry Street - Port Perry

Circa 1905

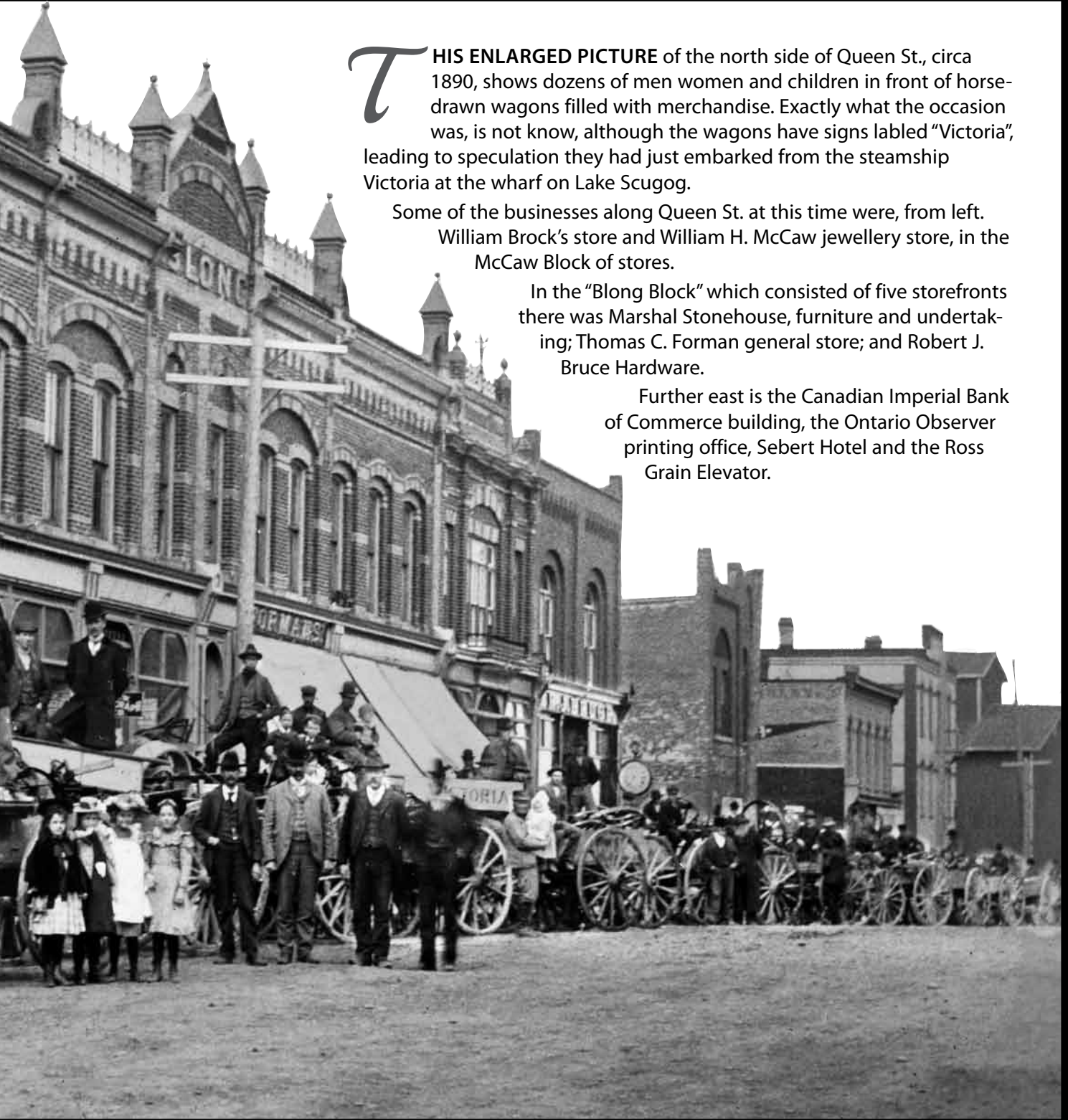
THIS ENLARGED PICTURE of the north side of Queen St., circa 1890, shows dozens of men women and children in front of horse-drawn wagons filled with merchandise. Exactly what the occasion was, is not know, although the wagons have signs labled "Victoria", leading to speculation they had just embarked from the steamship Victoria at the wharf on Lake Scugog.

Some of the businesses along Queen St. at this time were, from left.

William Brock's store and William H. McCaw jewellery store, in the McCaw Block of stores.

In the "Blong Block" which consisted of five storefronts there was Marshal Stonehouse, furniture and undertaking; Thomas C. Forman general store; and Robert J. Bruce Hardware.

Further east is the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce building, the Ontario Observer printing office, Sebert Hotel and the Ross Grain Elevator.



Blong Block 1972

Queen St., Port Perry
Circa 1895

PORT PERRY'S most iconic and recognized building is the two-storey red and yellow brick Blong Block in the centre of this attractive town.

Following the disastrous fire of July 1884, the entire building, consisting of five storefronts, was built in three months, and tenants began moving in November.

The picture on this page shows the Blong Block as it looked in 1972, almost 90 years after it was built. On the previous pages is the Blong Block photographed about 1905.

When this picture was taken more than 50 years ago, the five tenants taking up the units in the building were, from left: Irwin Smith Music; Strawberry Threads contemporary fashions, Dor-Jeans women's fashions; Settlement House decor and home furnishings; Country Classics

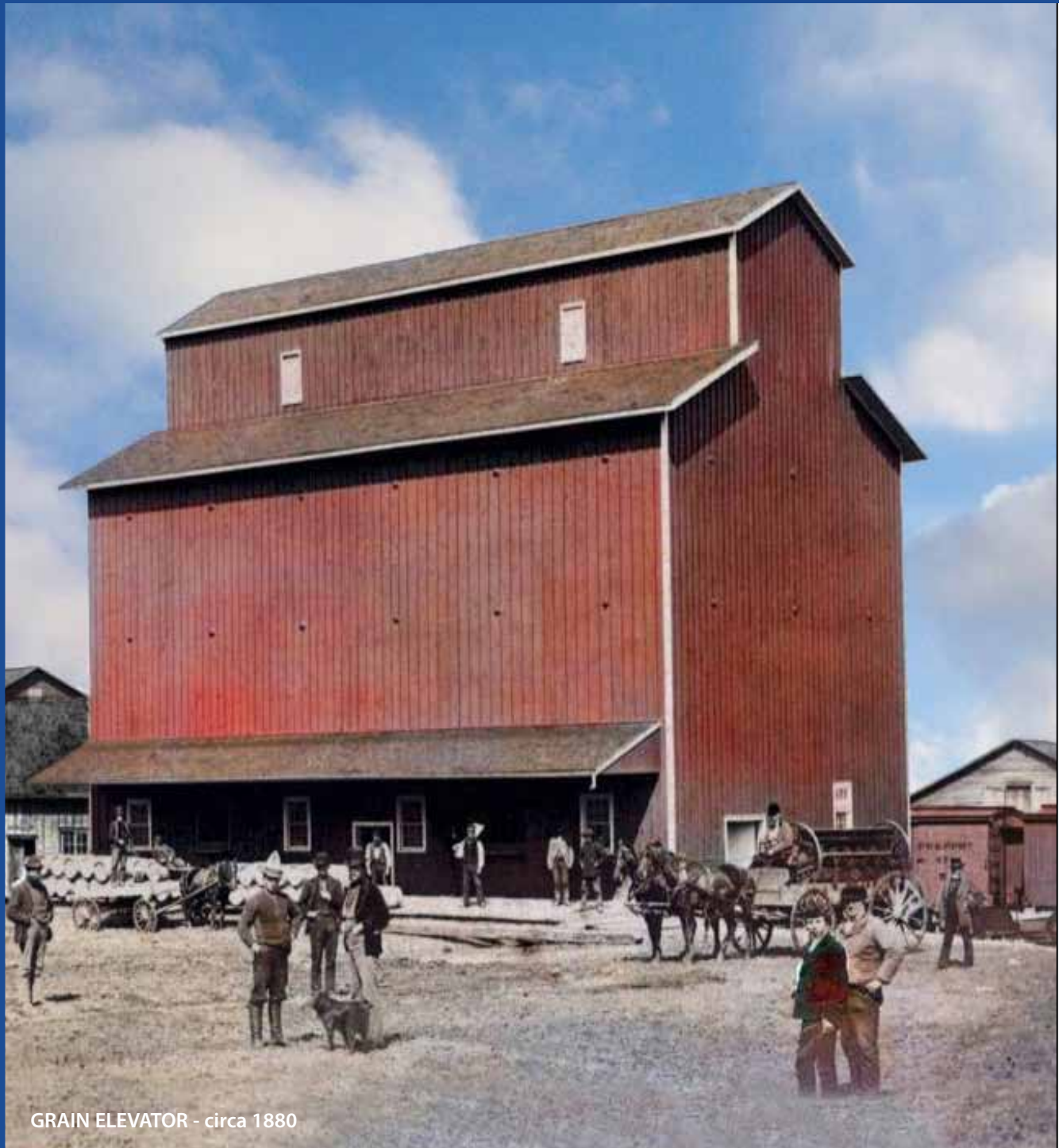




QUEEN STREET - 1972

Ross Grain Elevator

Water & Queen Street - Port Perry - Circa 1880



GRAIN ELEVATOR - circa 1880

GEOERGE CURRIE began construction of tjos large grain elevator near the busy railway station at Port Perry's lakefront in April 1874. The elevator was built on a stone foundation measuring 24 inches thick.

It had a 58 foot high frame constructed of huge pine beams and the exterior was covered with 2x8 inch lumber to a height of 26 feet. The remaining height was covered with 2x6 inch lumber, and the joints of the boards were covered with one inch thick vertical boards. When completed the massive structure was painted a rusty red color, known as Grand Truck Railway (GTR) red.

Miraculously the elevator escaped the devastating fire of July 1884, and has gone through multiple owner-ships over its 150 year history. Maple Leaf Mills was the last company to operate the building as a grain elevator and it was closed in 1961.

In 2009, the Township of Scugog purchased the historic grain elevator and its lakefront property.



GRAIN ELEVATOR - circa 1930



MASTER FEEDS ELEVATOR - circa 1971



GRAIN ELEVATOR - circa 1990

Downtown Port Perry

Queen St. - Port Perry - looking towards Lake Scugog)

Circa 1895

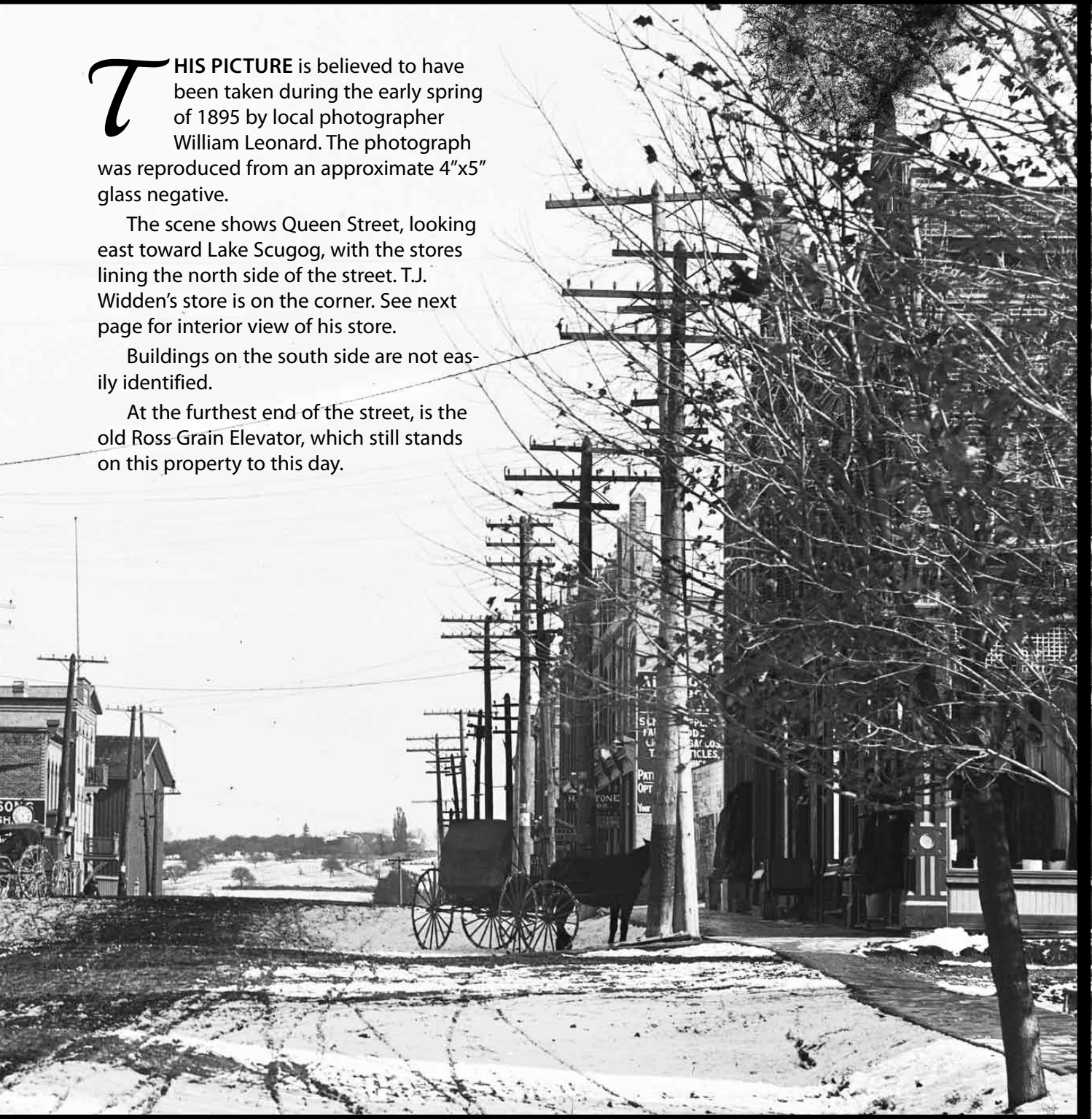


THIS PICTURE is believed to have been taken during the early spring of 1895 by local photographer William Leonard. The photograph was reproduced from an approximate 4"x5" glass negative.

The scene shows Queen Street, looking east toward Lake Scugog, with the stores lining the north side of the street. T.J. Widden's store is on the corner. See next page for interior view of his store.

Buildings on the south side are not easily identified.

At the furthest end of the street, is the old Ross Grain Elevator, which still stands on this property to this day.



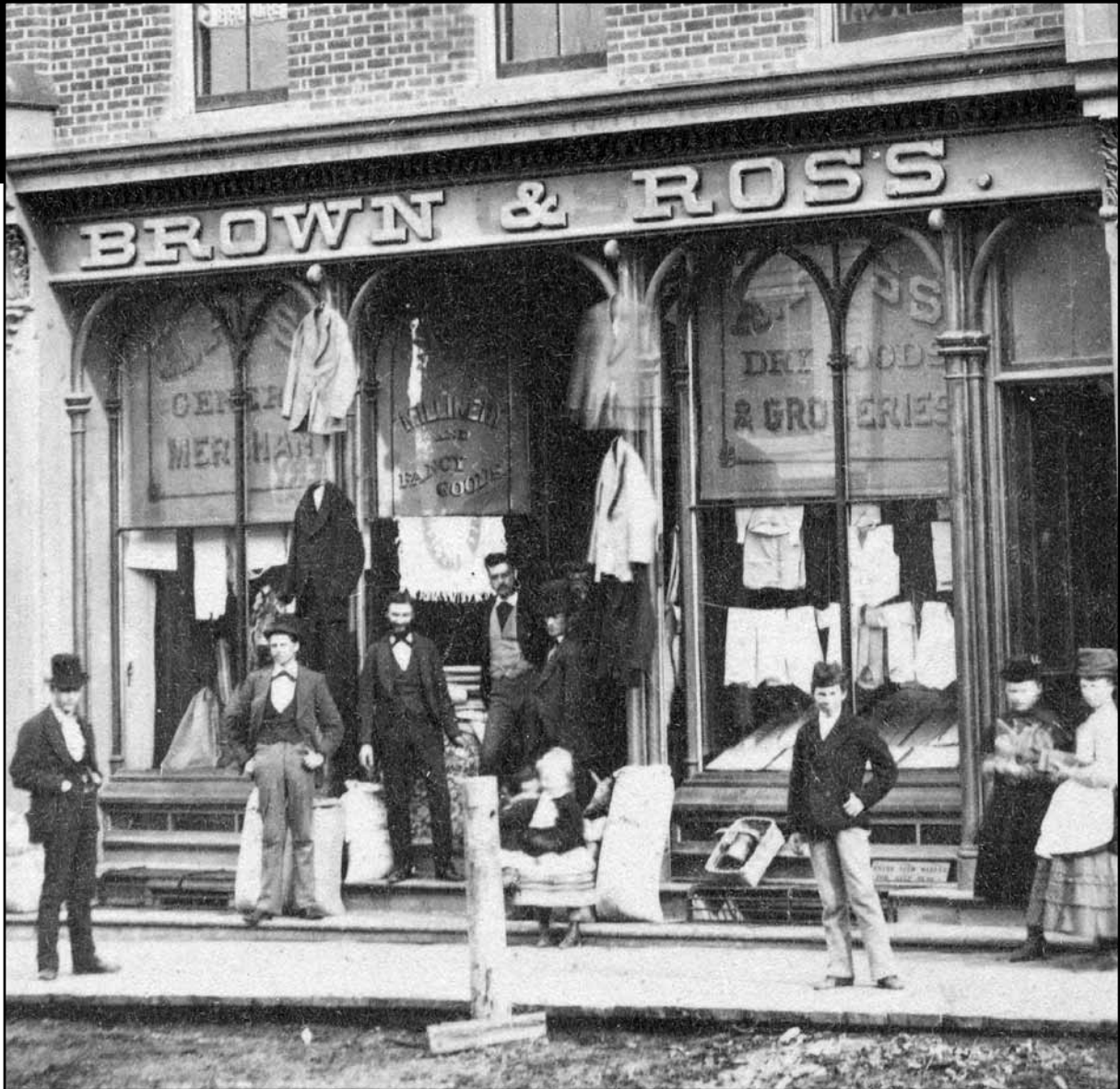
Brown & Ross Block

Lot 66 - 168 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1875



BROWN & ROSS / ONTARIO BANK circa 1875



BROWN & ROSS / ONTARIO BANK circa 1875

THE GRAND AND IMPOSING Brown & Ross block (opposite page) was constructed about 1871 by Aaron Ross, on the southeast corner of Queen and Water Street, Port Perry. The most notable feature of the modern three-storey red brick building was its stylish Mansard roof, the only building in the town to feature this style roof at this time.

The structure was split into two units – the eastern half occupied by the Ontario Bank, and in western half Mr. Ross opened a general merchant store, selling dry goods and groceries, in partnership with Mr. Brown, operating under the name of Brown & Ross.

Of the tenants who occupied the upper floor, most notable was David J. Adams, one of the town's respected insurance agent and brokers. As with all of Port Perry's pre-1884 building, the Ross building was destroyed in the fire of July 1884 – a fire which leveled the entire business section of the village.

Ontario Bank

Circa 1875

THE ONTARIO BANK occupied the eastern section of the Brown & Ross Block.

The attractive three-storey, red brick building featured beautiful arched windows and entrance to the bank.

Architecturally, one of the most notable features was the stylish Mansard roof, with capped arched windows along its roof line.

The bank shared the two-store block, with Brown & Ross mercantile store in the westerly section.

This elegant building which was home to the Ontario Bank, and Brown & Ross was destroyed in the great fire of July 1884.

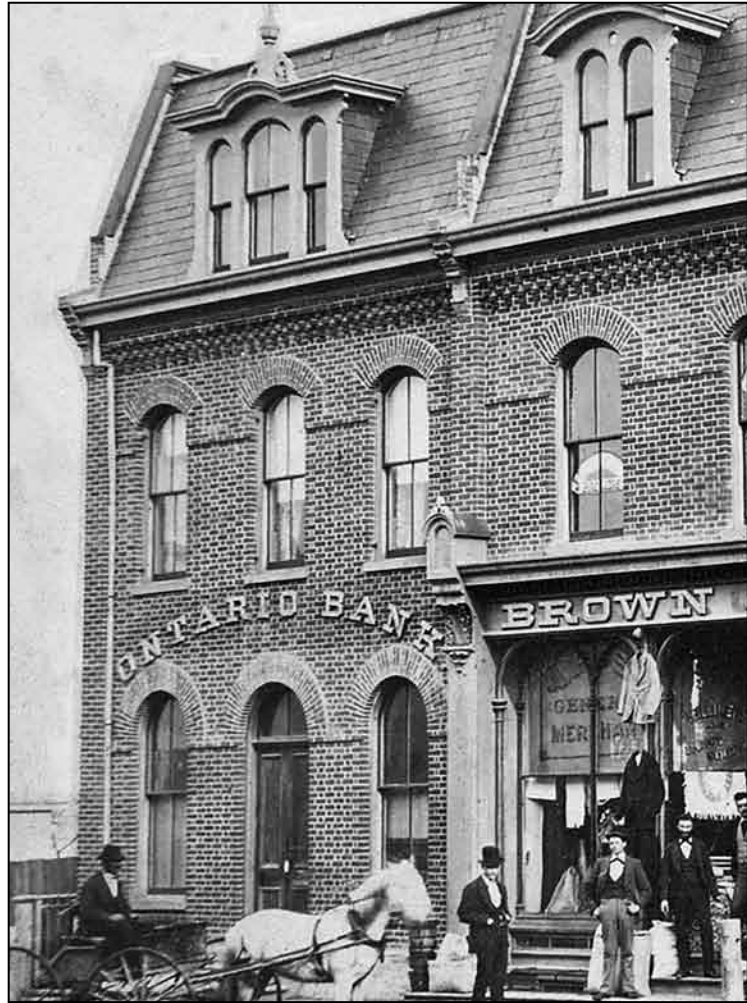
Standard Bank

Following the 1884 fire, Aaron Ross rebuilt the above magnificent new two-storey red and yellow brick building on the site. Both the Ontario Bank and A. Ross & Sons moved into the new building.

In 1888 the Ontario Bank was closed and re-opened as the Standard Bank.

William Brock purchased the building in the late 1890s and eventually took over the entire building. His brother Frederick, and son Arthur both operated it after he died. Following the death of Art Brock, his son Bill, and wife Claudette took over.

The current owners, Marina and Julie Brock, are the fifth gen-



The Ontario Bank, (top) was closed in 1888 and was re-opened as the Standard Bank. William Brock's store, was located in the right side of the this block of stores.

A. Ross & Sons and Ontario Bank



A. ROSS & SONS BLOCK - Circa 1885

The Aaron Ross & Sons block with the Ontario Bank occupying the east side.



BROCK'S DEPT. STORE - 1999

The parapets without the parapets.



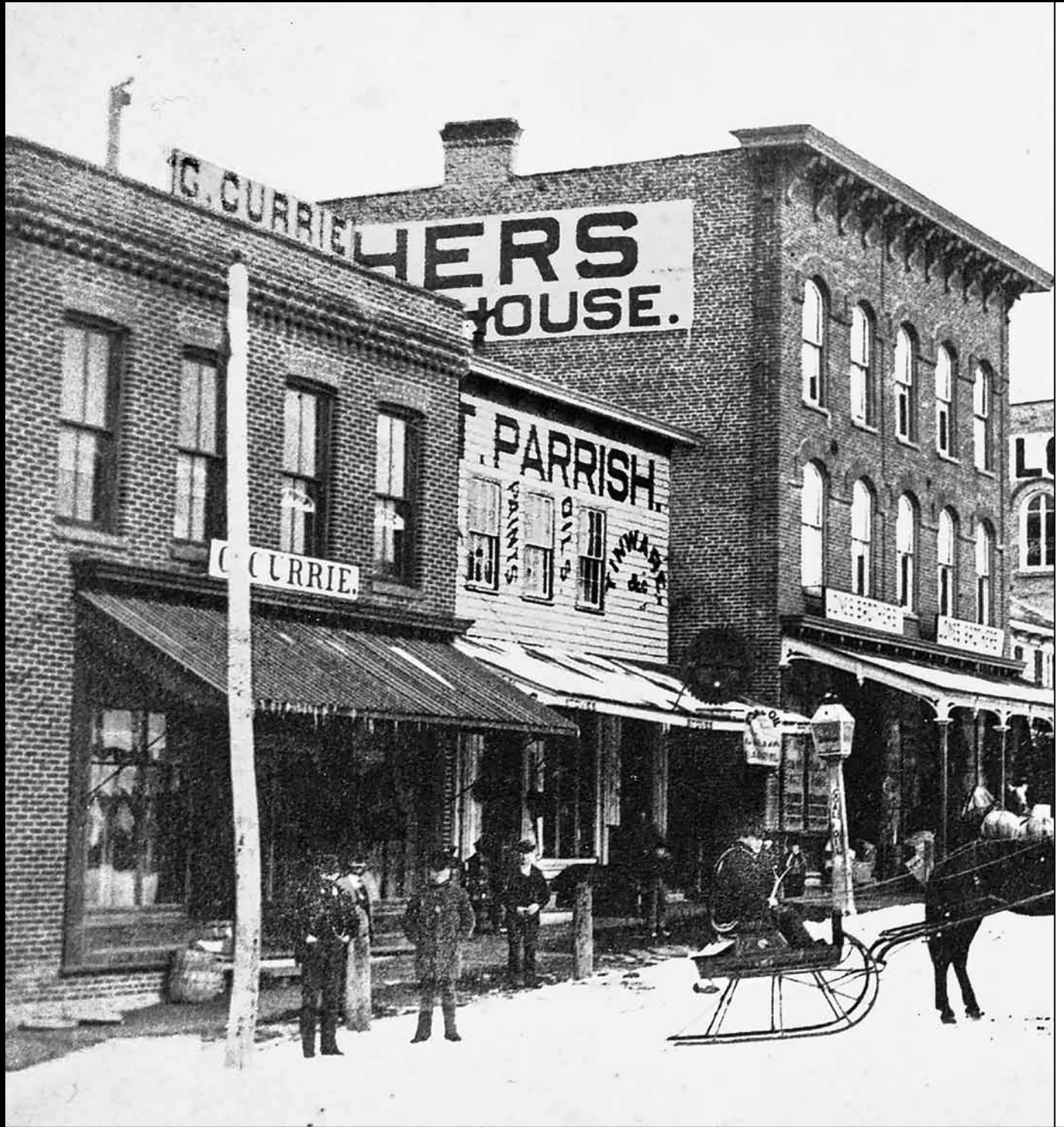
BROCK'S DEPT. STORE - 2024

The parapets were rebuilt during 2018, bringing the building back to its how it looked more than 140 years ago.

Currie & Jones Blocks

207 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1876



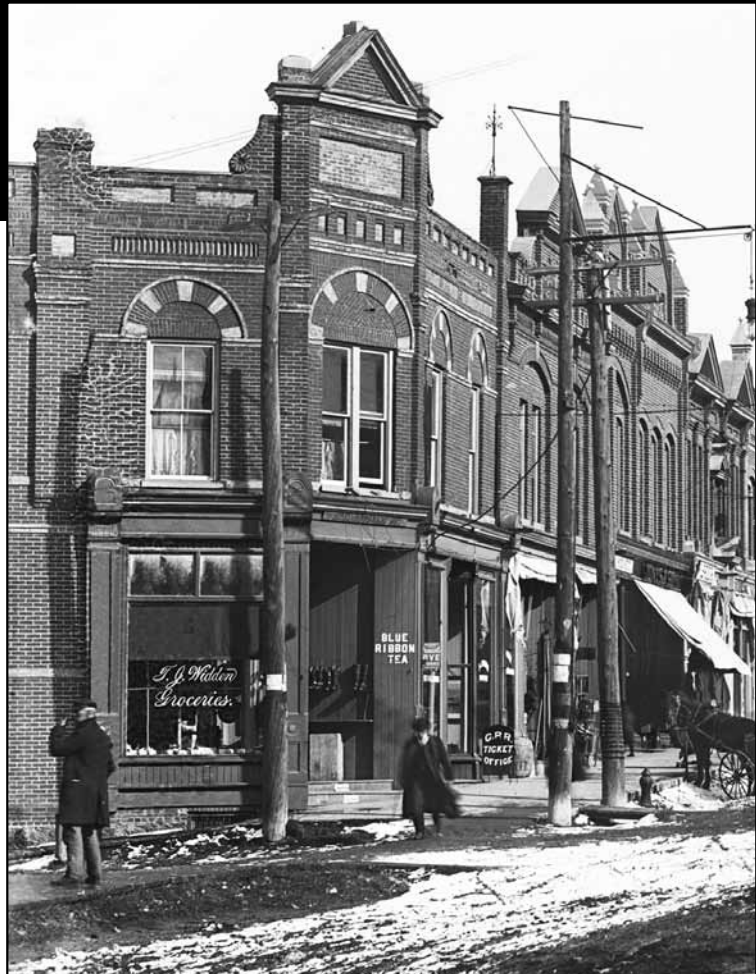
THE THREE BUILDINGS, illustrated on the opposite page, were erected during the late 1860s and early 1870s, and occupied by George Currie block; William T.

Parrish Hardware and the Jones Brothers when fire swept through the north side of Queen St., in November 1883, destroying all of the buildings.

Following the fire, the three buildings were all rebuilt of red-brick with yellow brick accents. Each of the two-storey structures was crowned with large, elaborate parapets.

Tragedy struck again a few years later, destroying the Currie's new building, but it was rebuilt. Although similar in style, the parapet on Mr. Currie's building was a different design. (see photos)

Fortunately due to local owners, the buildings, which are now more than a century old, still look much today as they did when they were constructed during the 1880s.



CURRIE, PARRISH, JONES BLOCK 1890



CURRIE, PARRISH, JONES 1906



CURRIE, PARRISH, JONES BLOCK 1976

Bigelow / Blong Block

155 - 189 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1876

This block of three stores was located on the north side of Queen St., in the heart of the town. The buildings prior to the 1883 fire included, from left: Bigelow's Royal Arcade block; Dliesfeld block, and the Walker House Hotel.



BIGELOW'S ROYAL ARCADE - circa 1876

JOSEPH BIGELOW'S "ROYAL ARCADE", (opposite page) was the largest and most extensive building in the community when it opened in April 1869.

In 1878, Joseph Bigelow retired and sold his impressive Royal Arcade block to Jonathan Blong, a Toronto businessman.

The entire building was destroyed by fire in the 1883 and again in 1884. Within three months of the fire, he had erected the "Blong Block" a new two-storey building, with five storefronts.

There have been numerous storekeepers in the Blong Block over the years under the own-

ership of the Blong family. In 1954 the block was purchased local insurance businessman George Emmerson. During his ownership, the upper floor was converted into a motel.

Tom and Daphne Mitchell purchased the historic building in 1975, and over the next few years renovated the restore the aging structure.

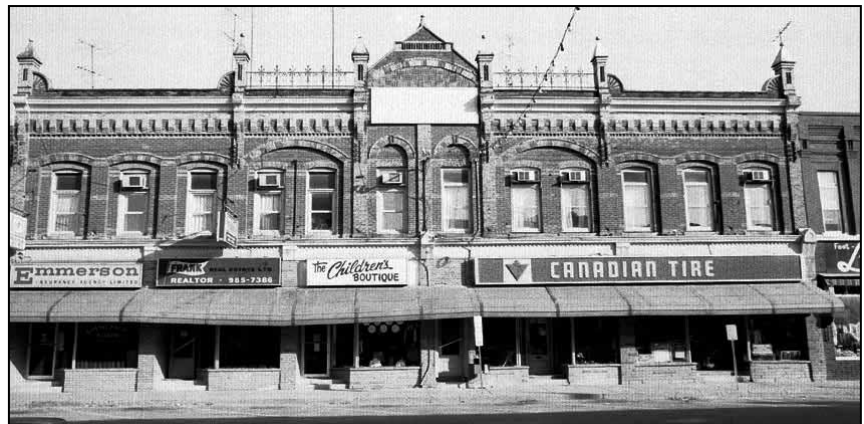
They initially opened their Settlement House shops in a single unit of the building, gradually expanding. At one point, the Mitchell's operated their Settlement House decor store, Tom's Back Porch restaurant, Daphne's women's clothing store and a T.G. Mitchell's men's wear, and Ted E. Bear shop.

The Mitchells retired in 2007 and leased their building to Weed & Hickory.

They sold the former Blong Block to the Dean Pandurov family in 2013 who opened Panorama, clothing and household furnishing store.



THE BLONG BLOCK - circa 1900



THE BLONG BLOCK - circa 1974



THE BLONG BLOCK - circa 1999

Town Hall 1873

302 Queen Street - Port Perry

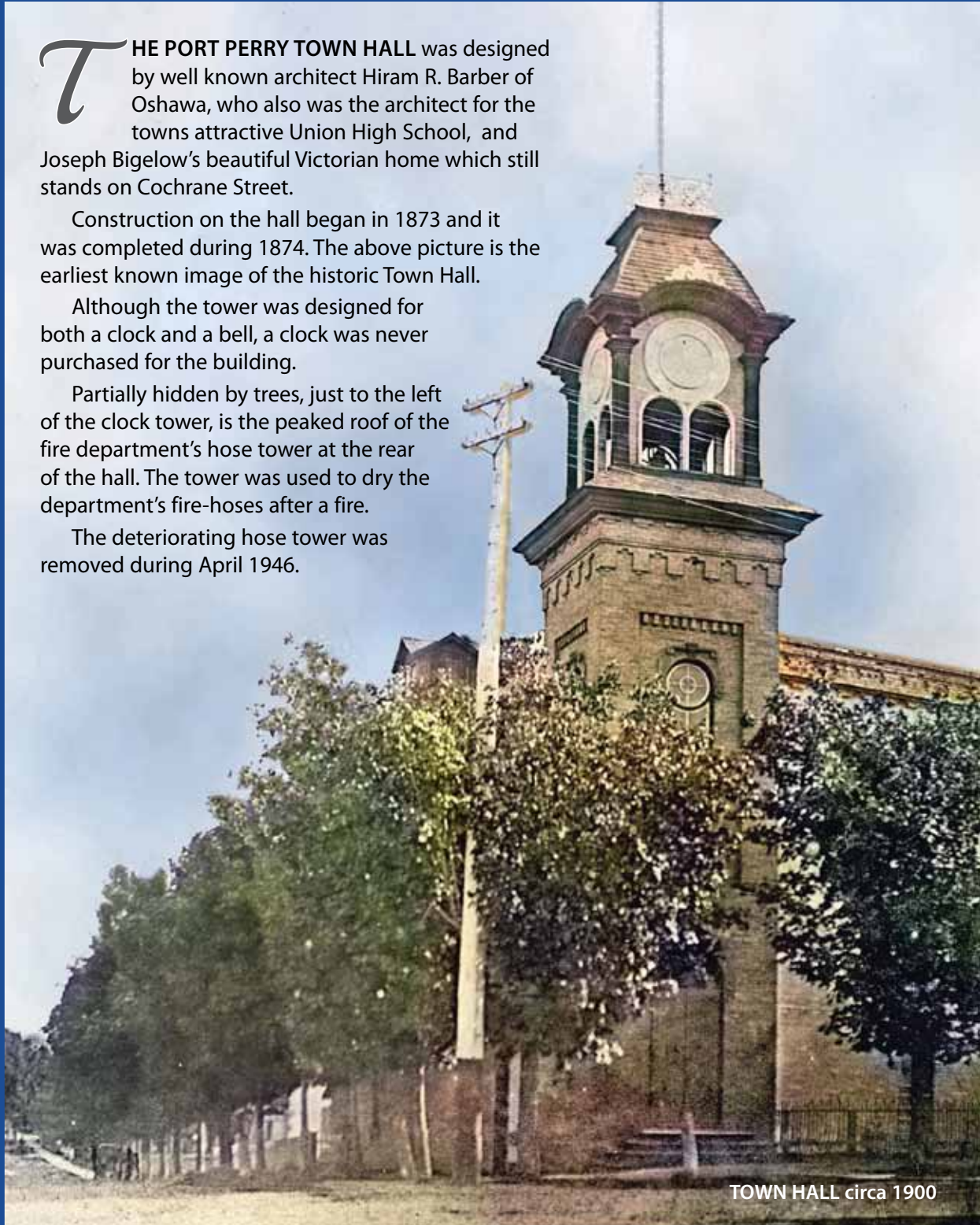
THE PORT PERRY TOWN HALL was designed by well known architect Hiram R. Barber of Oshawa, who also was the architect for the towns attractive Union High School, and Joseph Bigelow's beautiful Victorian home which still stands on Cochrane Street.

Construction on the hall began in 1873 and it was completed during 1874. The above picture is the earliest known image of the historic Town Hall.

Although the tower was designed for both a clock and a bell, a clock was never purchased for the building.

Partially hidden by trees, just to the left of the clock tower, is the peaked roof of the fire department's hose tower at the rear of the hall. The tower was used to dry the department's fire-hoses after a fire.

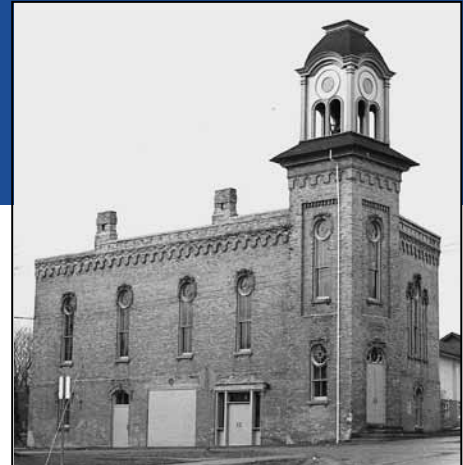
The deteriorating hose tower was removed during April 1946.



TOWN HALL circa 1900



PORT PERRY TOWN HALL - 1973



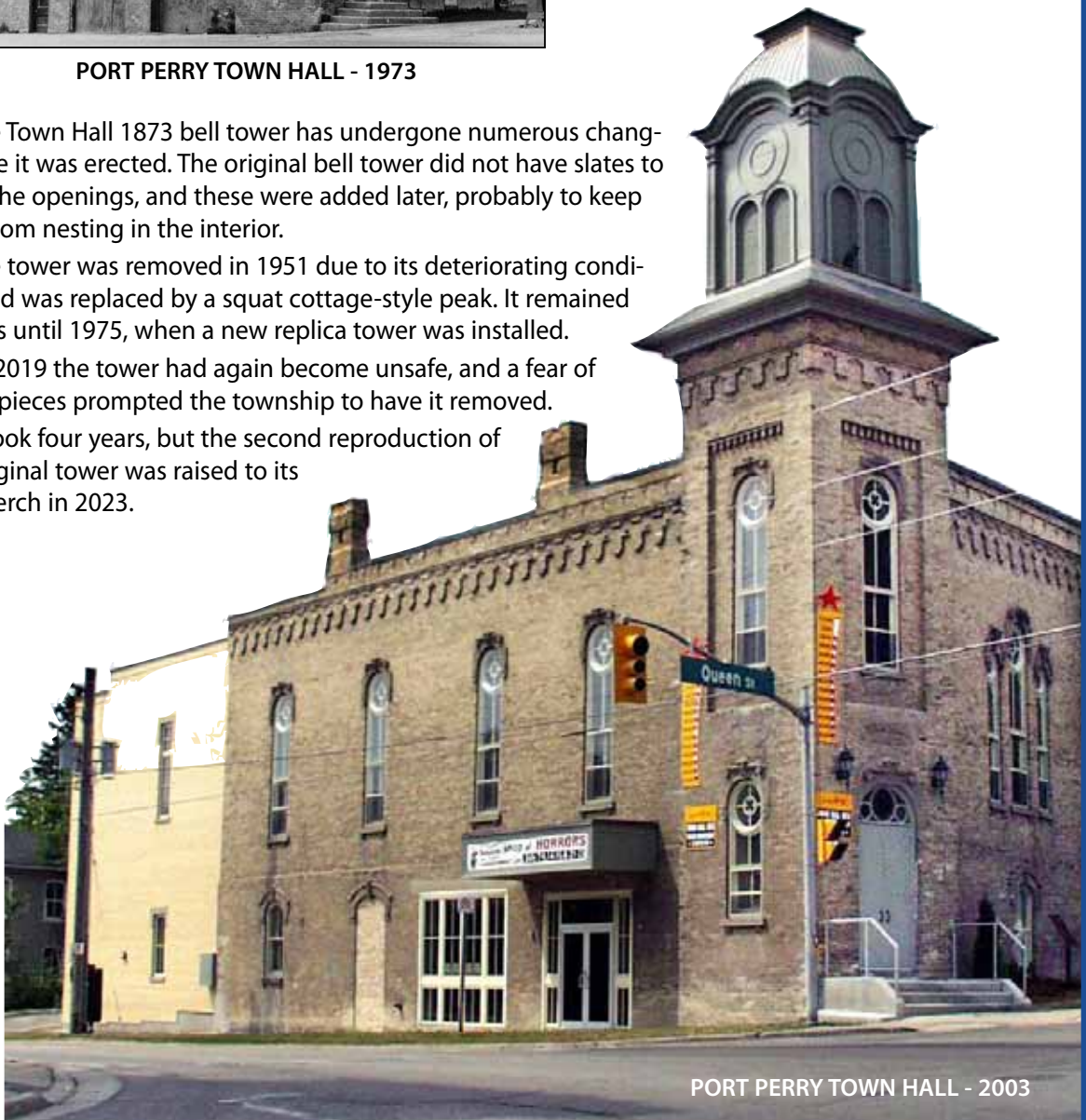
PORT PERRY TOWN HALL - 1976

The Town Hall 1873 bell tower has undergone numerous changes since it was erected. The original bell tower did not have slates to cover the openings, and these were added later, probably to keep birds from nesting in the interior.

The tower was removed in 1951 due to its deteriorating condition and was replaced by a squat cottage-style peak. It remained like this until 1975, when a new replica tower was installed.

By 2019 the tower had again become unsafe, and a fear of falling pieces prompted the township to have it removed.

It took four years, but the second reproduction of the original tower was raised to its lofty perch in 2023.

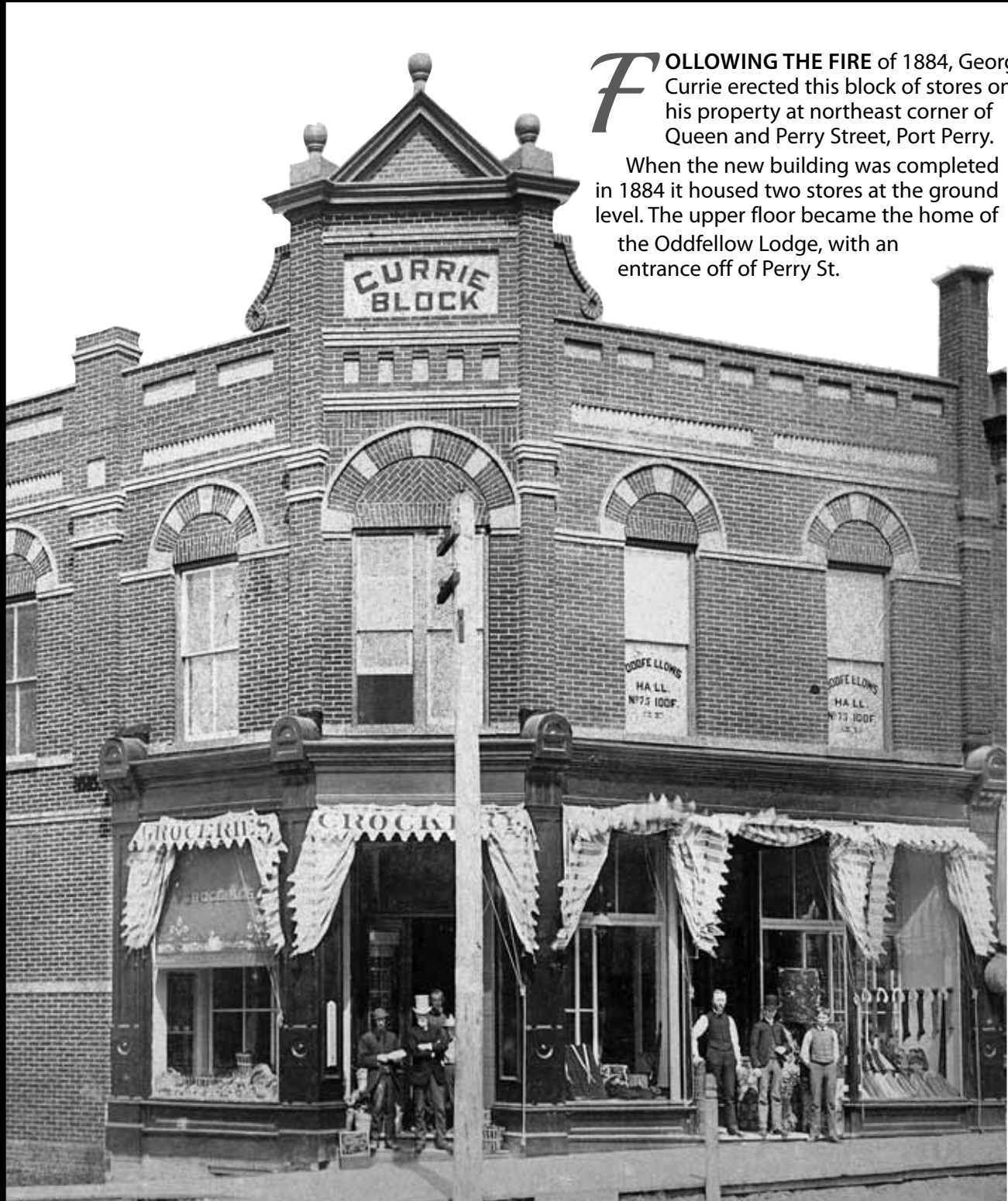


PORT PERRY TOWN HALL - 2003

Geo. Currie Block

209 Queen Street - Port Perry

Circa 1875



FOLLOWING THE FIRE of 1884, George Currie erected this block of stores on his property at northeast corner of Queen and Perry Street, Port Perry.

When the new building was completed in 1884 it housed two stores at the ground level. The upper floor became the home of the Oddfellow Lodge, with an entrance off of Perry St.

Due to Perry Street running on a north-westerly angle, the store is several feet wider at the back.

The occupants of the western portion of the building, opening onto Perry Street, had an angled doorway on Queen Street.

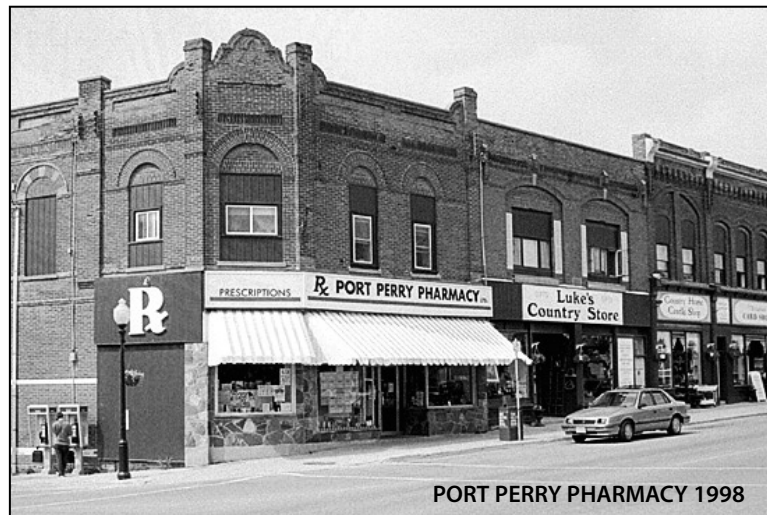
Among those who operated businesses from this small store were Thomas Widden grocer and H.H. Mulligan's barbershop

The eastern store had a complete storefront with a door and large window facing Queen St.

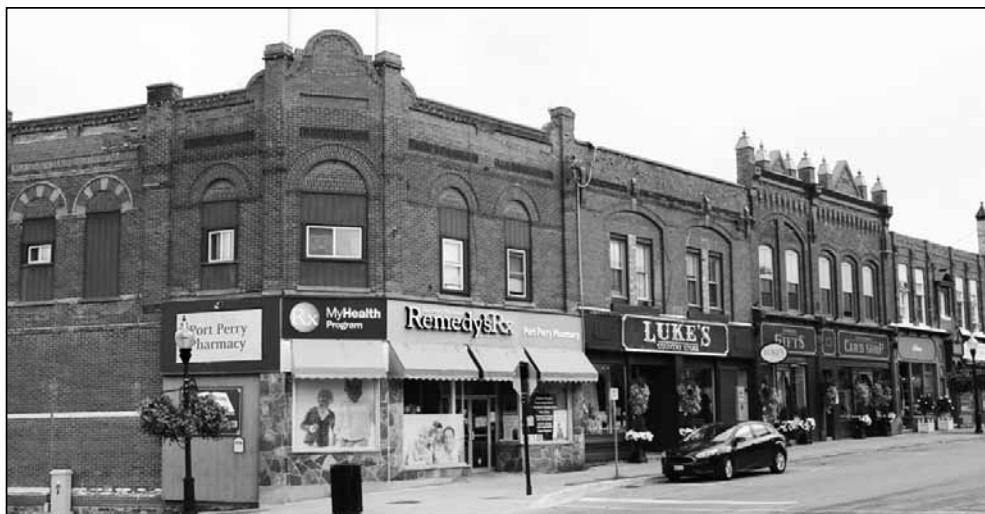
A drug store has been operated in this building since about 1890. Pharmacist owners have included - Albert J. Davis, Andrew Lawrence, Gord Parkin and it is currently operated by Remedy RX drug store.



LAWRENCE PHARMACY 1971



PORT PERRY PHARMACY 1998



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INTERIOR OF THOS. WIDDEN'S STORE.



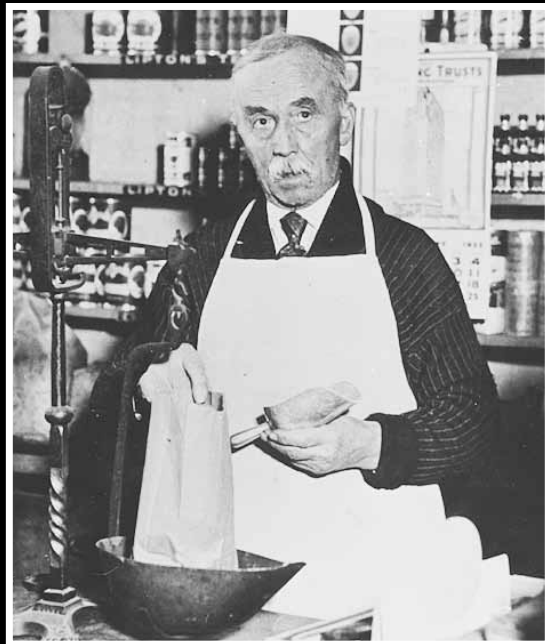
Thomas Widden Grocery Store

208 Queen St., Port Perry
Circa 1895

THOMAS WIDDEN had worked as a store keeper for two of Port Perry's leading businessmen, Aaron Ross and William Brock, before setting out on his own.

In 1881 he opened his business in a small wedge-shaped store, at the corner of Queen and Perry St. Although not a large store it provided a place to carry out business in groceries, crockery, boots and shoes. The store became known as Widden's Corner.

Thomas Widden retired in February 1935 after 43 years in business in Port Perry.



Thomas Widden seen in his store.

1875 ~ Queen St. North ~ 1975

199 to 209 Queen Street - Port Perry

THE PICTURES on these two pages show the buildings on the same properties, along the north side of Queen St., at the intersection of Queen and Perry Street in 1875 and a century later in 1975.

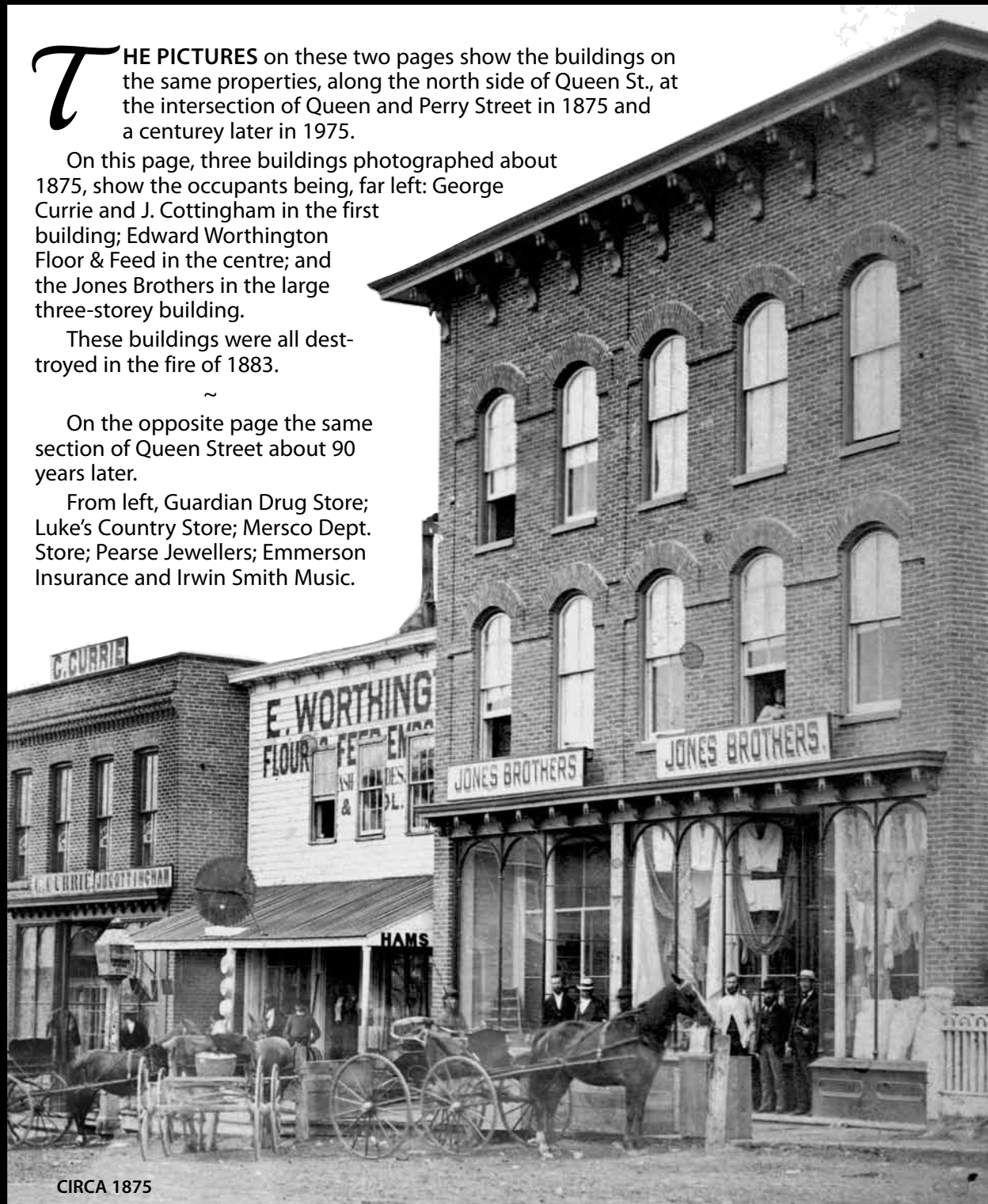
On this page, three buildings photographed about 1875, show the occupants being, far left: George Currie and J. Cottingham in the first building; Edward Worthington Flour & Feed in the centre; and the Jones Brothers in the large three-storey building.

These buildings were all destroyed in the fire of 1883.

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On the opposite page the same section of Queen Street about 90 years later.

From left, Guardian Drug Store; Luke's Country Store; Mersco Dept. Store; Pearse Jewellers; Emmerson Insurance and Irwin Smith Music.



CIRCA 1875



Photos taken of the north side of Queen St., circa 1975, shows the businesses along this stretch of the street at this time. Below, from left: Guardian Drugs; Luke's Country Store; Mersco Dept. Store; Pearse Jewellers; Emmerson Insurance and Irwin Smith Music.



CIRCA 1975

Scugog Floating Bridge

Bridge from Port Perry to Scugog Island - circa 1865



Colourized photograph

The narrow strip of highway, which links Port Perry with Scugog Island today, was originally an unstable floating bridge. It later became known as "The Scugog Bridge" and today it's mostly referred to as "The Causeway".

S CUGOG'S FLOATING BRIDGE was completed in 1856, connecting Port Perry with Scugog Island. Although the floating bridge was a vast improvement from previous methods of travelling to and from Scugog Island, it proved to be very unstable and was continually needed extensive repairs.

During 1876, a 600 foot section of permanent bridge was constructed on the Port Perry side of Lake Scugog, and in 1880 a 600 foot section, originating from Scugog Island, was completed.

The final stretch of the Scugog Bridge constructed in 1885, when logs were lined along both sides of the floating bridge and the centre filled with gravel and sand until the remnants of the old floating bridge sank, forming a foundation for the first solid, permanent roadway (causeway) connecting the Island to Port Perry.



Workmen begin repairs to the Scugog Bridge after ice damage in Spring of 1908.



The causeway bridge as it looked after it became a solid road, circa 1900.



SCUGOG BRIDGE - Circa 1910

Post Office / Library

269 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1875

AFTER JOSEPH BIGELOW resigned as Port Perry's postmaster in 1869, Henry Gordon became the town's new postmaster. A few years later, he constructed this two-storey building at the corner of Queen and John St., into which he moved the post office.

Mr. Gordon operated the post office from the eastern unit of the new building. In the western section he ran his other business interests which included insurance and real estate.

The Post Office was moved into a new building at 271 Queen St. after the destructive fire of 1884 and this building was purchased by the village of Port Perry. It was completely renovated and became new location for the town's public library, with an official opening in January 1917.

The old post office/library was torn down in 1934 to



POST OFFICE circa 1880



PORT PERRY LIBRARY 1940



TOURIST INFO CENTRE 1998

be replaced by an new impressive library which was opened in May of 1935, and dedicated to the memory of those who had paid the supreme sacrifice in the war of 1914-18.

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After the former Library / Post Office was torn down in 1934 this new building was erected on the lot to pay tribute to the local soldiers who were killed during World War One. The library served the community until the new Scugog Library opened in May 1982.

Following its closure, the Scugog Chamber of Commerce opened a tourist information centre in the building for a number of years.

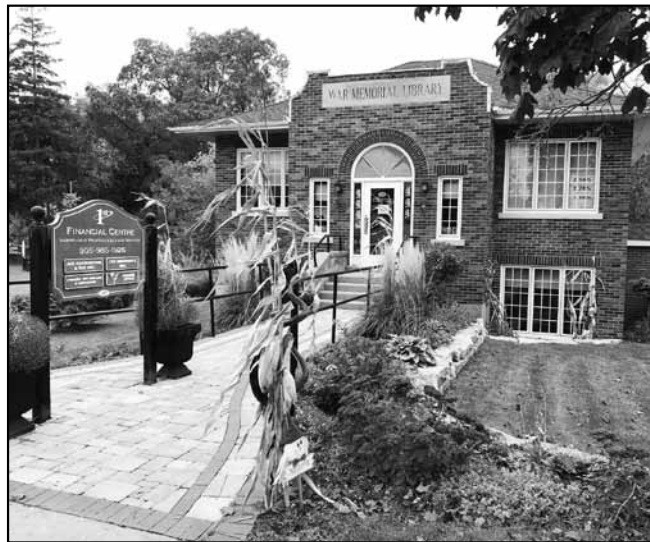
The historic Port Perry Library also served as a daycare for a short time, before being leased to David Zink, who opened Grenadier Militaria store.

In 2013 the building was sold Tom Rowett who opened 1st Financial, a financial investment business in the historic building.

The building was sold again in to Leonard Allen, who operated his business from this quaint historical building.



GRENADIER 2007



FIRST FINANCIAL 2017

St. Charles Hotel

Southwest corner of Queen and Water Street

Circa 1895

THE ST. CHARLES HOTEL was constructed following a devastating fire, which destroyed the entire commercial sector of Port Perry in July 1884.

A few months following the fire, an attractive new hotel was constructed. The three story building with the first two stories of yellow brick and the top story with an elegant Mansard roof.

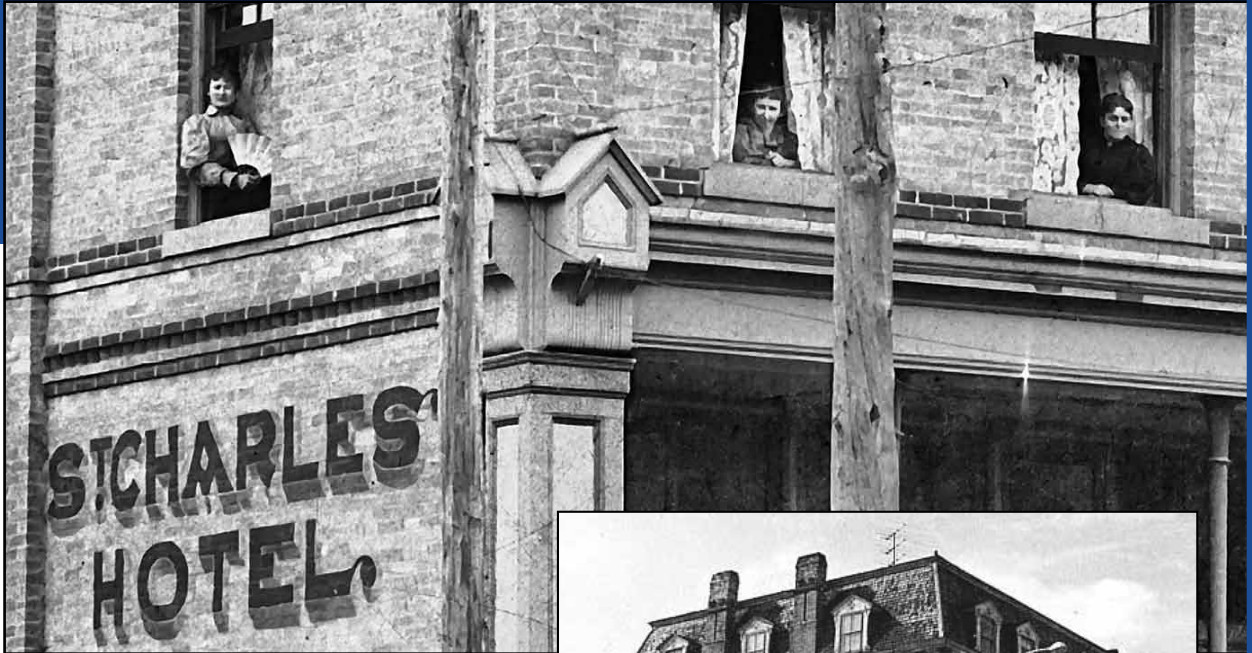
It had 30 rooms including a dining room. The hotel entrance was located on the in the east-erly section of the building, and in the west unit, a sample room where salesmen could display their wares. Access to offices and rooms was through a central door on the main floor.

The St. Charles Hotel building, now 140 years old, is currently owned by Guy Latrielle and his family, and is home to the Re/Max Real Estate company.

This former hotel is the only remaining building of its style in downtown Port Perry.



Photograph of the St. Charles Hotel, circa 1895, shows the hotel and its sample room, for salesmen.



Three young women peer out of the second storey windows of the St. Charles hotel in 1899.

In addition to this building housing the St. Charles Hotel, it has also been the location of numerous small businesses over the past century.

By the early 1920, the St. Charles Hotel was deteriorating and its use as a hotel was in decline. A number of years later the hotel owner converted the upper floors into apartments and began leasing out the space in the two street level units to tenants.

In addition to Re Max Real Estate, tenants who leased space to up their businesses on the main floor during the past century include: Harold Archer Hardware (1930s); Lakeside Movie Theatre (1940s); Gord Lewis' Port Perry Auto Supply (1960s); Richard's Drew Beauty Salon (1970s); Ingredients Unlimited bulk food store (1980s); Grandma Grunts antique store (1980s); and Gareth Grainger's Peace of Earth store (1992 to present).



ST. CHARLES BUILDING 1976



ST. CHARLES / REMAX REAL ESTATE 2017

E.H.
Purdy
Grocery

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S.A.
Cawker
Butcher

Circa 1895

THIS BLOCK of stores on the south side of Queen Street was occupied by Cawker & Son Butcher and Edward H. Purdy, general store and grocer during the later part of the 1890s until the early 1900s.

Cawker & Son Butchers operated out of the east unit of the building and E.H. Purdy ran his grocery and confectionery store from the western section.

Identities of the men in this picture can not be confirmed.







INTERIOR OF E.J. PURDY STORE.



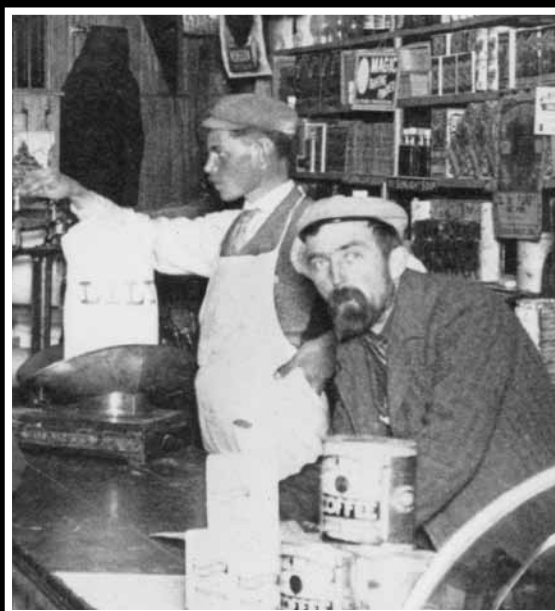
E.J. Purdy General Store

180 Queen St., Port Perry
Circa 1900

EDWARD J. PURDY'S general store was destroyed by a fire which levelled three blocks on the south side of Queen St. in 1901.

A new two-storey structure, was immediately built on the site using the original 1884 foundations. This became Mr. Purdy's new grocery and crockery store. Mr. Purdy is seen at the counter serving a customer inside his store about 1895.

In 1905 Purdy sold his grocery and bakery business to J.A. Lane. Photo shows the inside of Mr. Purdy's general store.



Edward J. Purdy working behind the counter at his general store.

Thomas Courtice Block

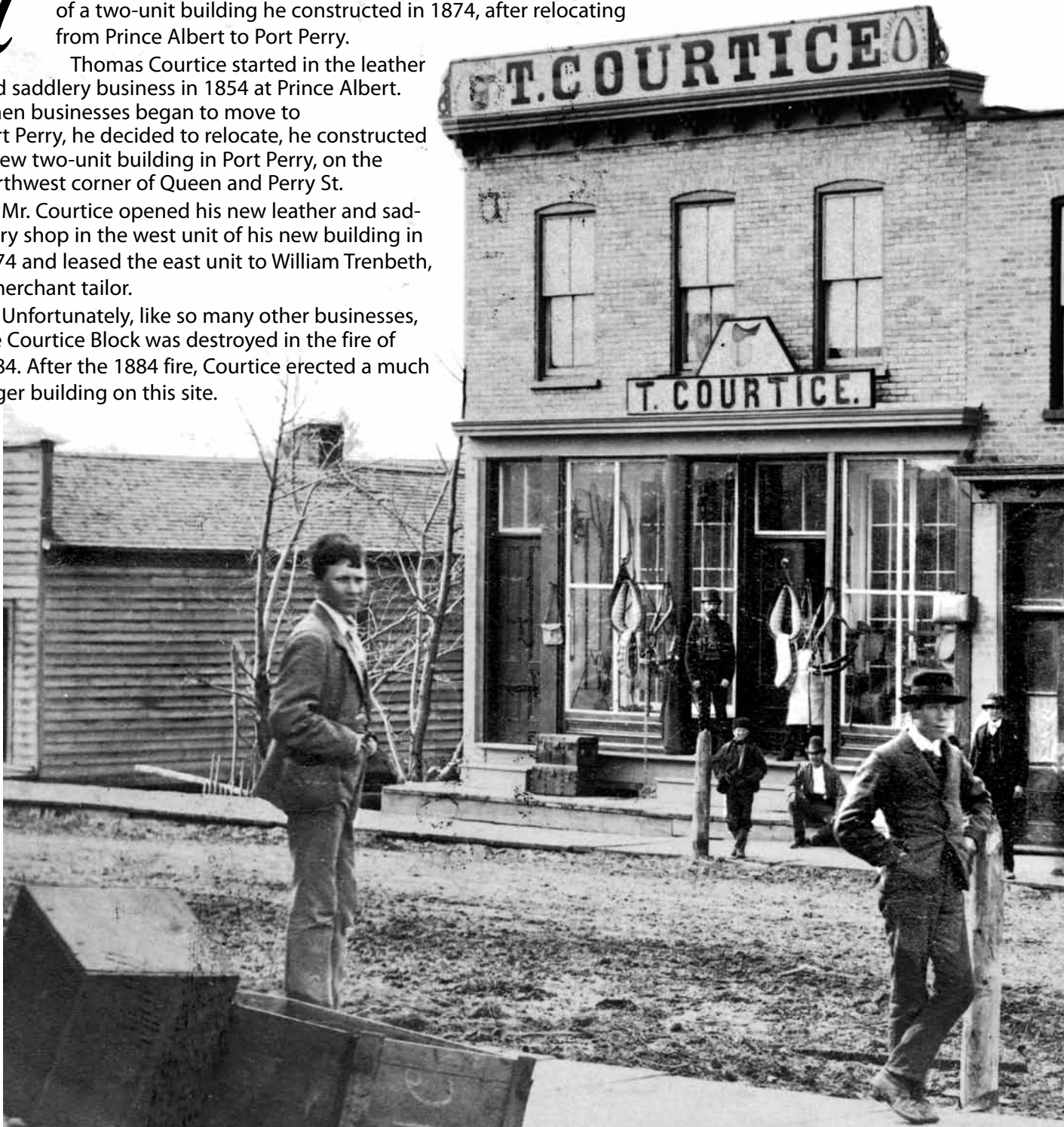
217 Queen Street - Port Perry - Circa 1879

THIS STORE, operated by Thomas Courtice was the western unit of a two-unit building he constructed in 1874, after relocating from Prince Albert to Port Perry.

Thomas Courtice started in the leather and saddlery business in 1854 at Prince Albert. When businesses began to move to Port Perry, he decided to relocate, he constructed a new two-unit building in Port Perry, on the northwest corner of Queen and Perry St.

Mr. Courtice opened his new leather and saddlery shop in the west unit of his new building in 1874 and leased the east unit to William Trenbeth, a merchant tailor.

Unfortunately, like so many other businesses, the Courtice Block was destroyed in the fire of 1884. After the 1884 fire, Courtice erected a much larger building on this site.

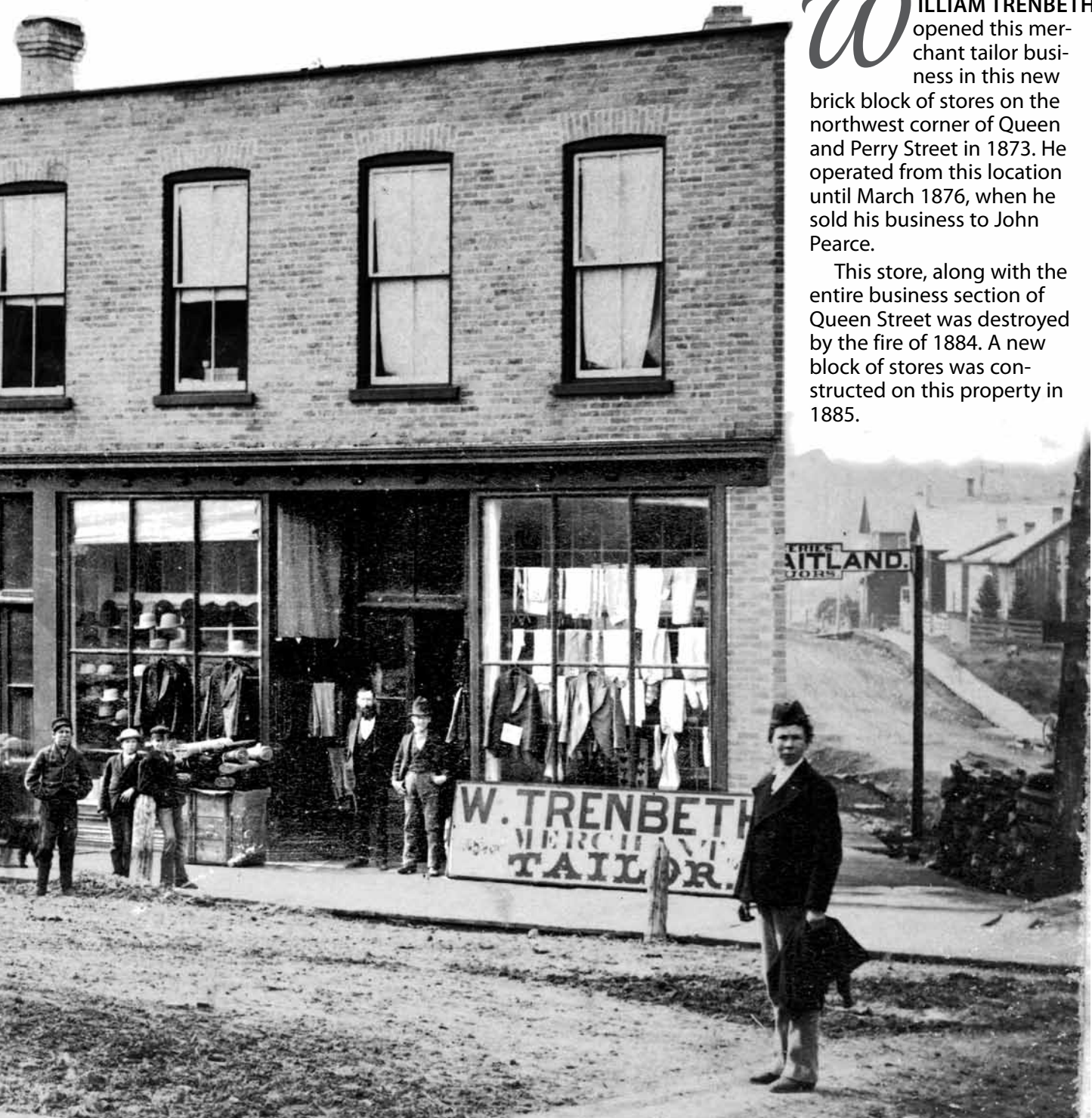


William Trenbeth

217 Queen Street - Port Perry - Circa 1879

WILLIAM TRENBETH opened this merchant tailor business in this new brick block of stores on the northwest corner of Queen and Perry Street in 1873. He operated from this location until March 1876, when he sold his business to John Pearce.

This store, along with the entire business section of Queen Street was destroyed by the fire of 1884. A new block of stores was constructed on this property in 1885.



Wm. Leonard Block

217 Queen Street - Port Perry

Circa 1885

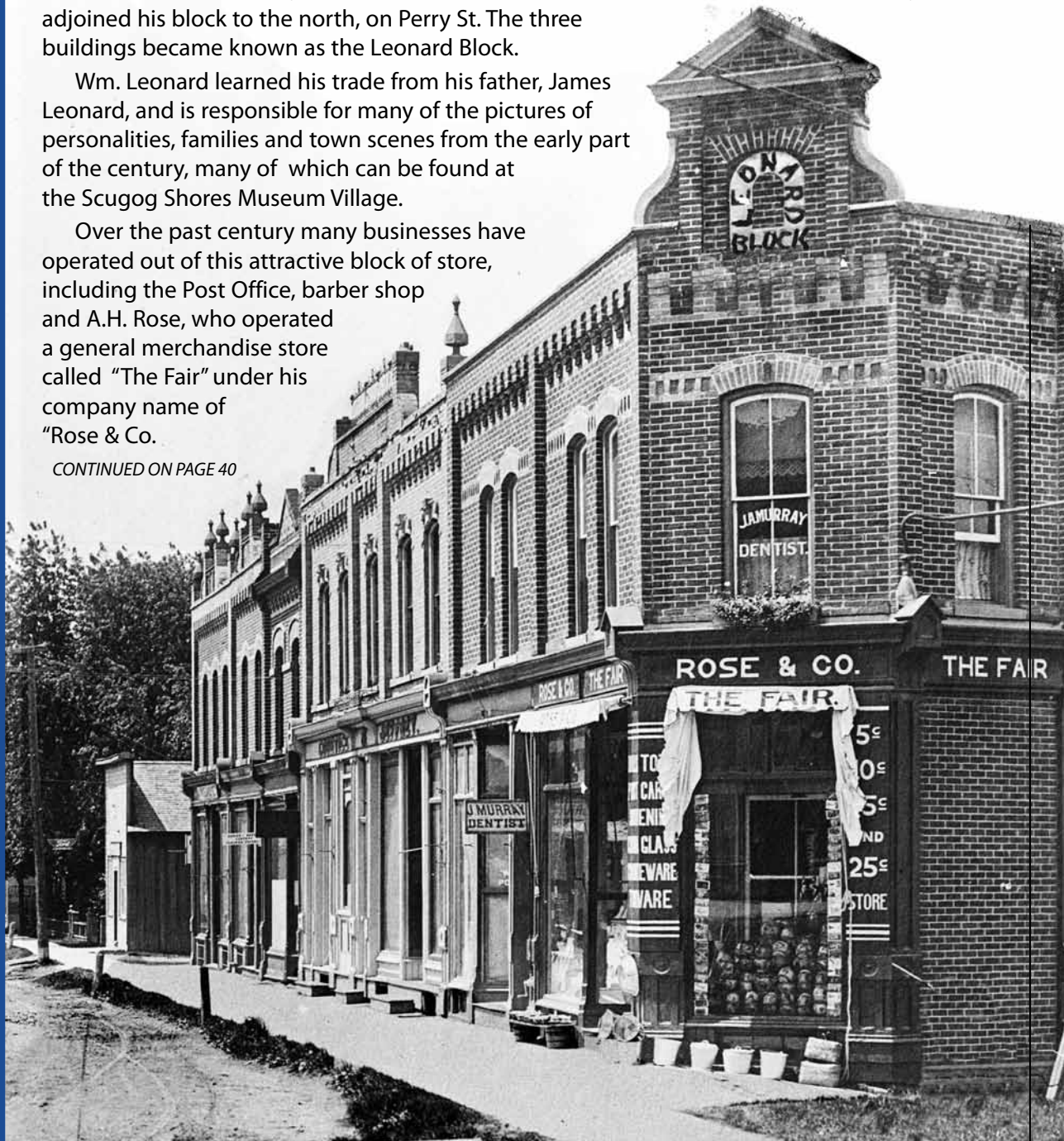
FOLLOWING THE DESTRUCTION of the William Trenbeth block (page 36) and the Port Perry business section in 1884, this property was rebuilt Thomas Courtice, who took up residency in the western section of the large new block.

Noted photographer William Leonard later purchased the Courtice building, which adjoined his block to the north, on Perry St. The three buildings became known as the Leonard Block.

Wm. Leonard learned his trade from his father, James Leonard, and is responsible for many of the pictures of personalities, families and town scenes from the early part of the century, many of which can be found at the Scugog Shores Museum Village.

Over the past century many businesses have operated out of this attractive block of store, including the Post Office, barber shop and A.H. Rose, who operated a general merchandise store called "The Fair" under his company name of "Rose & Co."

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Circa 1992



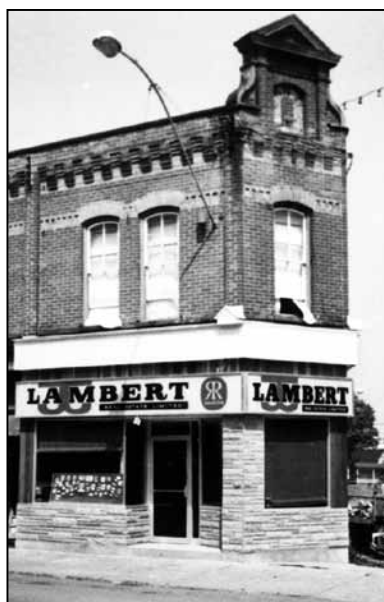
KELLY, JERMYN, 1976

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After Mr. Rose sold his business in 1917 there were many tenants take over this space. First to take over from Mr. Rose was E.C. Taylor who named it "The Corner Store".

Dozens of others have occupied this space and operated business. Some of them include Popert's shoe store; J.J. Lambert and Marj. Tripp real estate offices; Kelly, Jermyn, Zuly and Michael Fowler law offices; the Linen Corner; and Brown Couch coffee shop.

Today this iconic building is home to the Piano Cafe, owned and operated by Christy Stone.



J.J. LAMBERT 1968



BROWN COUCH 1998



PIANO CAFE, 2000

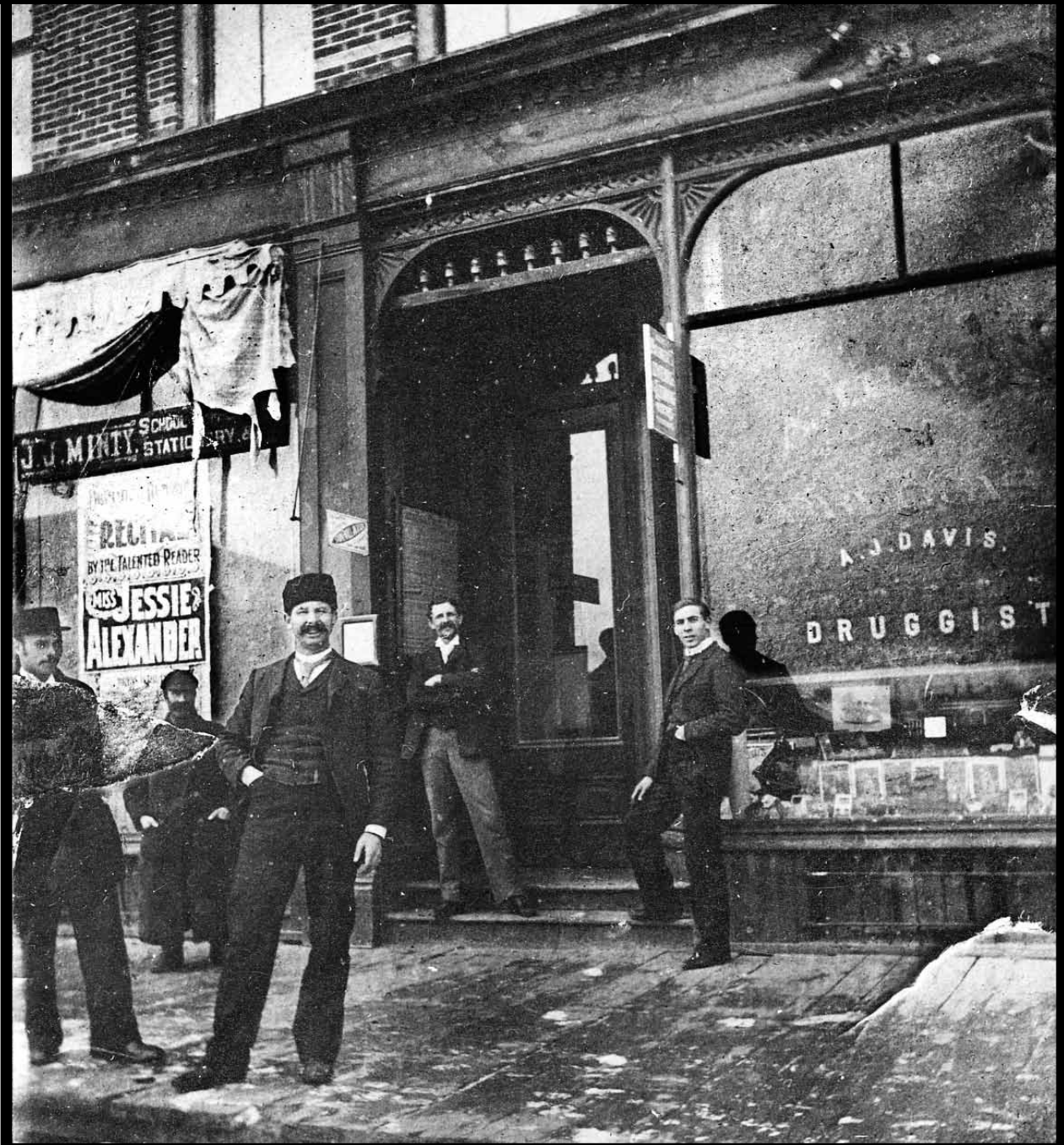
Stores are, from right: Piano Cafe; The Wee Tartan Shop; The Genuine Article; Kettle Creek; Strawberry Threads; Petit Images; Wysterias Ways.

Albert J. Davis Drug Store

189 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1890

Albert J. Davis graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1880 and returned to his hometown to practice his profession, taking a store in the Blong block., beside John J. Minty, a book, magazine and newspaper dealer. In 1901 A.J. Davis moved to the corner of Queen and Perry Streets, the current location of Remedy's RX Drug Store.



Geo. Currie Block

209 Queen Street - Port Perry

Circa 1875





WHEN THE RAILWAY finally arrived in Port Perry in 1872, George Currie moved his thriving business from Prince Albert to Port Perry.

He built this two-storey red brick building on the northeast corner of Queen and Perry Street, and established his new business in the thriving town.

This building was destroyed by fire in 1884, along with the entire Port Perry business section. Mr. Currie erected a new building following the fire which housed two stores on the ground level.

Inset photo below shows what appears to be staff members in front of the store, along with men along the street.







Courtice & Jeffrey Harness

Circa 1890

JUST WHAT THE occasion was for the taking of this picture of the Courtice & Jeffrey harness and saddlery company is not known.

Thomas Courtice and Samuel Jeffrey formed a partnership in 1877 and operated this industrial harness business in the heart of downtown Port Perry at what today is 223 & 227 Queen St.

At the height of its business, the company employed from 20 to 30 people, nearly all of them skilled workmen.

The partnership continued until the death of Mr. Courtice in 1901. The business was then taken over by Mr. Jeffrey.



SAMUEL JEFFREY

Courtice & Jeffrey Block

217 Queen Street - Port Perry

HARNESS MAKER, Thomas Courtice constructed this two unit building in 1874 and moved into the western section. His tenant, William Trenbeth, a merchant tailor, occupied the eastern portion of the building on the northwest corner of Queen and Perry St.

The original Courtice building (opposite page) used just a little over half the full frontage of the property. After the 1884 fire, Courtice erected a much larger building on this site (above).

Samuel Jeffrey joined into a partnership with Mr. Courtice in 1887 and the two men venture in manufacturing for the wholesale trade under the name Courtice & Jeffrey.

Since 1950, following the death of Mr. Jeffrey, the Courtice & Jeffrey harness shop has been home a variety of tenants including restaurants, antique and jewellery shops, and clothing stores.



Courtice and Jeffrey's harness stop, was located at 223-227 Queen Street from 1884 until about 1950. These photographs show the building at approximately 1900 (left), and about 1910 (right).

The Dockhouse

Queen St. Wharf - Port Perry



WHARF & DOCKHOUSE - 1916

PORT PERRY'S lakefront was lacking a good wharf in the early 1900s until 1914, when construction got underway on a wharf just east of Queen Street.

The structure was 210' long and it required 4,405 bags of cement, 381 loads of gravel and 958 loads of stone to build.



WHARF & DOCKHOUSE - 1940

About a year later, a small change house was added to the dock. It was built on wooden pillars along side the dock on the north side.

The inside was divided into two sections, one for boys and the other for girls and it became known locally as the "dockhouse".

The dock became a popular place for swimming and council installed a springboard, which was later replaced with a diving platform.

In the spring of 1958, ice crushed the decaying pillars causing severe damage and the building began tip into the lake, spelling the doom of the unique little house on the pier.

A year later, the "dockhouse" was removed due to safety concerns.

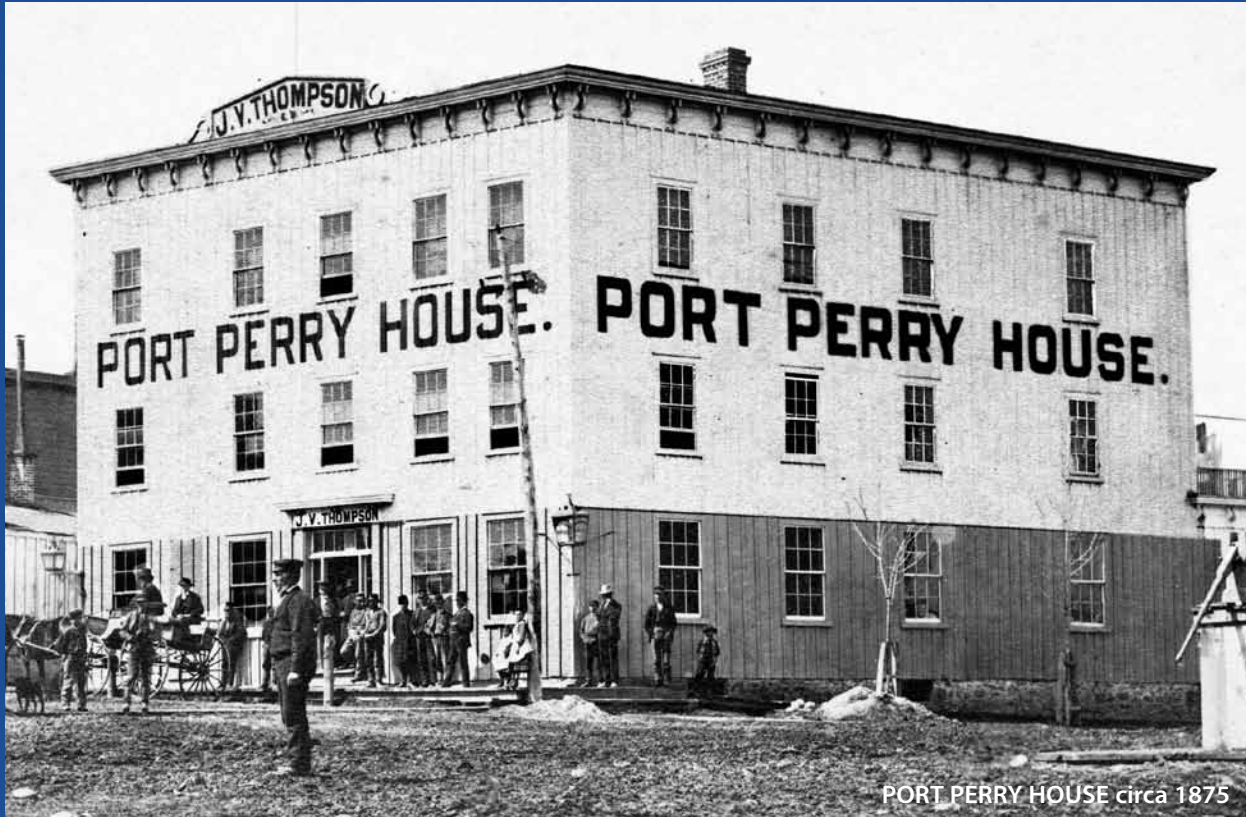


WHARF & DOCKHOUSE - 1945

Port Perry House Hotel

145 Queen Street - corner of Water Street

Circa 1880



PORT PERRY HOUSE circa 1875

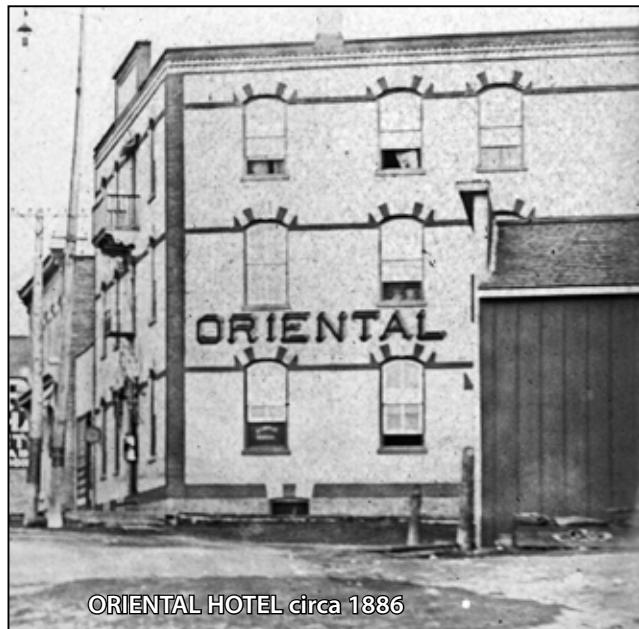
JAMES V. THOMPSON purchased one of the most valuable pieces of vacant land in Port Perry at the corner of Queen and Water St. and built this substantial hotel.

An experienced hotel keeper, he began construction of the three-storey frame hotel in 1869, which he named the Port Perry House.

The hotel housed more than 20 rooms on the upper two floors, while the main floor would have provided a reception area, kitchen, comfortable meeting rooms and a bar.

Disaster struck on November 26, 1883, when a fire erupted at the rear of the Port Perry House burning the hotel to the ground.

Following the destruction of the Port



ORIENTAL HOTEL circa 1886



SEBERT HOUSE circa 1900

Group of passengers walking into town from the railway station,

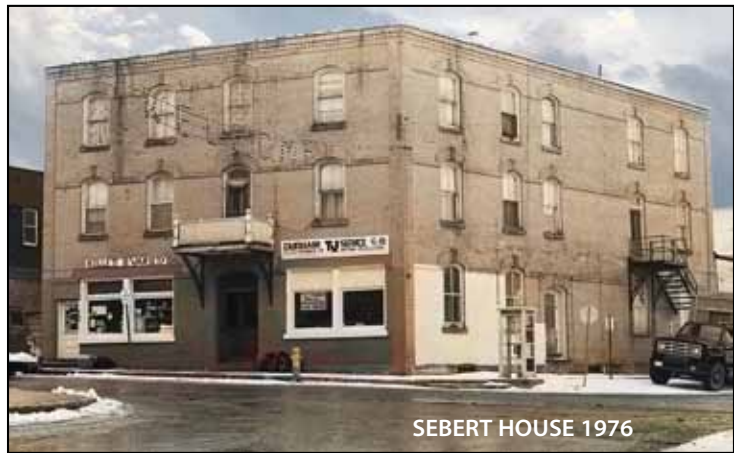
Perry House in the big fire of 1884, a new hotel was constructed on the site by the property owner James Thompson.

Thompson sold the hotel to Louis Sebert who operated it under the name "Oriental Hotel", but a few years later he renamed it the Sebert House.

Over the years its building and business changed hands many times. About the 1940 it ceased operation as a hotel, and the new owner rented its rooms and floor space to tenants.

The historic Sebert House was purchased by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in 1980 and was torn down.

In place of the former hotel, a new single story red brick building was erected on the site, which the CIBC still occupies to this day.



SEBERT HOUSE 1976



BANK OF COMMERCE 1980

Telephone Workers

in front of the Sebert House hotel

145 Queen St., Port Perry
Circa 1896



Bell Telephone crew members sitting on a coil of telephone cable in front of the Sebert House.

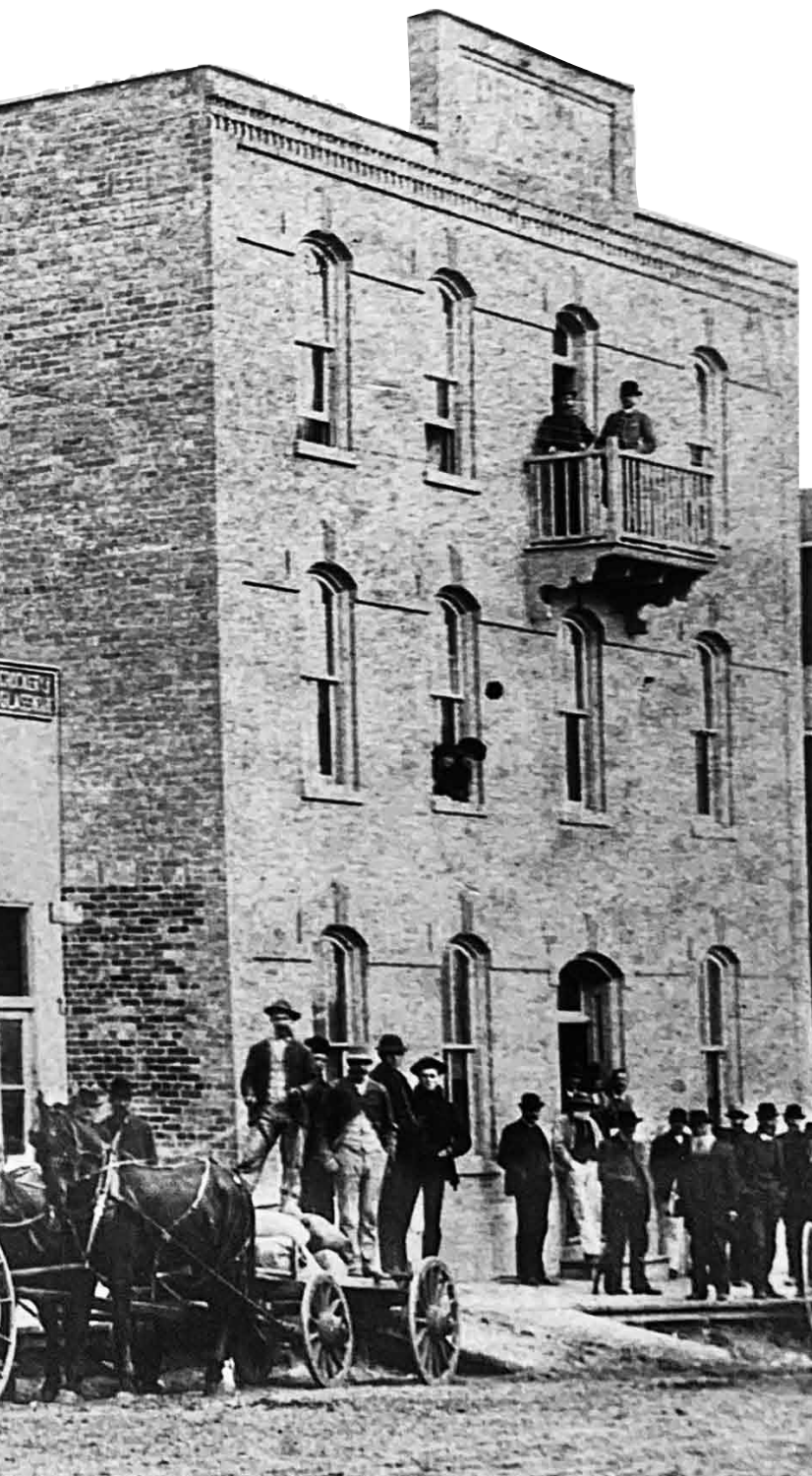




Curts & Henderson

151 Queen St., Port Perry - Circa 1895





Oriental Hotel

The Oriental Hotel was located on the northwest corner of Water and Queen St., just west of the Ross Grain Elevator. This hotel was constructed after the Port Perry House hotel was destroyed by fire in November 1883.

It was operated as the Oriental Hotel until 1900 when it became known as the Sebert House.

In the mid-1940s it ceased business as a hotel and became a rooming house, with the ground floor rented to various businesses including Jessie's Smoke Shop, Kellet's Variety, Ross McLean radio repairs.

It was torn down in 1980 to make room for a modern new Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Curts & Henderson

The building to the left of this picture was the location of the Observer Printing Office, on the upper level. The lower two units were occupied by J.J. Minty and Curts & Henderson.

The Observer was the local newspaper until it ceased operation in 1919. John J. Minty was a dealer in books, magazines, newspapers and school supplies. Curts and Henderson were wholesale and retail flour and seed merchants, and also poultry and eggs.

The small frame building between the Oriental Hotel and Curts & Henderson was Wm. Marshall's grocery store.

In more recent times, this small store wedged between the Curts & Henderson block, and the Oriental Hotel, has had a

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The Ontario Printing Office was occupying the west section of this block circa 1930.



Ivan Haugen purchased the building about 1945, and opened the Delecateria Restaurmt.



Emiel and Cathy Kroonenberg opened Emiel's Place restaurant about 1869.



Millar's Market opened during about 2010.

Curts & Henderson

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number of tenants. Some of these include: Hooey's barber shop; William Carnegie's real estate office; Porto Pizza; Emiel's Bar; a Christmas shop and currently Safron Eatery.

The larger, North Ontario Observer office, and Curts & Henderson block of stores have also been home to a variety of businesses.

After the Observer newspaper ceased publishing in 1919, Vic Stouffer operated the Ontario Printing Office from the site.

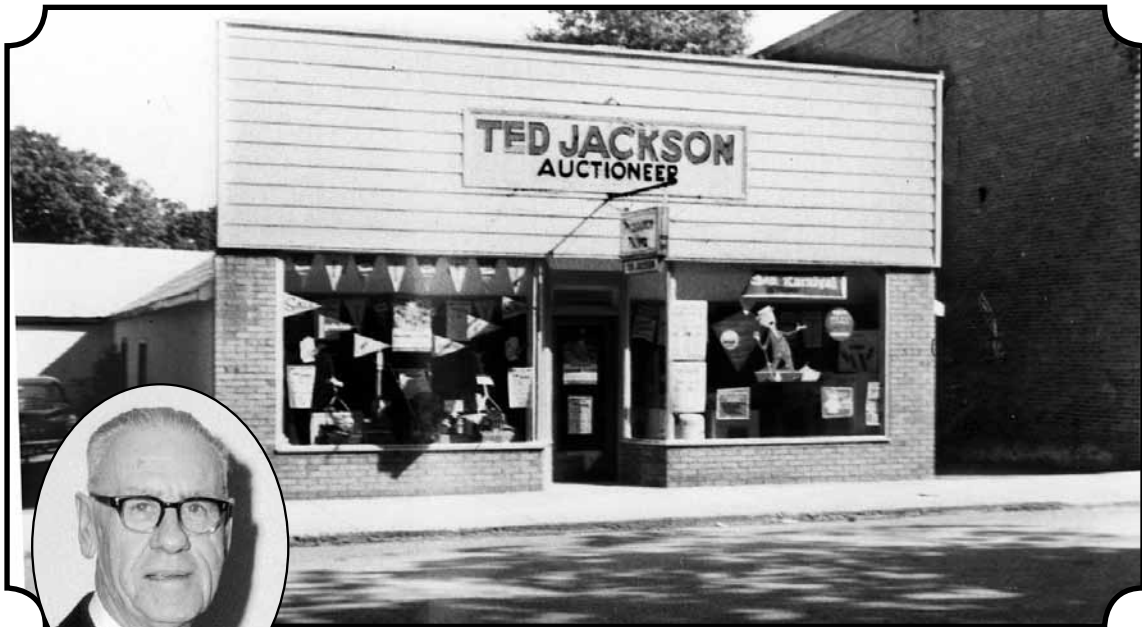
In 1945 Ivan Haugen bought the building and opened the Delecateria Restaurant there. Later uses for this block included Hooey's barber shop, a billiards room. Cathy and Emiel Kroonenberg operated Emiel's Place restaurant there from 1969 to 1999.

The building had a number of restaurants over the years including Francesco's, Millar's Market and it is currently occupied by the Bamboo Restaurant.

Queen Street Merchants



Local auctioneer Ted Jackson worked from this 154 Queen St. location during the 1930-40s selling agricultural implements to local farmers. In 1947 he purchased the former Harold Archer garage 239 Queen St., and moved his business to the new location.



Ted Jackson

This picture, taken in 1958, shows the building from which Ted Jackson's Appliances, and auctioneer services operated. The store is located at 239 Queen Street, Port Perry.



INTERIOR OF A.J. DAVIS DRUG STORE.



A.J. Davis Drug Store

Circa 1900
193 Queen St. - Port Perry



Albert J. Davis

ALBERT J. DAVIS purchased his first store in Port Perry after he graduated as a pharmacist in 1890. His store was located in the Blong Block until 1901 when moved to new premises at the corner of Queen and Perry St. (now Remedy RX).

Mr. Davis was among the leading business men of Port Perry during his 50 year career as a pharmacist.

He retired in April 1930, and sold his popular business to Mr. Andrew (Andy) M. Lawrence of Oshawa.

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Picture shows Mr. Davis standing with a customer in his well organized and attractive store circa 1900.

Paxton & Tate Foundry

247 Perry Street - Port Perry

Circa 1895



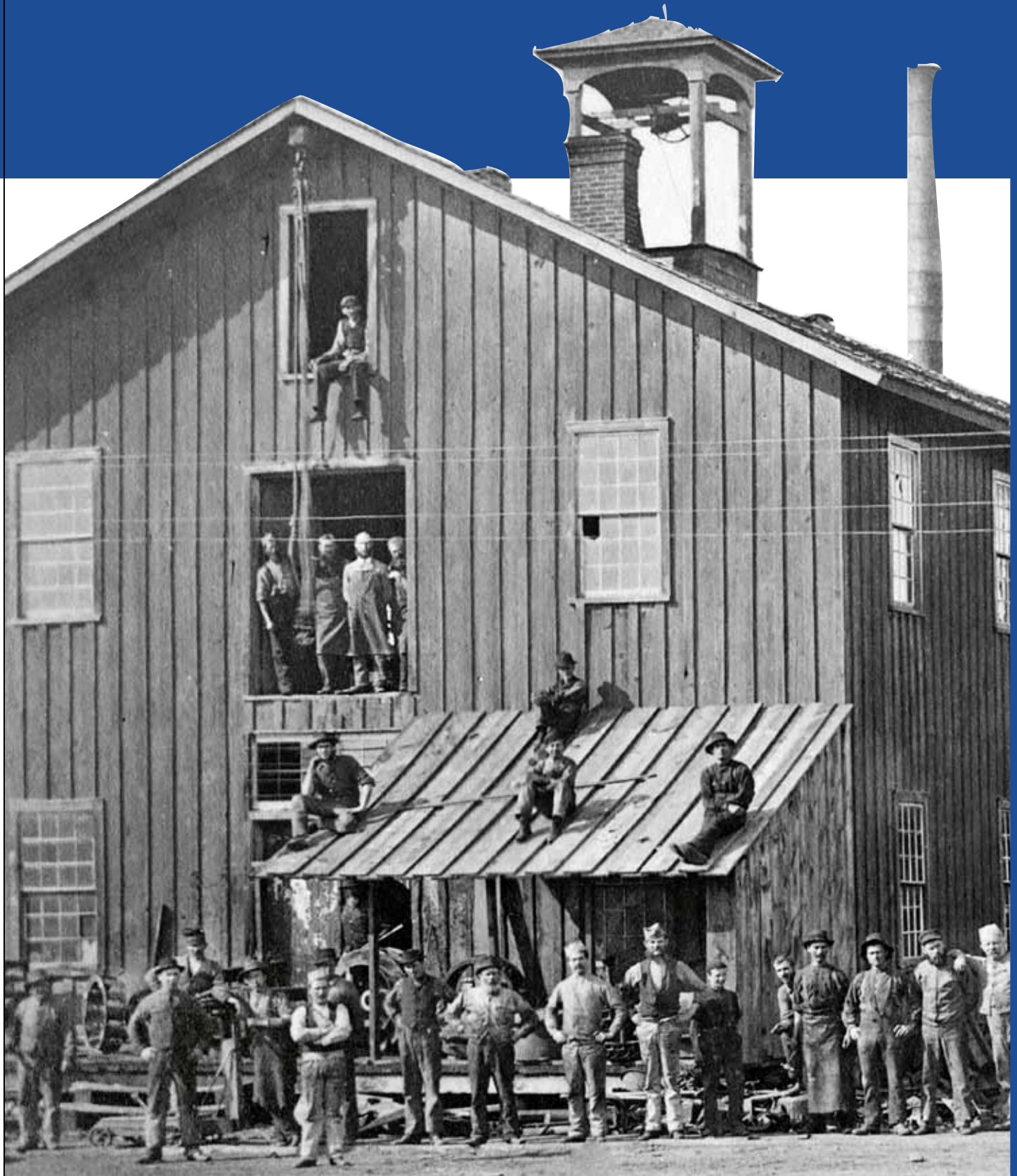
Image of some of the approximately 30 to 50 men who worked at the foundry

T HIS LARGE FOUNDRY was constructed by A.M. Gibson in the 1860s, and when opened it was the most extensive industrial complex for early Port Perry.

The factory featured a 40'x60' machine shop with a number of adjoining buildings; a machine shop, a moulding shop and a blacksmith shop and a huge 30'x100' storage shed at the rear.

In 1867 Mr. Gibson Charles sold his business to Charles Paxton and William Tate to manufacture the Marsh Harvester and other agricultural implements, but later that year he sold his shares in the company and

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Enlarged section of the picture on the opposite page, shows employees who worked at the mill during the late 1890s.

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moved back to the USA, where he had been born.

Paxton and Tate operated the foundry jointly until 1875, then William Tate continued until 1897 before selling to Madison Williams.

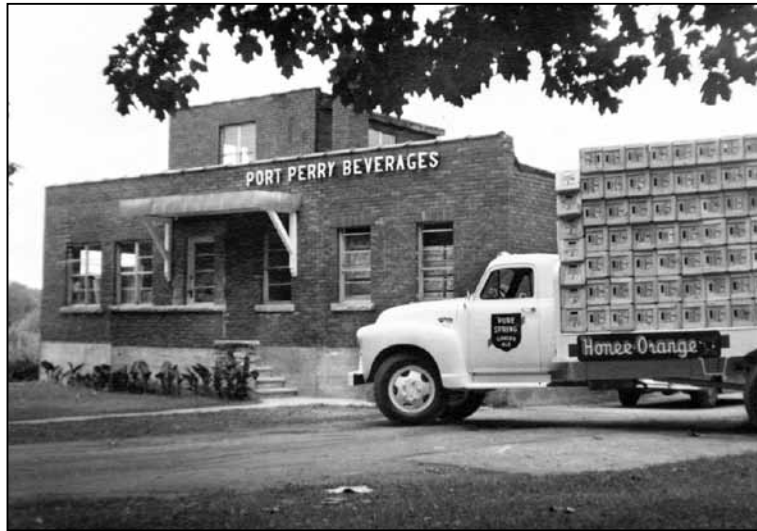
The Madison Williams Foundry ceased operation in 1907 and in 1910, the foundry buildings were torn down for the new industry, which never did locate on the site.

Murell Goode purchased the property and opened Port Perry Bottling Works on this site about 1927 after he obtained the right to bottle Coca-Cola products. After a fire destroyed his first building IN 1933, he re-built and continued to manufacture Coca Cola and Pure Spring beverages until 1975.

The plant was sold, but only operated for three years before being closed. The Goode's demolished the old building and sold the property to Peter and Nancy Hvidsten who built a Victorian Style home on the property.



PORT PERRY BOTTLING WORKS circa 1930



PORT PERRY BOTTLING WORKS circa 1940



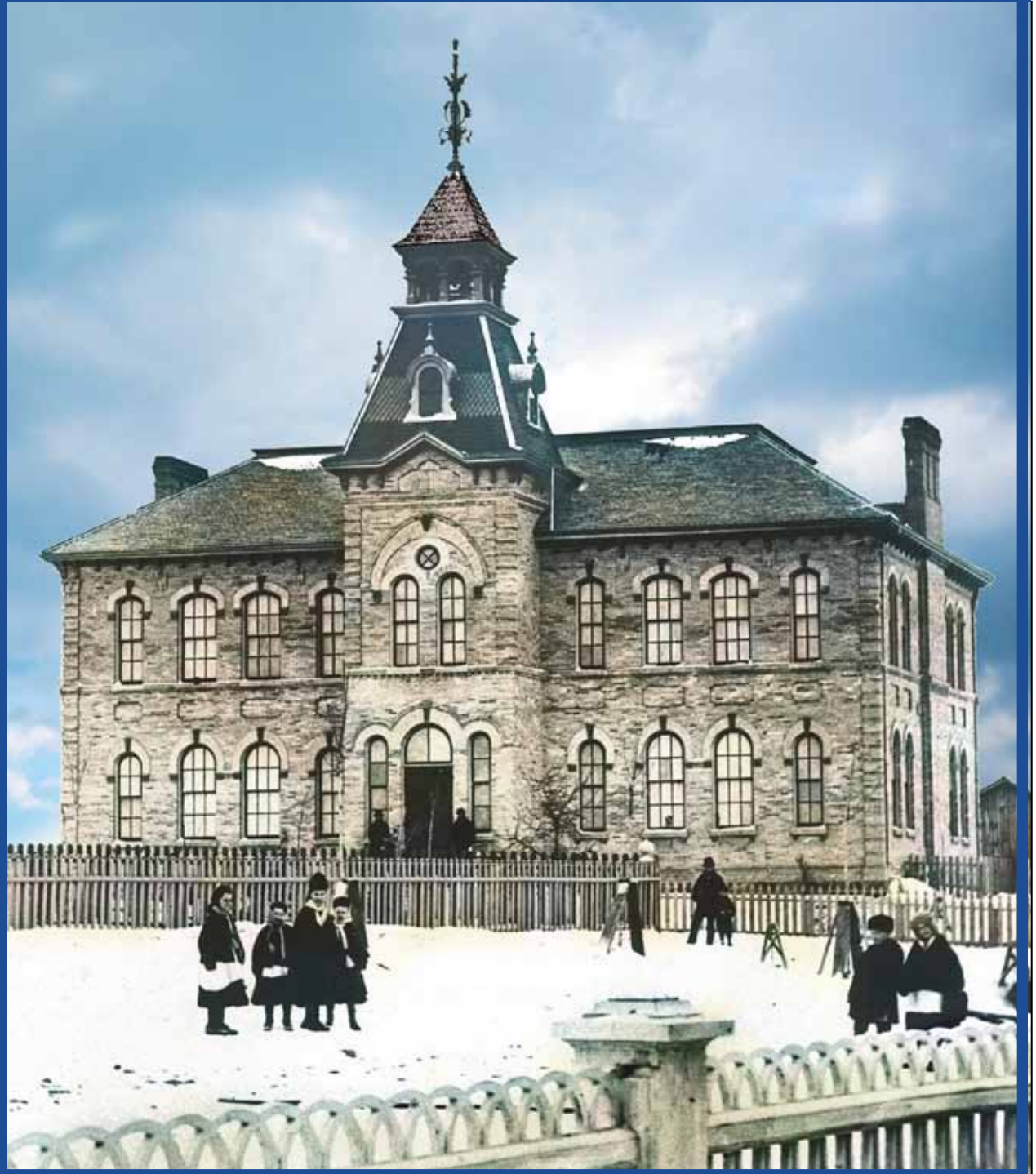
VICTORIAN-ERA REPRODUCTION HOME, 247 PERRY ST., PORT PERRY, 1986

PORT PERRY UNION SCHOOL

circa 1875

PORT PERRY UNION SCHOOL, named since it combined both a high and public school, was located on the same property as the present high school, but closer to Queen Street on what is now the south lawn.

The imposing structure, visible high above the downtown, opened on March 6, 1874, and stood like a beacon for more than half a century.



Port Perry Union School

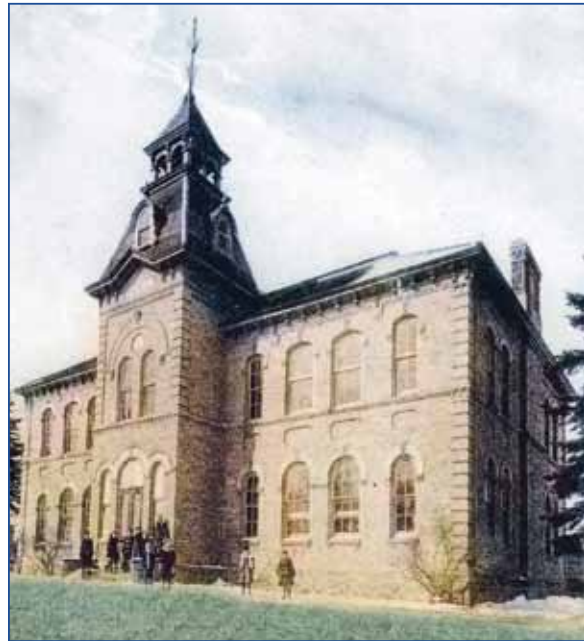
Corner of Queen & Rosa Streets - Port Perry

Circa 1975

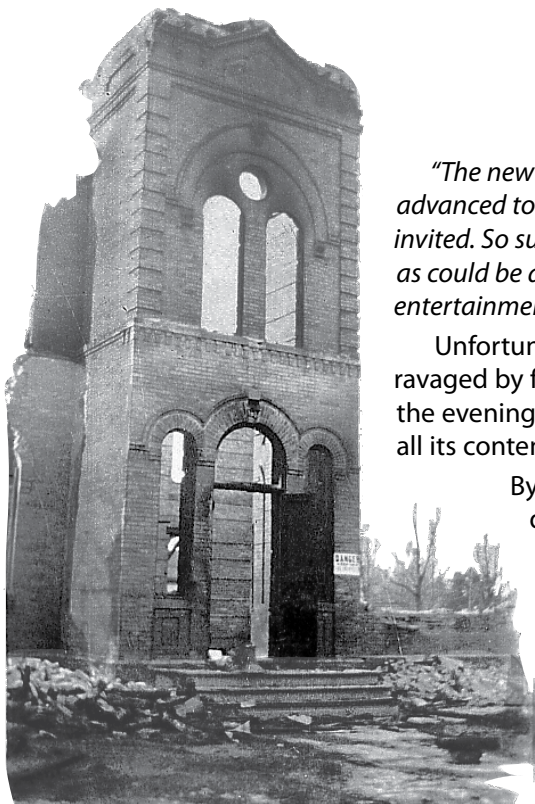
CONSTRUCTION GOT UNDERWAY on a new educational facility for Port Perry more than 140 years ago, and when completed it was one of town's most important and impressive structures.

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An article in the local newspaper, the *North Ontario Observer*, reported that the official opening was held on March 6, 1874. The *Observer's* editor James Baird wrote:



Photographs of the impressive Port Perry Union School taken during the early 1900s.



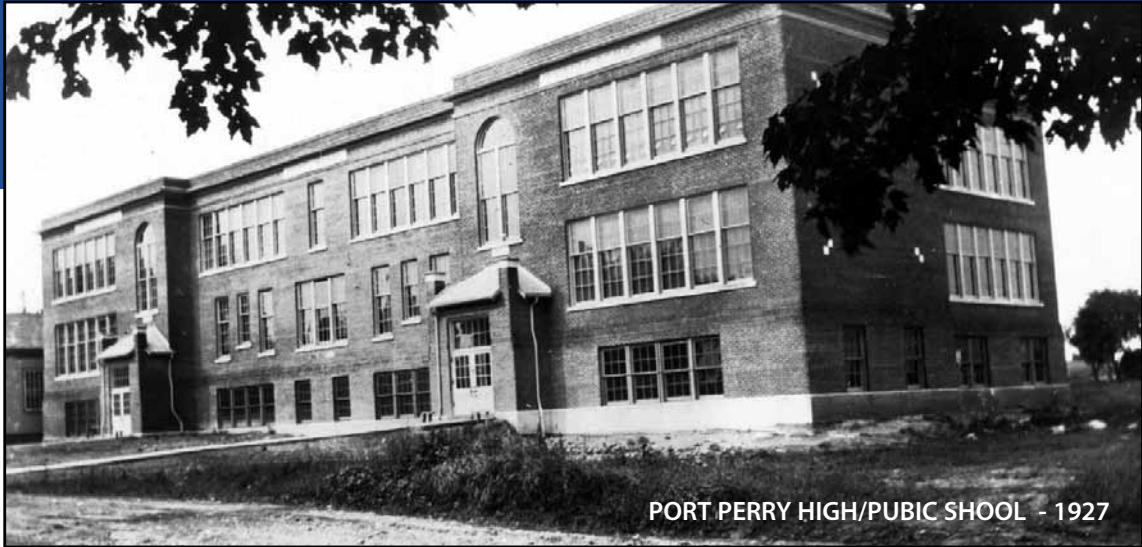
The tower of Port Perry's Union School was all that was remained after the fire.

"The new and magnificent school building, having been sufficiently advanced to admit the pupils, held a celebration to which the public were invited. So successful was the celebration that twice as many attended as could be accommodated in the large room in which the program of entertainment by the students took place."

Unfortunately, half a century later, the celebrated structure was ravaged by fire. The inferno raced through the school building during the evening of Wednesday, April 7, 1926, devouring the building and all its contents, reducing it to a pile of charred wood and brick

By sunrise the next morning, all that was left was the smouldering brick skeleton of the once stately building.

In reporting the incident, *Port Perry Star* publisher Samuel Farmer described the fire as follows: *"It was a wonderful spectacle. That roaring furnace of flame, situated as it was at almost the highest point in town, lit up the whole countryside. The walls had been splendidly built, and retained the fire like the sides of a huge furnace. The flames would leap high above the walls, where the wind would at times catch them and whirl them forward in quest of new fuel."*



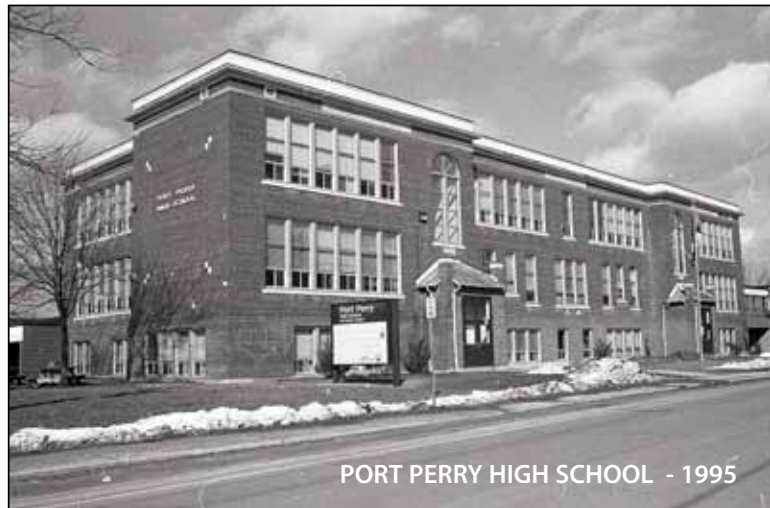
PORT PERRY HIGH/PUBIC SHOOOL - 1927

Two years after the Port Perry Union School was destroyed, a modern new elementary/high school was constructed, just north of the former Union School. The new school was officially opened on May 18, 1927.

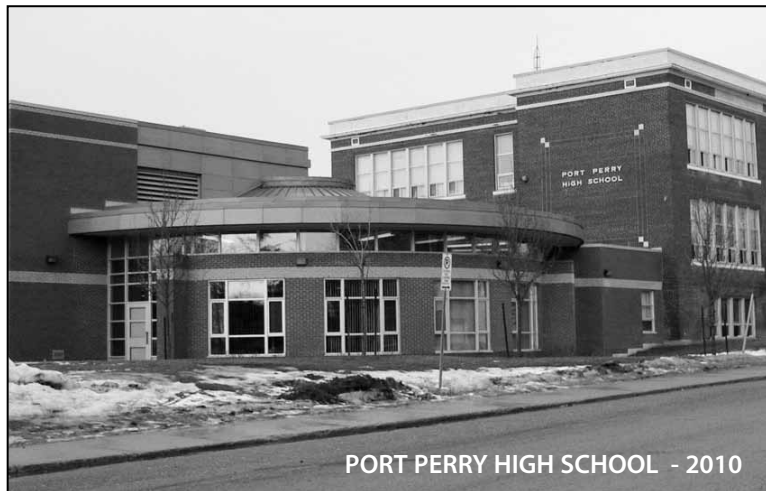
Thirty five years later, during the 1985 school year, a group of students under the supervision of teacher Paul Arculus, excavated the foundation of the old Union School and created a memorial park. A memorial plaque was erected and dedicated on the old Union School site in May 1987 during a school reunion.

Years later the historic foundation and park were destroyed when the Durham School Board began construction of a parking lot on the historic site.

The board abandoned its plan, in May 1999, due to public outcry. The memorial plaque still remains.



PORT PERRY HIGH SCHOOL - 1995



PORT PERRY HIGH SCHOOL - 2010



Industrial Port Perry

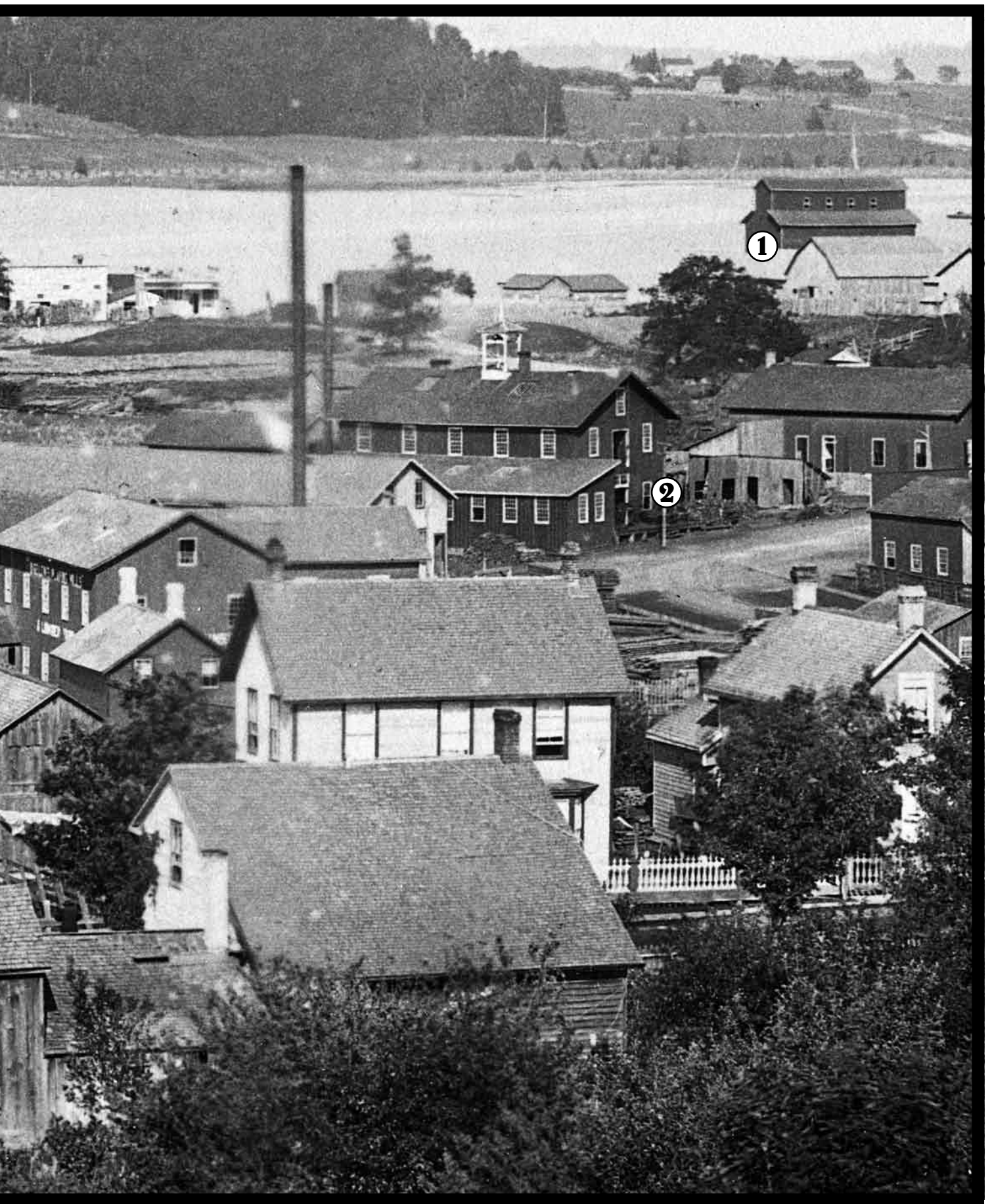
Circa 1895

This picture shows an elevated view overlooking Lake Scugog and the industrial section of Port Perry at the north end of Perry Street.

Most of the buildings in the centre of the picture, are located in an area of town, which today houses the Scout Hall and Westshore Village, in the swampy wet area to the left.

Buildings of prominence at the time of this photo includes:

1. Ross Grain Elevator (far right)
2. Paxton & Tate Foundry (Perry St.)
3. Trounce Union Mills (lakefront)



Port Perry GTR Railway Station

Palmer Park. - Port Perry

Circa 1880

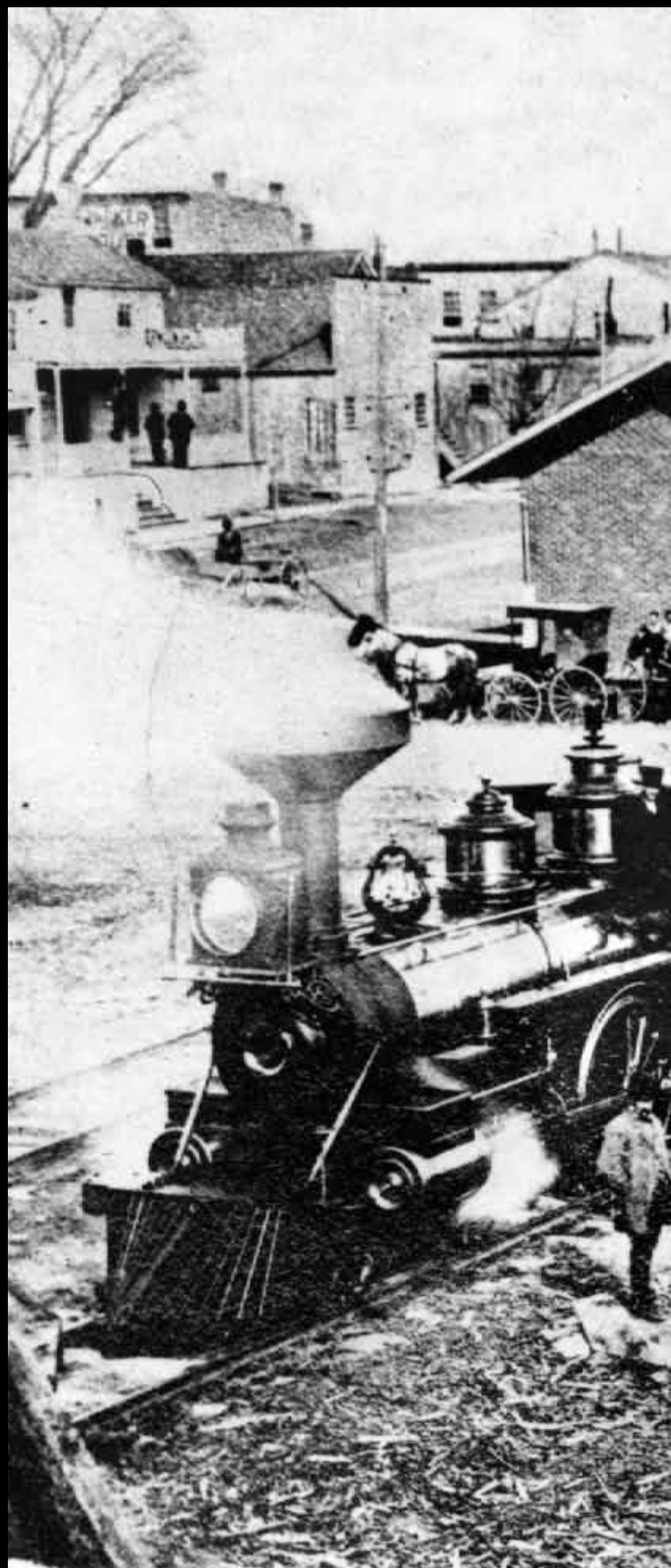
THE LOCOMOTIVE "SCUGOG," without any cars, arrived at the Port Perry railway station unannounced, and a day ahead of schedule on November 15, 1871. A number of people including Port Perry's first stationmaster, Isaac Davis, turned out to welcome the lone locomotive.

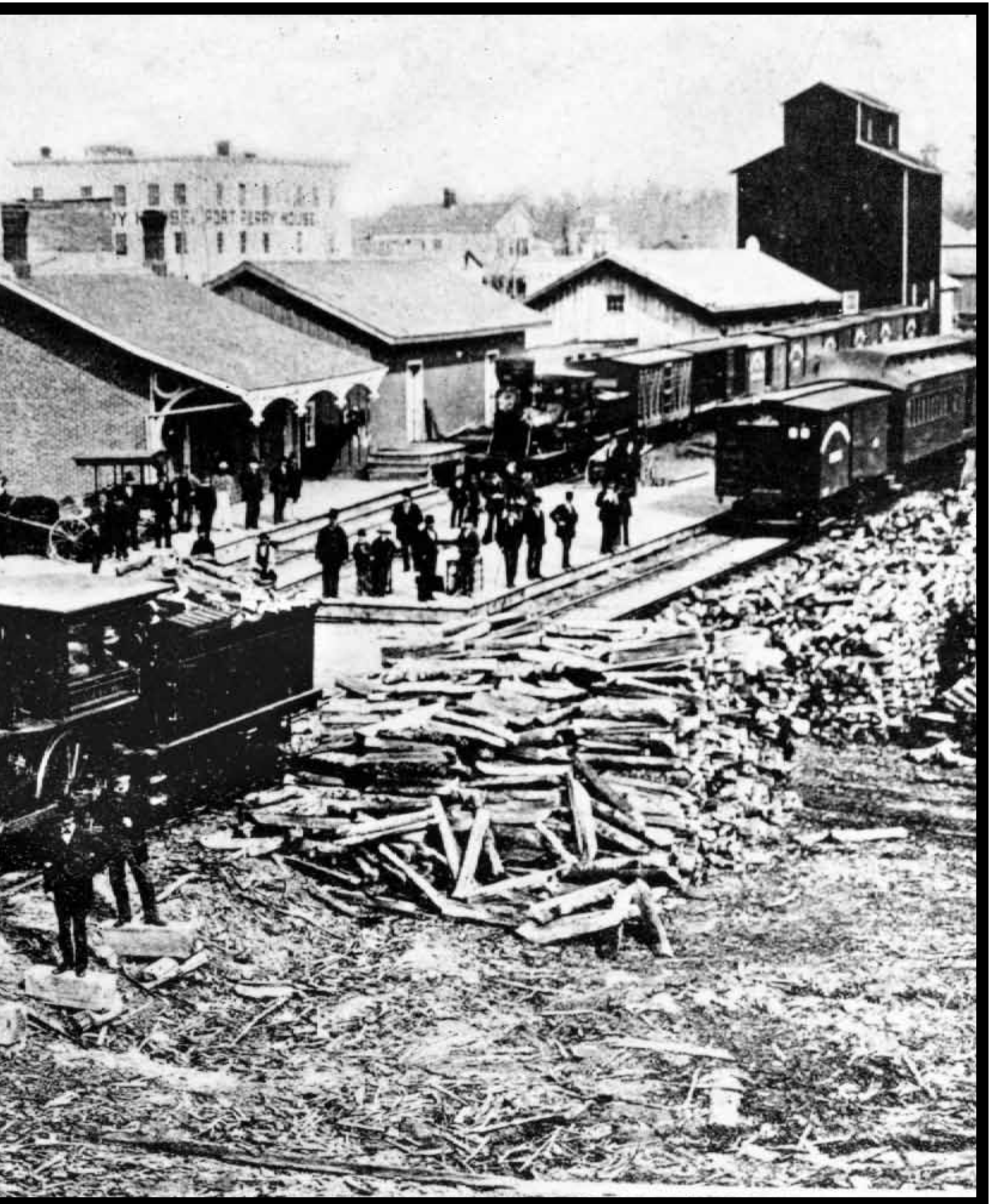
The engineer and his companions on the footplate were treated to a quickly prepared celebratory meal at the Sebert Hotel across the road from the unfinished station.

A week later, November 23, 1871, the first official train made its way to the northern terminus from Whitby.

Picture at right shows the Port Perry railway station circa 1880, with one freight train beside the station, and another in the foreground getting ready to hook up to box cars. In the background is the Port Perry Hotel and the Grain Elevator.

Below is the railway station circa 1912.





Port Perry Railway Station

The station was located in what is today "Palmer Park", at the approximate location of the Rotary gazebo.

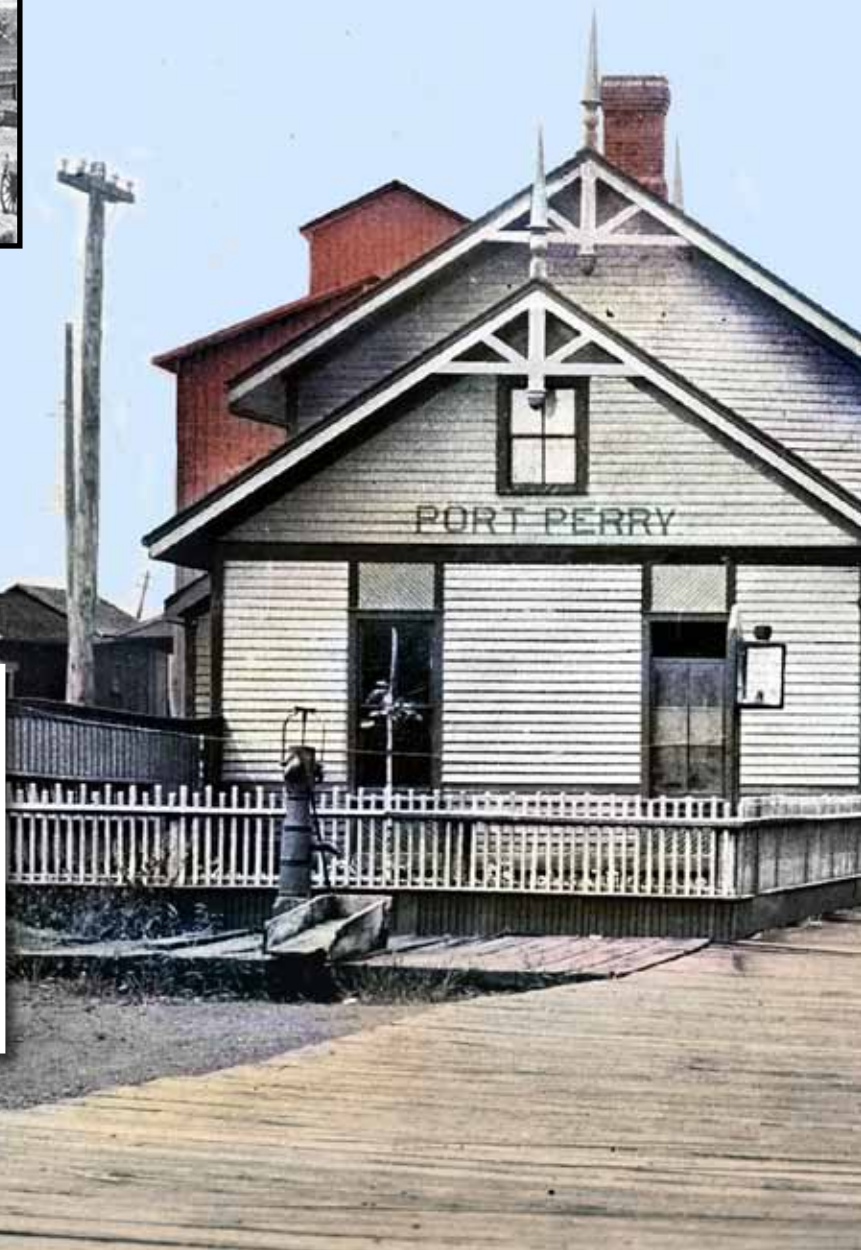
Circa 1912



PORT PERRY RAILWAY STATION 1920

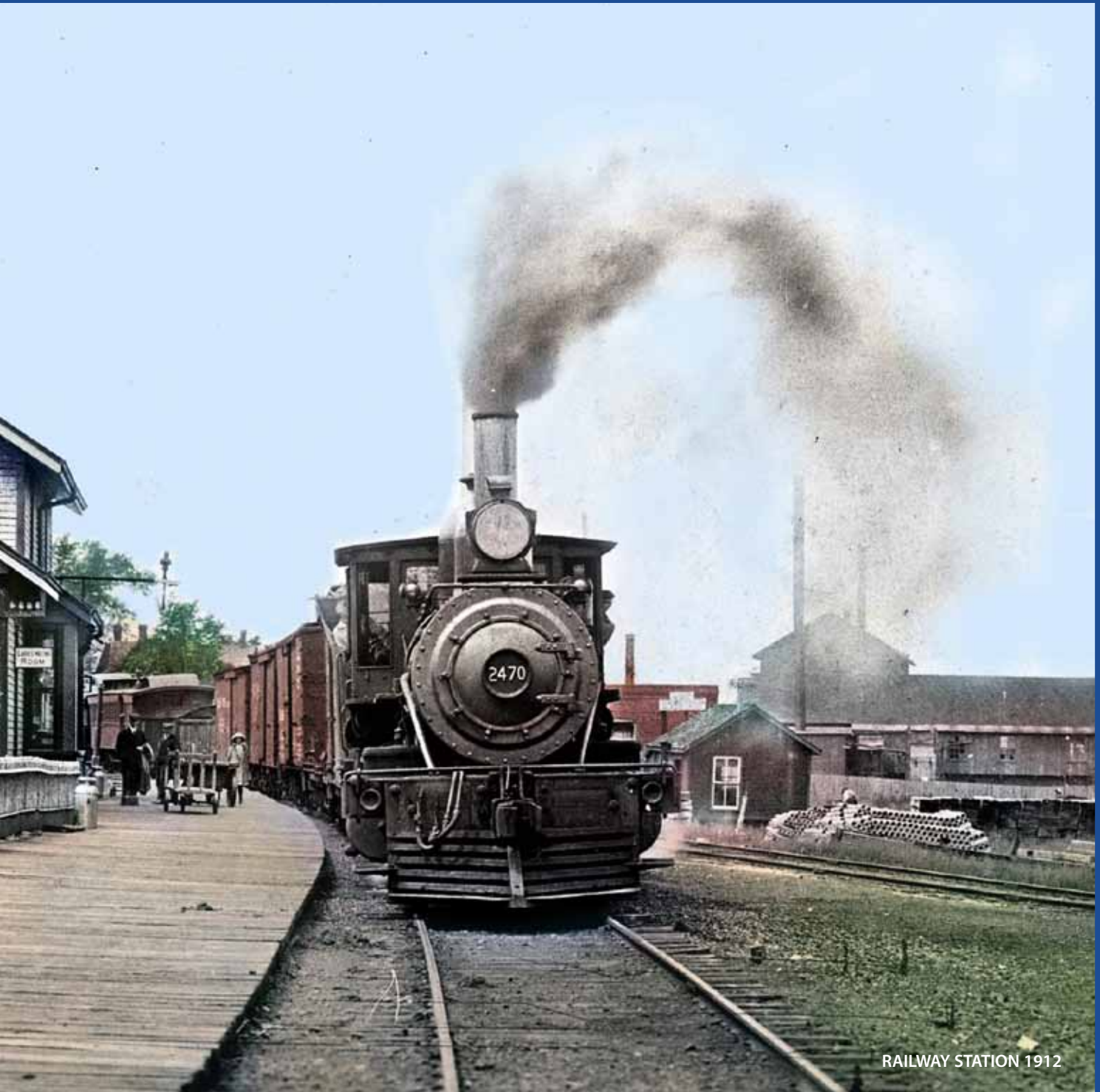


PORT PERRY RAILWAY STATION 1940



THIS COLOURIZED PICTURE of the Port Perry Railway Station, circa 1912 shows a train arriving at the Port Perry station from Lindsay, on its way to Whibty Junction. Trains operated this line until 1944, when service was terminated and the tracks were removed in 1941. The station was later moved to Water St. and converted into a retail store.

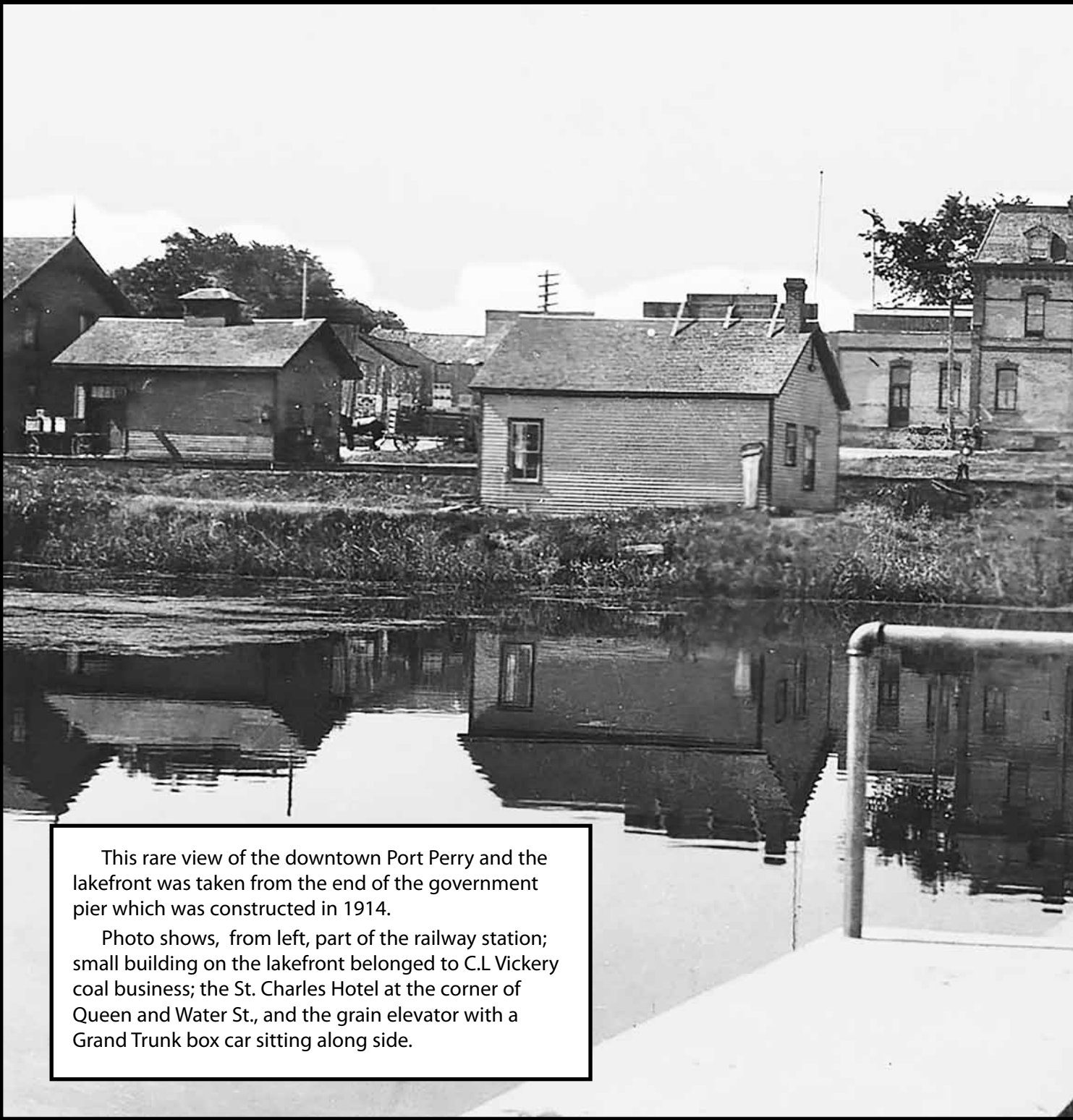
Inset photos, at left of page shows the old train station in 1920 and 1940



RAILWAY STATION 1912

Lakefront Scene

Port Perry - Circa 1915



This rare view of the downtown Port Perry and the lakefront was taken from the end of the government pier which was constructed in 1914.

Photo shows, from left, part of the railway station; small building on the lakefront belonged to C.L Vickery coal business; the St. Charles Hotel at the corner of Queen and Water St., and the grain elevator with a Grand Trunk box car sitting along side.

Grain Elevator

Port Perry - Circa 1915



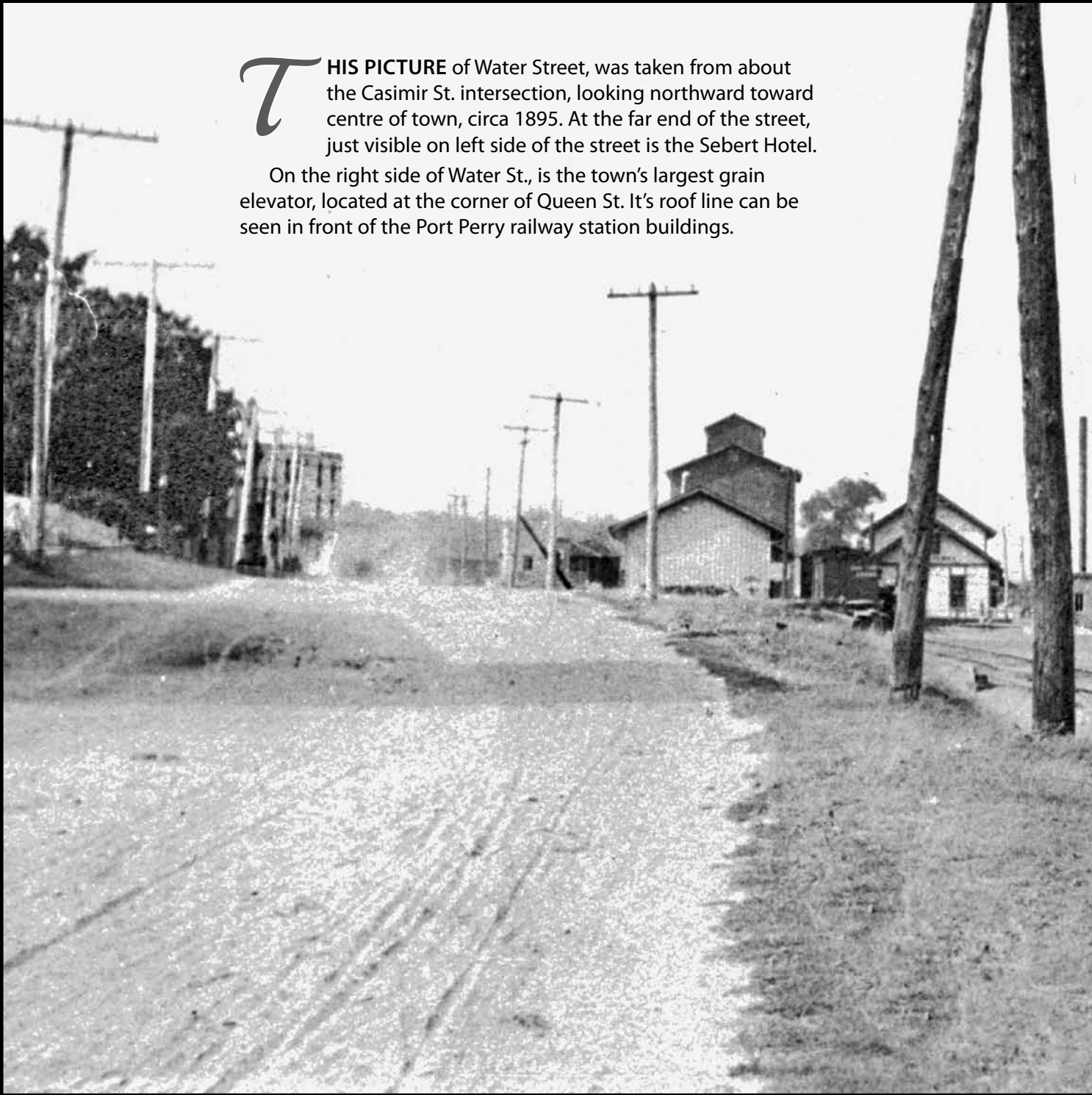
Grain Elevators

Water Street - Port Perry

Circa 1895

THIS PICTURE of Water Street, was taken from about the Casimir St. intersection, looking northward toward centre of town, circa 1895. At the far end of the street, just visible on left side of the street is the Sebert Hotel.

On the right side of Water St., is the town's largest grain elevator, located at the corner of Queen St. It's roof line can be seen in front of the Port Perry railway station buildings.

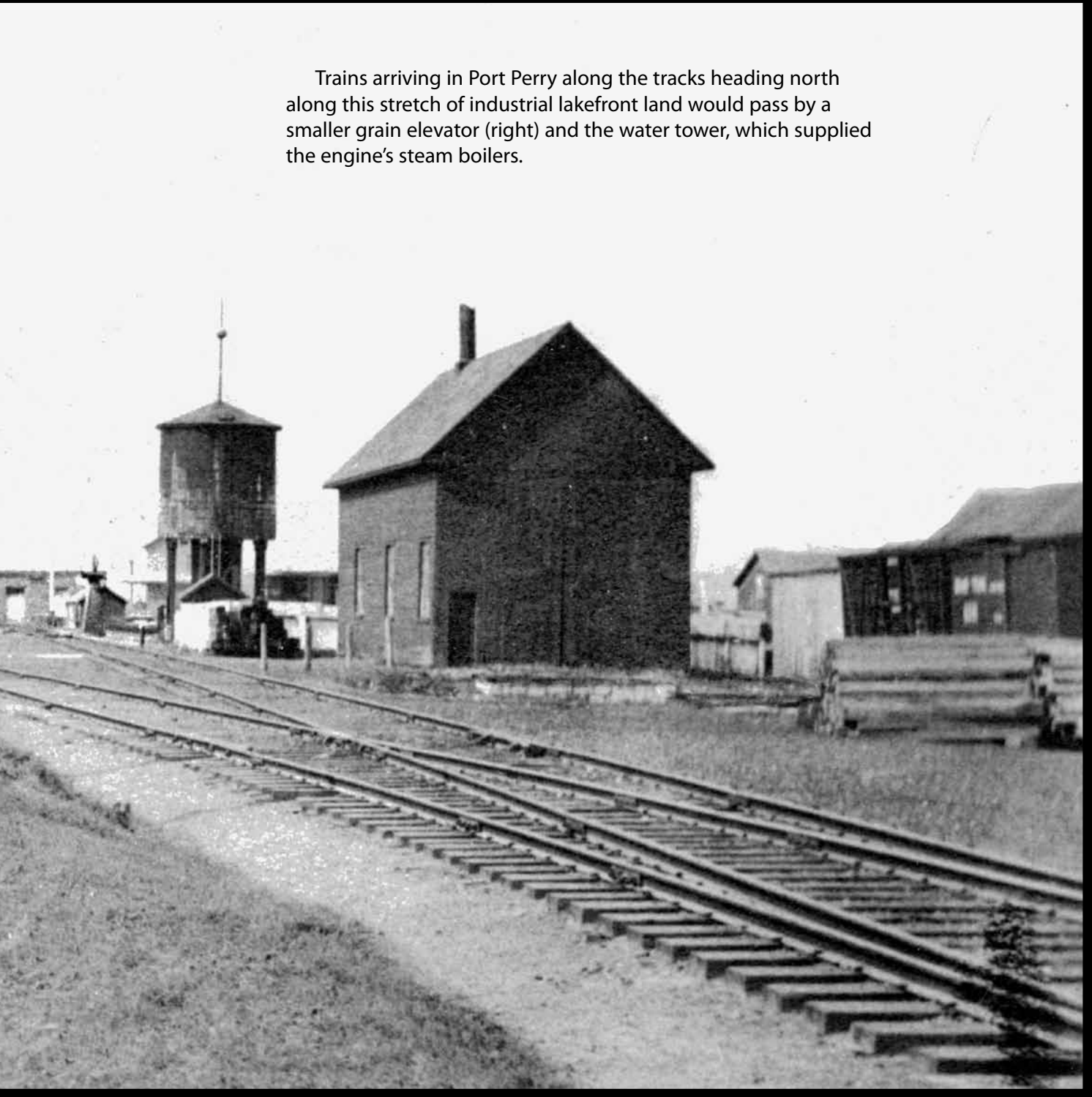


Railway Station

Water Street - Port Perry

Circa 1895

Trains arriving in Port Perry along the tracks heading north along this stretch of industrial lakefront land would pass by a smaller grain elevator (right) and the water tower, which supplied the engine's steam boilers.



A.H. Reynolds Blacksmith

181 Perry Street - Port Perry

Circa 1890



THE HISTORY OF the piece of land and the buildings on it, dates back into the mid-1850s, but it most notably became the site of George U. White's, Port Perry Carriage Works, when he purchased the site in 1868.

The property is located just north of Queen Street, on the site of today's Scugog Township municipal offices.

Andrew H. Reynolds purchased the property from George White in 1874 and erected a two-level frame blacksmith shop. The second level featured a large verandah facing Perry St., which was accessible by an exterior staircase.

In this building he had his offices, woodwork and wheel making shop.

A second building, just north of Reynolds', was a single storey blacksmith shop about 30' by 60' in size.

Both of these buildings were destroyed during the summer of 1884 when fire leveled the entire commercial and business section of the town.

FOLLOWING THE FIRE of 1884, Mr. Reynolds rebuilt this single storey blacksmith shop on his property. Mr. Reynolds shop, was used until about 1980 before it was removed to make room for a parking lot for the new Port

A.W. Allin Carriage Shop

181 Perry Street - Port Perry

Circa 1890

Colourized photo by J. Peter Hvidsten



Perry Municipal office.

Albert W. Allin arrived in Port Perry in 1885, and set up his business on Perry St., next to Andrew H. Reynolds.

Mr. Allin's business consisted of horse-shoeing, manufacturing and repairing buggies and cutters, and blacksmithing. His building contained a large blacksmith shop and wood-working shop in the rear, and a showroom for carriages in the front.

Mr. Allin operated from this site until he retired in 1908 and sold the property.

There were a number of owners of both the buildings and businesses until 1951 when Norman Tease purchased the

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In the background of this 1964 picture can be seen the former Reynolds Blacksmith shop (left) and Allin's Carriage Shop (right). Photo was taken when Port Perry received its new police cruiser for the village.

Scugog Municipal Offices



The Tease "Lakeshore Knitting Mill" building at 181 Perry St., about 1952. This building was renovated and expanded and opened as Port Perry's new municipal office in 1960. Pictures below show the building after the renovations.

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property at 181 Perry St., to erect a building to house his Lakeshore Knitting Mill.

The mill produced a wide range of woollen goods under the management of his sons, Grant and Jimmy. One of their most interesting customers was the National Hockey League, for whom they knit the sweaters and socks for all the NHL teams.

In 1958 Port Perry council purchased the Tease Knitting Mill for \$11,000. It underwent



The two pictures above show the Scugog Township Municipal Office on Perry St., in 1960. The lower photo also shows, to the left, the former house on North St., which the township purchased to provide room for the administrative staff.

a complete renovation, preparing it to become the town's new municipal office.

The new Port Perry municipal office was officially opened in the former Tease Knitting Mill in October 1960. The building was completely renovated into a modern building containing a court room, town office, police department and hydro office. The architect and contractor for the project was Ted Griffen of Lake Scugog Lumber.

More than 40 years later, plans for a new facility got underway. Construction on the new

township office took place throughout 2003, with the final section of the tower being installed on January 19, 2004. The modern new township office opened for business about a month later.

This former building was removed following completion of the new Scugog Twp. offices.

On July 1, 2004 a time capsule was buried in a special capsule under the cement pad at front of the new township office. It is scheduled to be opened in 2074 on the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Township of Scugog.



The new Scugog Township Municipal Office on Perry St. after it opened May 2003.

Ontario Carriage Works

135 Perry Street - Port Perry

Circa 1884



THE ORIGINAL ONTARIO CARRIAGE WORKS building located at this site (*bottom right*), on the northeast corner of Perry and Mary St. was constructed in 1875 by George White, who had previously operated the Ontario Carriage Factory in Prince Albert. Emaney.

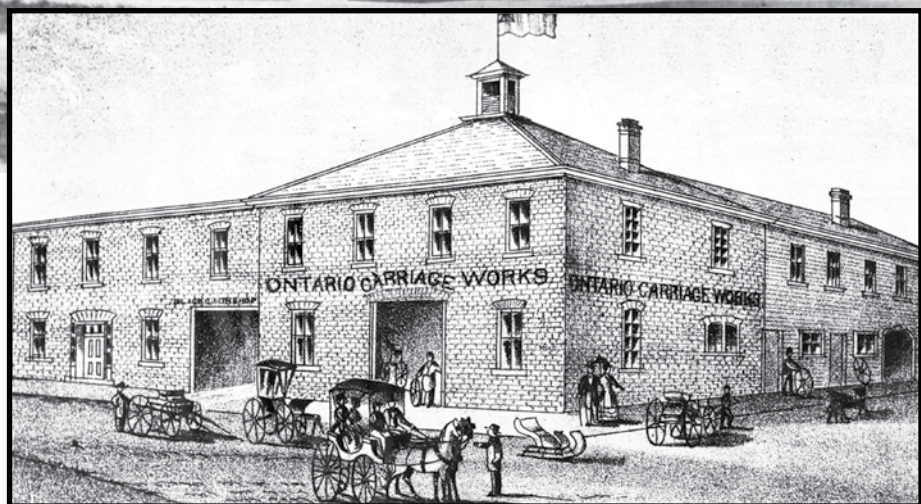
This large building was destroyed by fire in 1884, and its owner at the time, Lewis Hobbs, began construction of a new building a month after the fire, and was completed and occupied by the first of October the same year.

The new Ontario Carriage Works structure was described as being a 40' x 90' red brick building, two-

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Ontario
Carriage
Works
1877



stories high, with two large 15' x 90' storage sheds at the rear of the main building. The building was divided into section, with the showrooms located at the south end of the building on the main floor. Here they displayed the many styles of carriages the company manufactured.

On the main floor was a blacksmith shop and the north side of the building and in the centre was the wood shop. On the upper floor was the paint shop. This building was operated by James Swan from about 1890, and was renamed Swan's Carriage Factory.

Over the next century the building housed many businesses. By 1913 Percy Graham was operated a Ford dealership, a blacksmith business, an Oshawa Lumber Company and a shoe factory and a the Tease Knitting Mill.



ONTARIO CARRIAGE AFTER THE FIRE - 1951



MORROW FARM EQUIPMENT - 1970

In May 1951, the old carriage building was severely damaged by fire. Following they renovated the second floor, constructing five apartments.

In more recent years, it was the Morrow Farm Equipment (1947-1975); the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) store from (1976-2013). It was the LCBO removed the second floor of the building.

In 2013 the building was purchased Jack Doak, who renovated the entire building and opened Port Perry's first brewery, the Old Flame Brewing Company.



LCBO LIQUOR STORE - 1998



LCBO STORE - 2012



OLD FLAME
BREWING CO.
2016

Queen Street Merchants



William Brock started in his clothing business in 1881 and was among the leading merchants of Port Perry during his time. The fifth generation of the Brock family continues to serve the community to this day.

William Brock



F. W. McIntyre

Frederick W. McIntyre was one of Port Perry's leading dry good merchants. He began in 1907 and operated his business for 20 years before retiring.





Queen Street

Northeast Blocks

Circa 1895

THIS PICTURE taken more than a century ago shows Thomas J. Widden's grocery store, on the northeast corner of Queen and Perry Street.

Just east of Widden's store was the Albert J. Davis drug store, who was also an agent for C.P.R. railway tickets.

The Widden's store later became a barber shop operated H.H. Mulligan for almost 40 years.

The Davis drug store was sold to Andy Lawrence about 1930 and he expanded the store to take over the whole building years later.

Andy Lawrence retired in 1969, and sold the business to Gord Parkin.

Today this building is leased Remedy Rx drug store.

Willard Block

210 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1895

WILLIAM WILLARD arrived in Port Perry in 1885 and erected this large block on the south-east corner of Queen and Perry St. the following summer.

His new building had a 23 foot frontage and a depth of 65 feet. Once the new building was completed he opened a grocery store in the west unit. The remaining two stores to the east. The centre unit was occupied by the local post office. At the rear of the building, along Perry St., was the town's Market Hall.

The upper floor was occupied by Dr. Sangster, dentist, and the Public Library.

In September 1895, the Willard Block was purchased by local businessman Richard Penhall, who owned it until his death.

Harold Archer purchased the Willard Block in 1928, then remodelled the building, creating a 50' frontage for his garage and a Pontiac dealership, (see page 40).

He also sold White Rose gasoline from two gas pumps located on the sidewalk directly in front of the building. In 1956 Mr. Archer's son Robert, assumed ownership of the car dealership, and moved it to Water St.

In 1958, the Liquor Control Board of Ontario purchased and remodelled the

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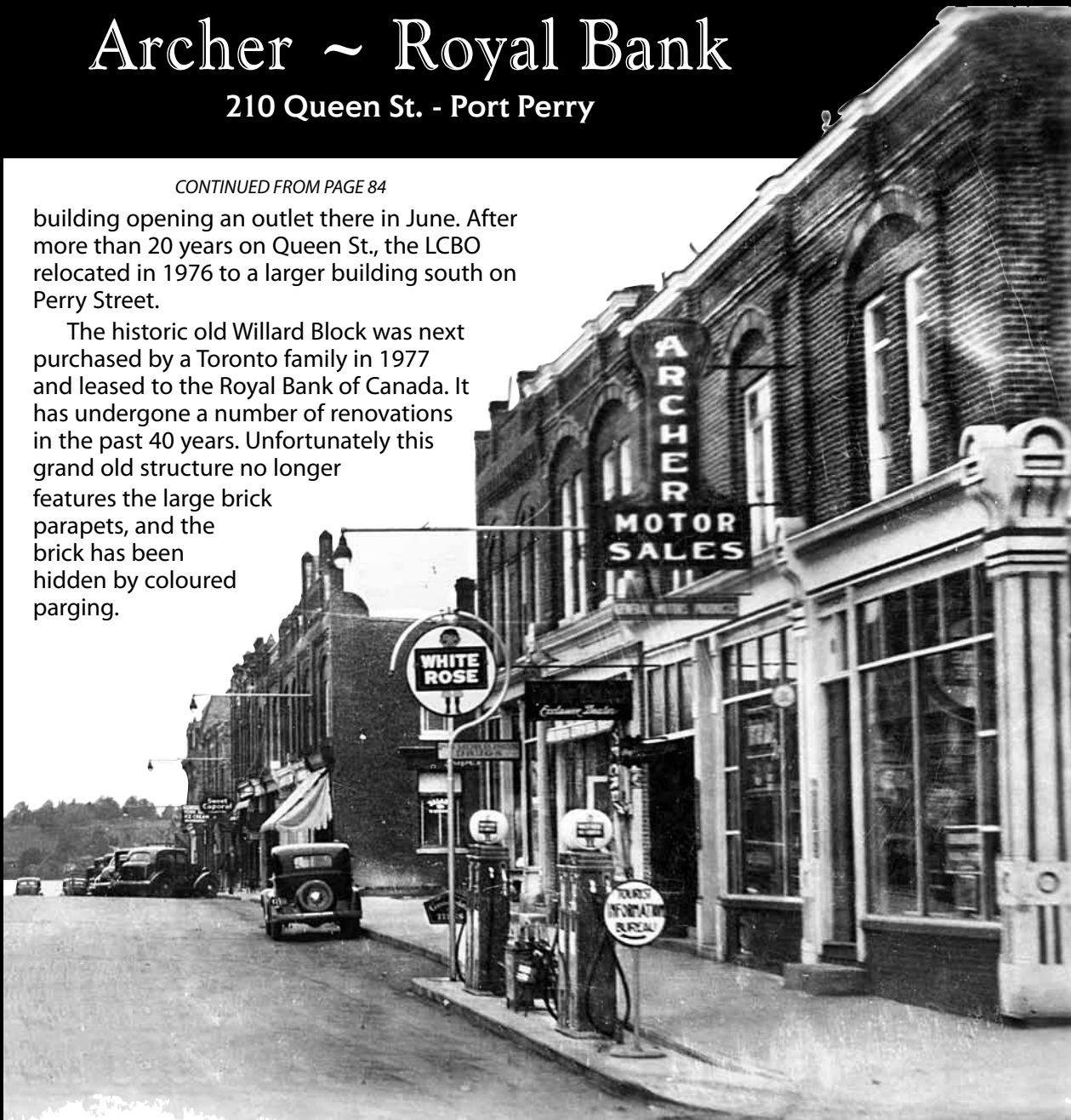
Archer ~ Royal Bank

210 Queen St. - Port Perry

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building opening an outlet there in June. After more than 20 years on Queen St., the LCBO relocated in 1976 to a larger building south on Perry Street.

The historic old Willard Block was next purchased by a Toronto family in 1977 and leased to the Royal Bank of Canada. It has undergone a number of renovations in the past 40 years. Unfortunately this grand old structure no longer features the large brick parapets, and the brick has been hidden by coloured parging.



Harold Archer Motor Sales was located at Port Perry's main intersection of Queen and Perry St., from about 1928 to 1957.

Top photo, circa 1942, shows his garage with the White Rose gas pumps in front on the main street.

Left photo, circa 1930, when Mr. Archer was the local Pontiac dealer. He later became the dealer for Chevrolet, Pontiac, GMC and Buick vehicles.



The LCBO opened its first liquor outlet in Port Perry in the historic Willard Block in 1958. And although new to the town the cumbersome process of filling out a form and have a clerk retrieve the alcohol continued at this store until the summer of 1976, when the outlet moved to a new location at the corner of Perry and Mary Streets.



The Royal Bank of Canada, leased this building in 1977. The first manager at the new branch was Bill English, who held an official opening of the branch in July 1977. The Royal Bank continues to serve its customers from this historic old building to this day.

Queen Street - Port Perry

Looking east towards Lake Scugog

Circa 1950



HAROLD ARCHER Motor Sales was located at Port Perry's main intersection of Queen and Perry Street for about 30 years starting in 1928. Mr. Archer was the local Chevrolet - Pontiac and Oldsmobile dealer for the district for many years. He supplied White Rose gasoline from three pumps in front of his dealership on Queen St.

During the 1930's angle parking was only allowed on the south side of the street, but by the 1950s, there was angle parking on both sides of the street. Angle parking was eliminated in 1980.



Widden's Corner Store

208 Queen St., Port Perry
Circa 1895



Thomas Widden seen in his store.

THOMAS WIDDEN had worked as a store keeper for two of Port Perry's leading businessmen, Aaron Ross and William Brock, before setting out on his own.

In 1881 he opened his business in a small wedge-shaped store, at the corner of Queen and Perry St. Although not a large store it provided a place to carry out business in groceries, crockery, boots and shoes. The store became known as Widden's Corner.

Thomas Widden retired in February 1935 after 43 years in business in Port Perry.





INTERIOR OF THOS. WIDDEN'S STORE

R.J. Bruce Hardware

217 Queen Street - Port Perry

Circa 1900



R. J. BRUCE HARDWARE circa 1900

ROBERT J. BRUCE moved into this Queen St. block in 1895 and opened his hardware store. A hardware store was to be in this location for over a century. About 10 years later, in 1906, he sold his business to Arthur Carnegie.

Among the any members of the Carnegie family to operated the local hardware business were: William, Charles, David, Robert, Harry, Gordon, Donald and Richard. The store was known as Carnegie's Hardware until 1958, when the family joined the Crest Hardware group.

In February 1936, what was described as the worst fire in downtown Port Perry in years



CARNEGIE HARDWARE circa 1945



CARNEGIE HARDWARE circa 1915

destroyed much of the Carnegie Hardware building. The fire started at the back of the building and spread to the upper storey and workshop, causing the roof to fall in. The Carnegies rebuilt the store, but with a single-storey structure.

The Carnegie's continued to operate the store until the 1980s, when the new owners rebranded the business as "Home Hardware". The next change took place in 1990 when it was purchased by Raj Bhatia and under his ownership maintained its Crest Hardware affiliation until its final closing in February 2020, ending 124 years of continual operation as a hardware store.

The building was sold to Jack Doak, and reopened later under the name "Cycle Life", which it operates to this day.



CARNEGIE "CREST" HARDWARE circa 1958

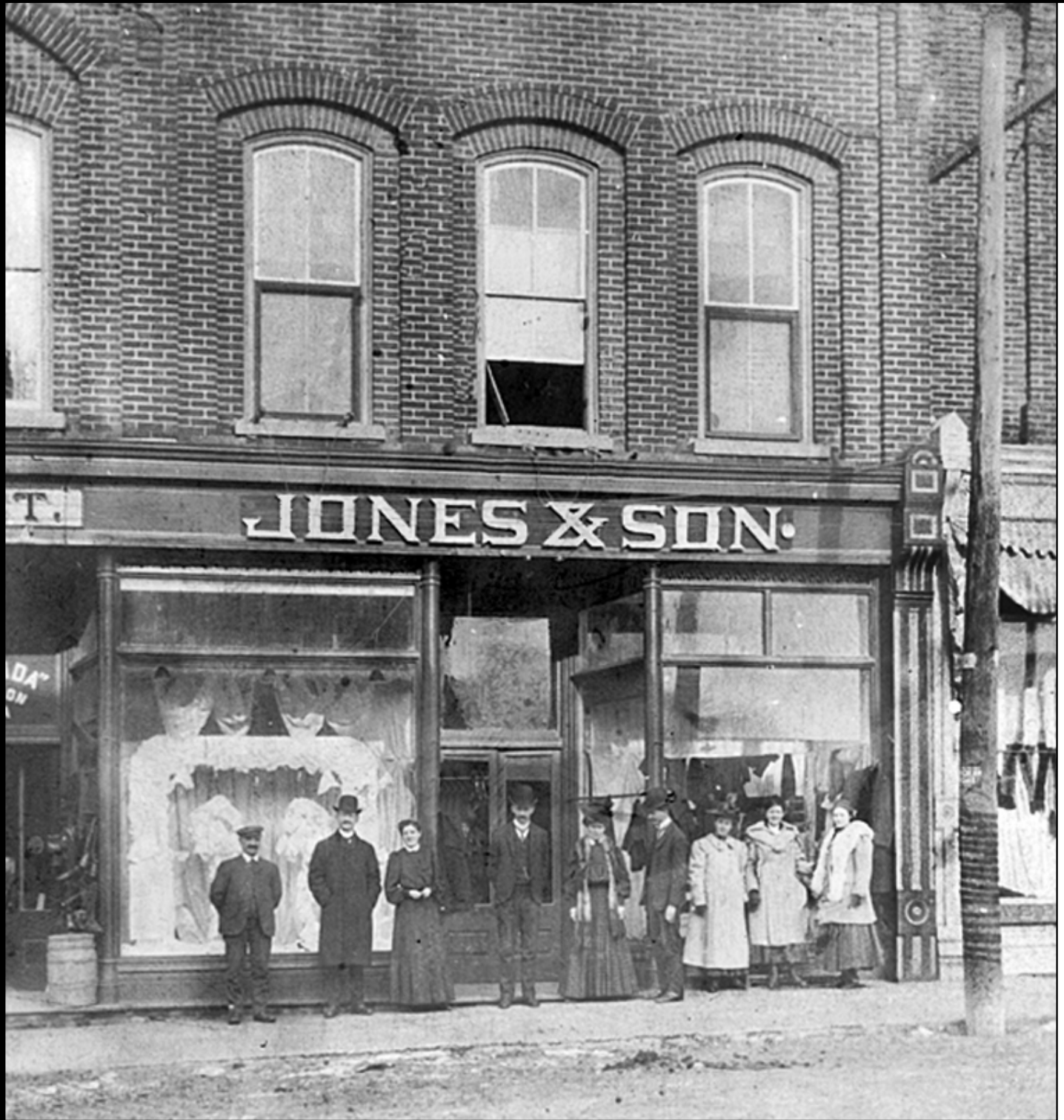


HOME HARDWARE circa 1998

Chas. Jones & Son

203 Queen Street - Port Perry

Circa 1890



JONES & SON was one of the largest, most well stocked and managed general merchant businesses in Port Perry during the early 1900s. The business was operated by Mr. Charles Jones and his son George, at the time of the picture on the opposite page.

The Jones & Son store featured multiple departments, including sections for dry goods, groceries, men's and women's clothing, house furnishings, millinery and dressmaking, as seen in the photo below.



CHARLES JONES



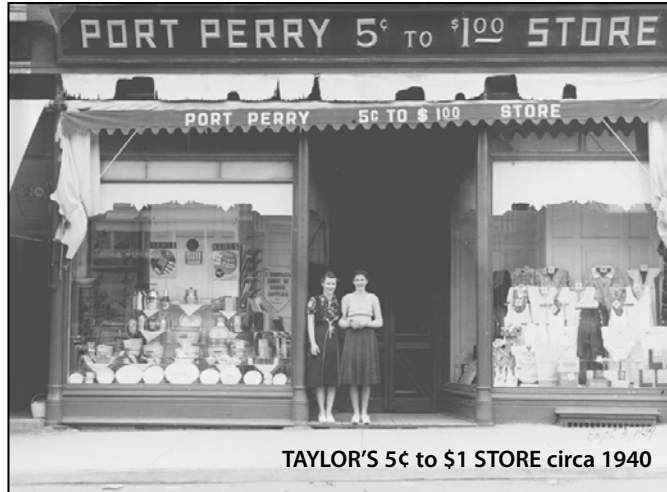
INTERIOR OF JONES & SONS STORE

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The Jones block building was erected by Mr. Charles Jones and his son William following the big fire of 1884 on his lot located on the north side of Queen St.

The new structure was described as being a 39' x 105' two-story red brick building with a full basement.

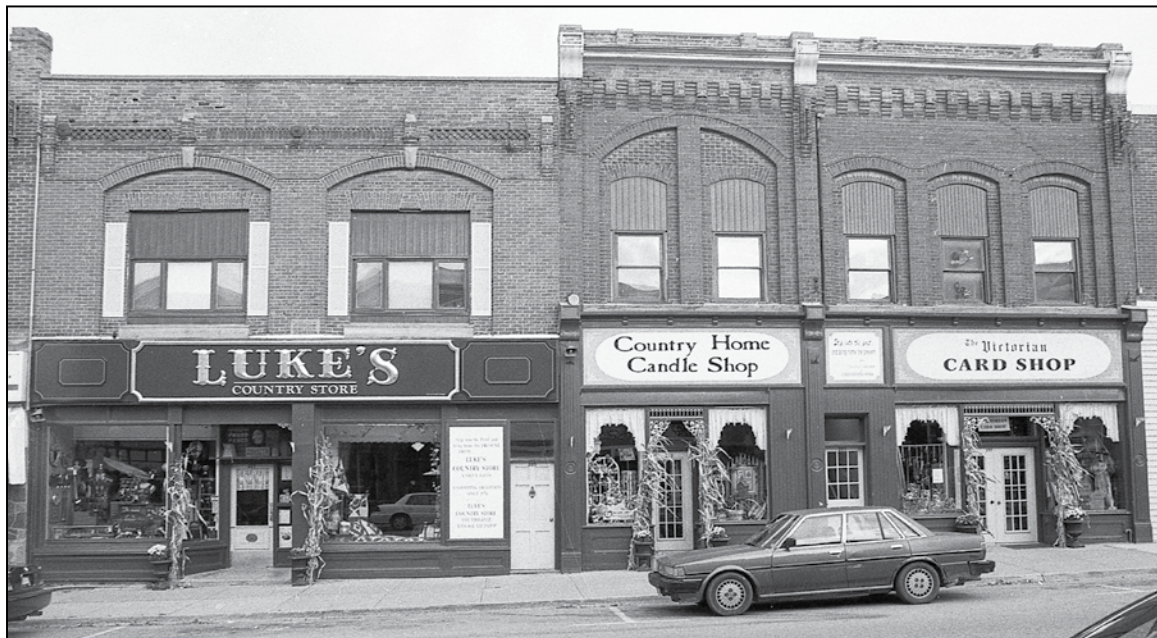
This mercantile business changed hands numerous times over the next half century, and more recently will be known as being the home of Port Perry 5¢ to \$1; Store Mersco 5¢ to \$1; Luke's Victorian Card Shop, and most recently the Port Cheese Company.



TAYLOR'S 5¢ to \$1 STORE circa 1940



MERSCO 5¢ to \$1 STORE circa 1968



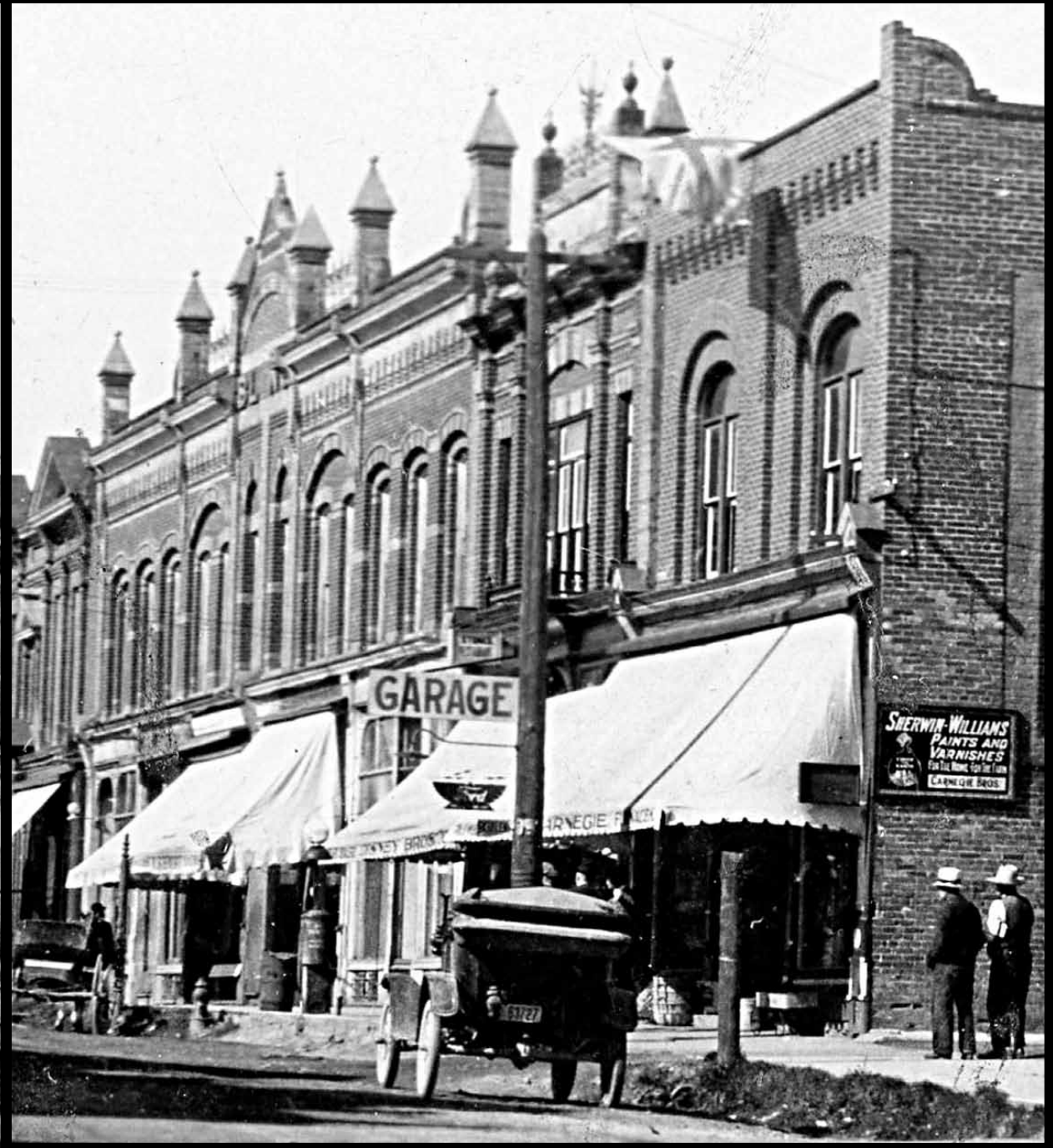
VICTORIAN CARD SHOP circa 1998

Queen Street, Port Perry

Circa 1915

This photo of the east end of Queen St., north side, was taken circa 1915. Business from left are Carnegie Bros. hardware store, (now Cycle Shop), with a sign showing a garage at the rear of the store. The hardware store was two storeys high until a fire in February 1936 destroyed the upper half. The top floor was never reconstructed.

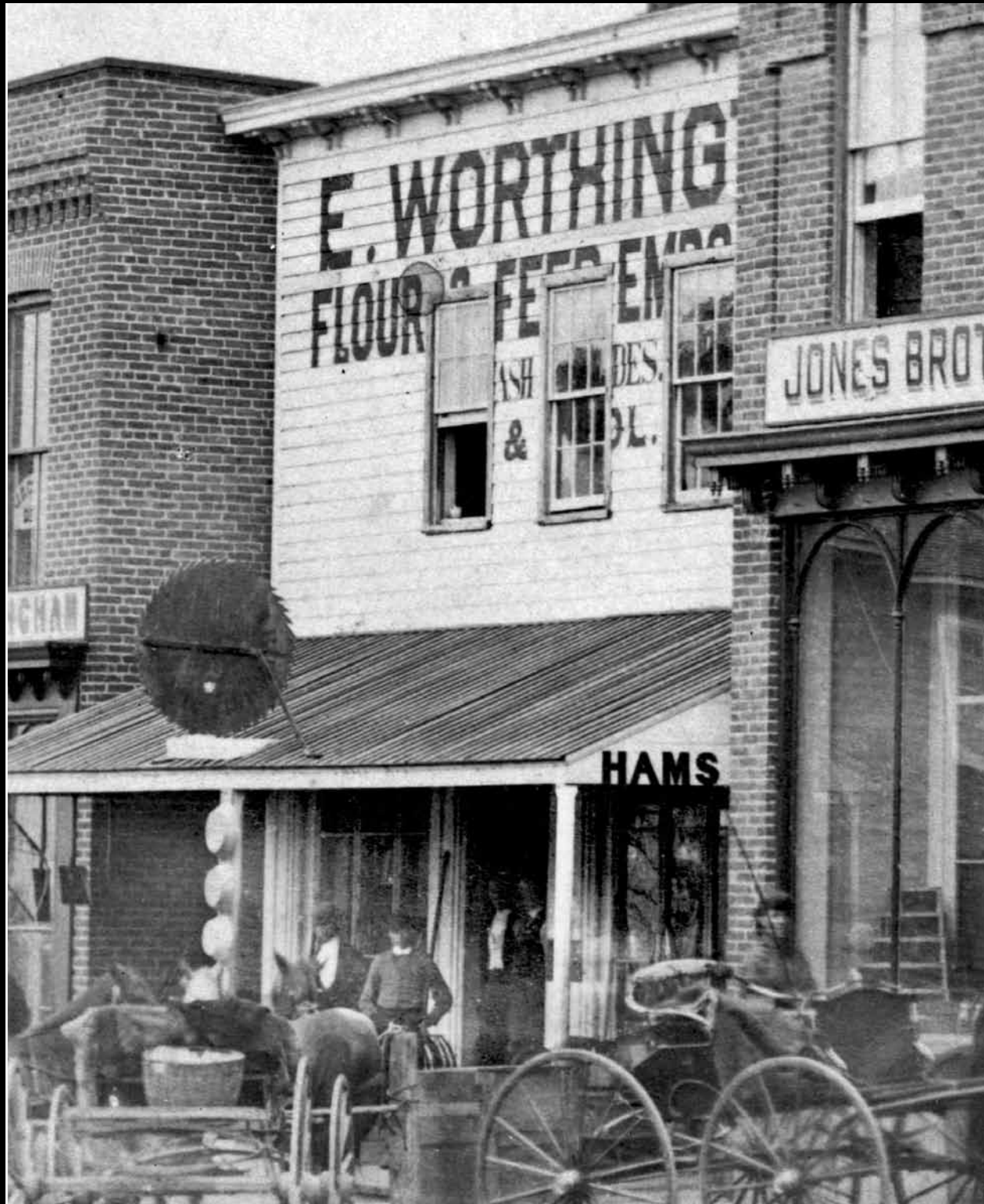
Next to Carnegies store was Disney Bros., Furniture & Undertaking (now Wee Tartan) which moved to Port Perry from Oshawa in 1915. Other businesses unidentified.



Worthington - Parrish

207 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1875





PARRISH HARDWARE Circa 1940



THE FIRST BUILDING on this site (opposite page) was a two story flat roofed building built by Edward Worthington in 1866. His business sign on storefront read "E. Worthington Flour and Feed Emporium." He later sold his store Wm. T. Parrish who changed it into a hardware store. Worthington moved his business to the south side of Queen St.

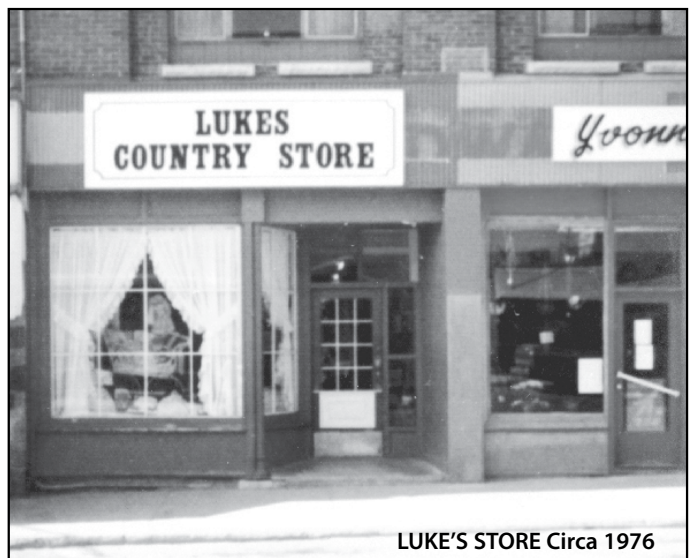
After the fire of 1884, Mr. Parrish retired and his son William L. Parrish rebuilt a two-storey brick building at this location (175 Queen St.). William operated his hardware business until 1946 when he sold the building and business to Harry Peel, who operated his store for about a decade.

After Mr. Peel left business in 1956, this block was divided into two stores and leased to a number of tenants, including a woman's clothing store "Canadian Woman", which was later named "Yvonne's".

Wayne and Carol Luke came to town about 1975 and opened Luke's Country store, and later expanded into the adjoining section of the building, to the east. Luke's Country store operates from this business to this day.



VARIETY STORE Circa 1972



LUKE'S STORE Circa 1976

William Parrish Hardware

207 Queen St. - Port Perry
Circa 1895

An interior view of the William L. Parrish hardware store, circa 1895. The store was filled from floor to ceiling with every household item his customers might require, including dozens of decorative stoves.

Inset below, shows Mr. Parrish serving a customer.



WILLIAM L. PARRISH



INTERIOR OF PARRISH HARDWARE

Queen St. West

Circa 1900

THE NORTHWEST BLOCK of Queen St., about 1900. This block of stores was constructed not long after the fire of 1884 destroyed the town.

The first building, left, was built by Mr. Elisha Jessop, and became known as the Jessop Block. It was home to a hospital, movie theatre, furniture store and the Port Perry Star from 1907 to 1991.

To the right is the Rolph Block, constructed by John Rolph, a harness manufacturer. The block is currently occupied by Framers Gallery.

The next building was also constructed by John Rolph and has dozens of tenants over the years. The current tenant in this building is Anja of Sweden, a women's clothing store.

The two-unit yellow brick block was constructed by Thomas Courtice after the fire. Here he set up his harness manufacturing business in partnership with Samuel Jeffrey.

After the ceased business it was leased to a number of tenants, including Ken Jackson's Flaming Restaurant; Rio Restaurant, Chow's Chinese Restaurant and Genuine Article.

The last building along this side is best known as the Leonard Block. Among its tenants over the past 140 years include: the Post Office; a general store; a real estate office; Kelly, Jermyn, and Michael Fowler law office; The Linen Corner and today is home of the Piano Cafe.





Queen St. West

Circa
1974

THE NORTHWESTERN block of Queen St., same angle as the preceding pages, shows the row of buildings as they looked in 1974.

This block of stores, as seen on the previous page was constructed not long after the fire of 1884 destroyed the town.

When this 1970s picture was taken the stores along this block were: from left, The Port Perry Star; Port Gifts; Modern Textiles; Mar-Laine Handcraft Boutique; David Chows Chinese Restaurant, George Stone Real Estate, and Kelly, Jermyn Law Office.

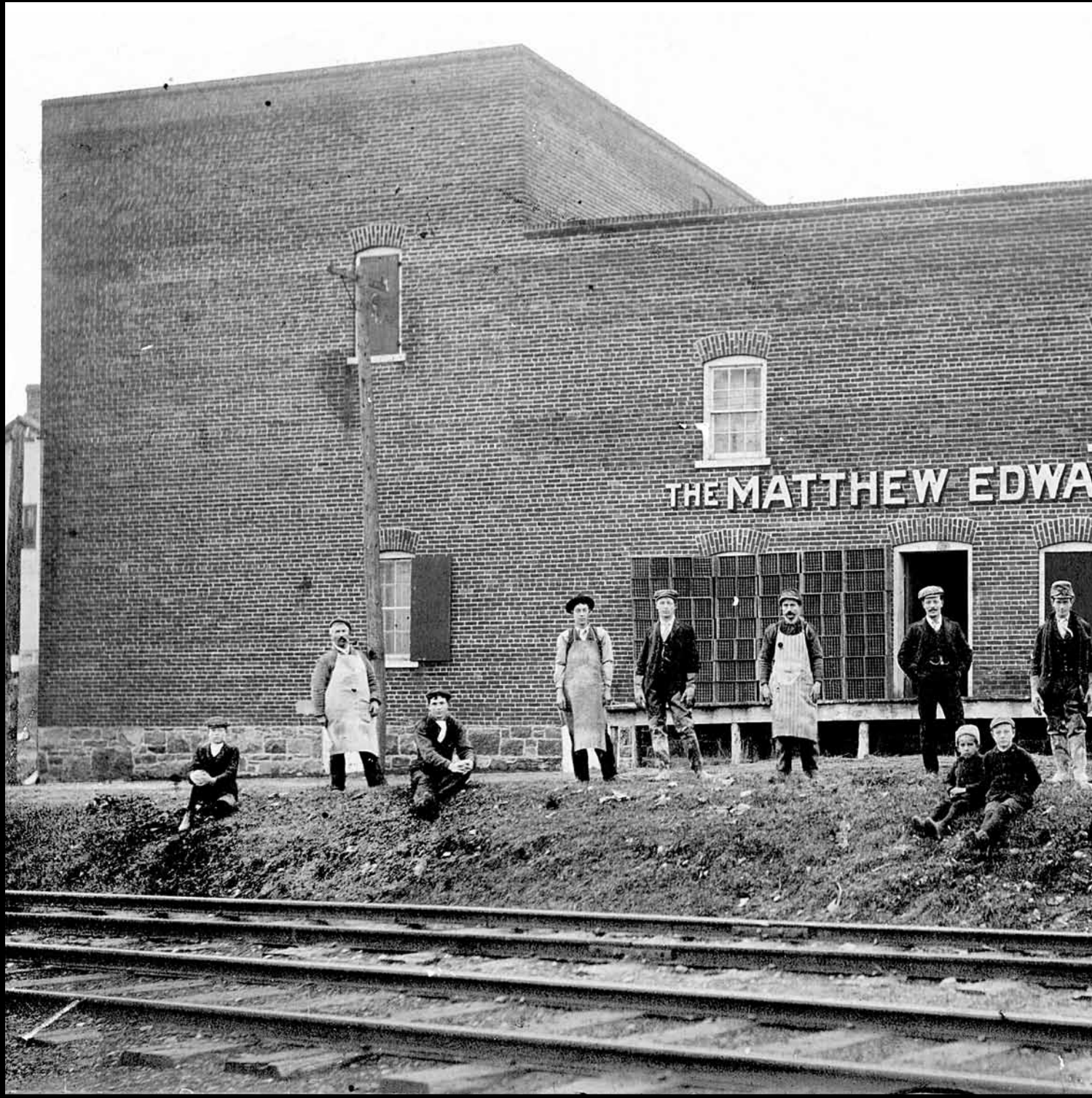




Matthew Edwards Co.

110 Water St. - Port Perry

Circa 1897



JOSHUA W. CURTS ERECTED a this large brick structure on Water St., in 1893. Just a few months earlier fire destroyed his butter and egg warehouse.

This new building, located on the northwest corner of Water and Casimir Street, was estimated to have cost \$8,000. The building featured a large cold storage room which had a capacity for storing 80,000 dozen eggs, and the facility was claimed to be one of the best and most complete structures of the kind anywhere to be found.

In June 1897, Joshua Curts sold his business and the building to the Matthew Edwards Company of Lindsay it was subsequently sold a number of times before Port Perry businessman Allan Goode purchased the egg warehouse in June 1922 for his dairy business.

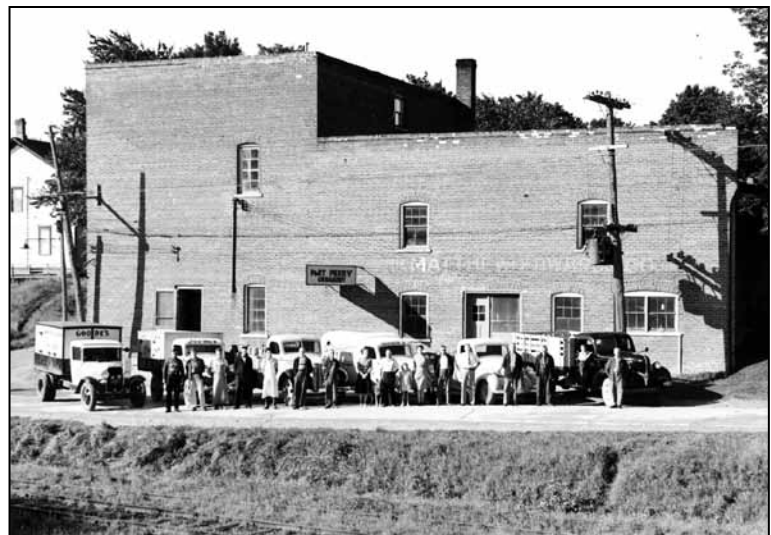
A few years later, in May 1924, Allan Goode is reported to have opened a beautifully equipped ice cream factory in the Water St. facility. It became known as Goode's Ice Cream Factory. In November of that year, Mr. Goode moved his creamery business from Perry St. to the Ice Cream Factory.

In June 1940, Milton Goode (Allan's brother) opened the Port Perry Cheese Factory and later that year he constructed an addition to the Water St. building and opened a refrigeration locker system to the public at the creamery.

Milton Goode sold the Port Perry Creamery and Cheese Factory to Silverwoods Creamery in Jan. 1947 and operated from the building until 1964.

Hudson Isherwood bought the property and converted it into apartments and office space. Some of the businesses that leased space included - Monte Carlo Hair Salon; Compton Cable TV and Helen Bathie Chiropractor.

The building and house on the adjoining property were demolished in 1989 and a new three-storey Water Park condominium complex with stores at the street level was constructed.



GOODE'S PORT PERRY CREAMERY circa 1938

Railroad House Hotel

158 Water St. - Port Perry

Circa 1876





EXACTLY WHO AND WHEN the building known as the Railroad House hotel was constructed is not know, but there are references to the hotel as early as 1874.

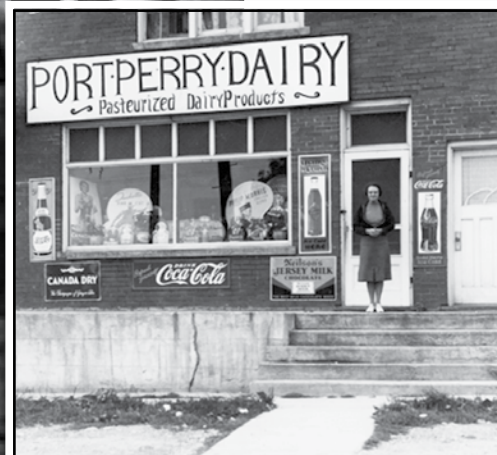
At this time, the land and buildings were owned by Jessie Ireland, but it was Daniel B. Denison who was the proprietor of the hotel, which he operated under the name "Denison's Dominion Hotel".

The quaint two-storey, frame structure featured a verandah on each floor overlooking Lake Scugog and the town's busy industrial shoreline. At the northern edge of his property there was an expansive driving and implement sheds facing the street.

Mr. Ireland sold the property to Frank B. Lindsay about 1880 and he became landlord for a number of individuals during his ownership. George Medd was his first tenant, and it was under his occupation the hotel became known as the "Railroad House". The name was most appropriate since the hotel was located directly across from the new railway station, on Water Street.

James Dewart was the next man to take over operation of Railroad House hotel business, in 1882. Dewart was an experienced hotel keeper, having years earlier operated a hotel/tavern near Seagrave, and later the Royal

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DAIRY BAR PROPERTY 2015

Railroad House

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British Queen Hotel in Port Perry, and the Commercial Hotel in Blackstock.

Two years after Dewart leased the hotel, the structure miraculously escaped the great fire of July 1884, which consumed the entire business section of Port Perry. Modern, new hotels were constructed during the rebuild of the town, making the aging Railroad House less of a destination for travellers.

Frank Lindsay, became owner of the hotel in 1888, after James Dewart died. He operated it for only five years before the young man passed away in 1893. Following his death, the hotel and land was disposed of by way of a mortgage sale, in November 1894.

The next purchaser of the hotel property was Daniel and Margaret Whitney who operated it for only three years before Daniel unexpectedly died April 1897 when he was only 47 years old.

Arthur Dowson purchased the derelict Railroad House in March 1911, and removed the building, and built blacksmith shop with stables. By the 1920s, Mr. Dowson converted the building into a dairy and began selling dairy products supplied by Hillside Dairy in Toronto.

Owners and tenants changed many times during the 1900s. Glen Owen (1930s); three local men, Don Pargeter, Ted Leahy and George Parry. (1948-1954); Ideal Dairy (late 1950s);

In 1977, the Port Perry Dairy Bar, which it had become known, was taken over by the Dough Hillier family who operated it until 1988.

Don and Judy Mitchell purchased it in 1988 and opened Pizza Delight and operated for 10 years before the building was destroyed by fire.

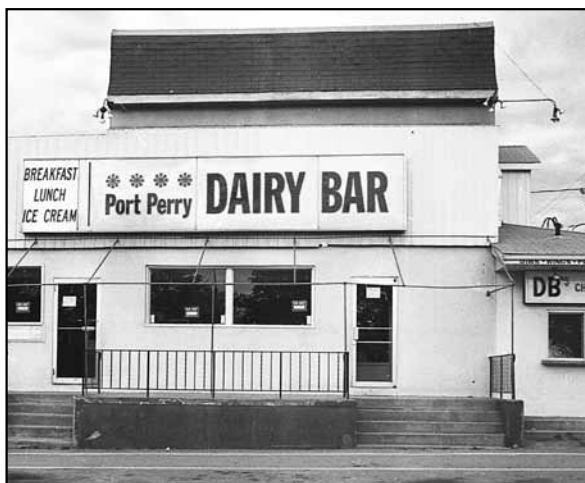
Following the fire, the burnt-out structure was torn down and the attractive new building was constructed by Ratko Stoilevski on this prominent Water St. property.



RAILROAD HOUSE HOTEL - 1880



PORT PERRY DAIRY - CIRCA 1935



PORT PERRY DAIRY - CIRCA 1988

Queen Street Merchants



Grant Gerrow

Grant Gerrow purchased this bakery in 1924, and over the next 34 years many members of the Gerrow family worked in the business, before it was sold in 1958 to Wentworth Watson a long time employee.



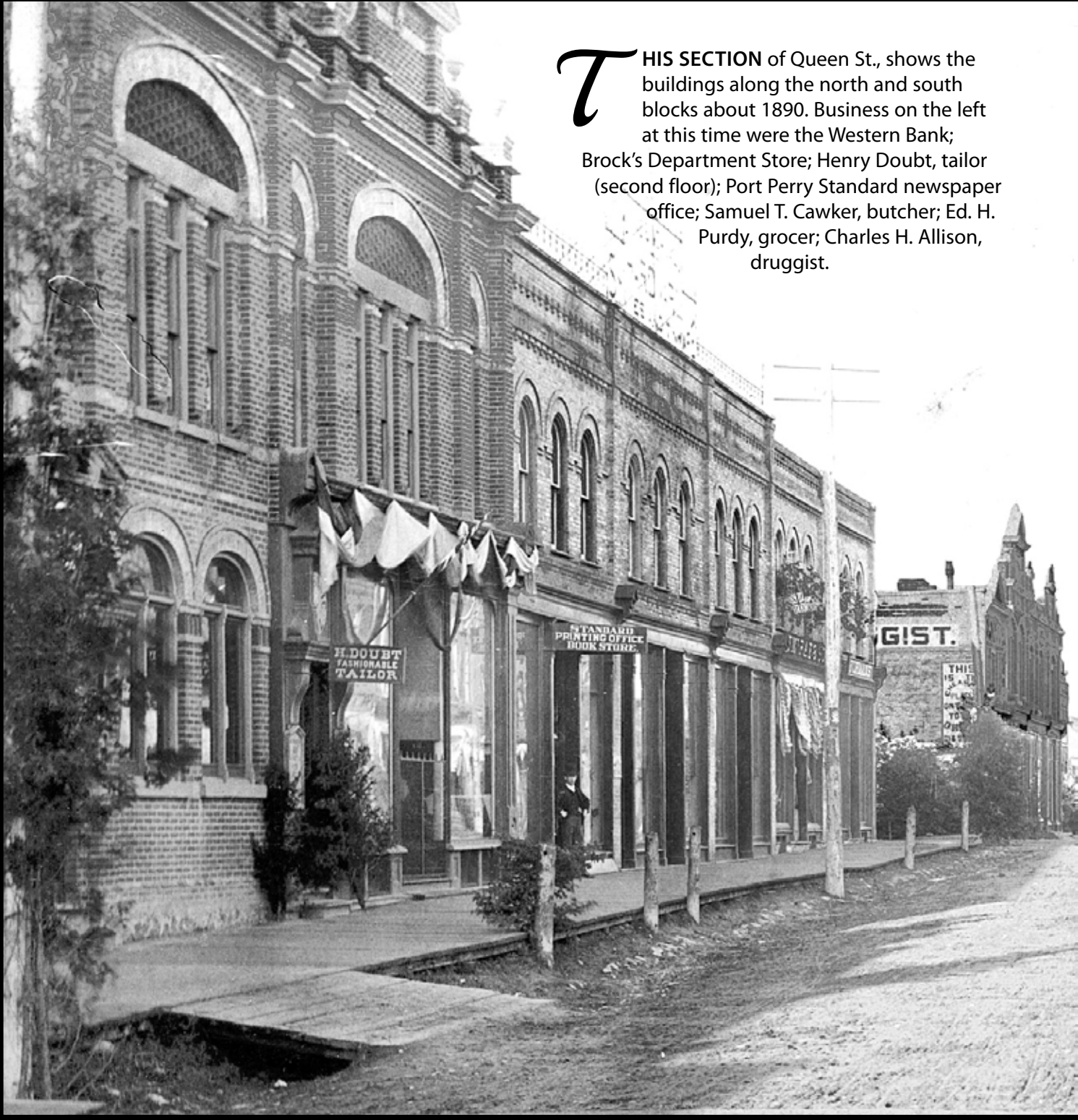
Bert McGregor

Bert McGregor is seen here in his Queen St. butcher shop when he operated the shop during the 1950s. When he retired in 1963, he sold the business to Norm Middleton,

Queen St. South Side

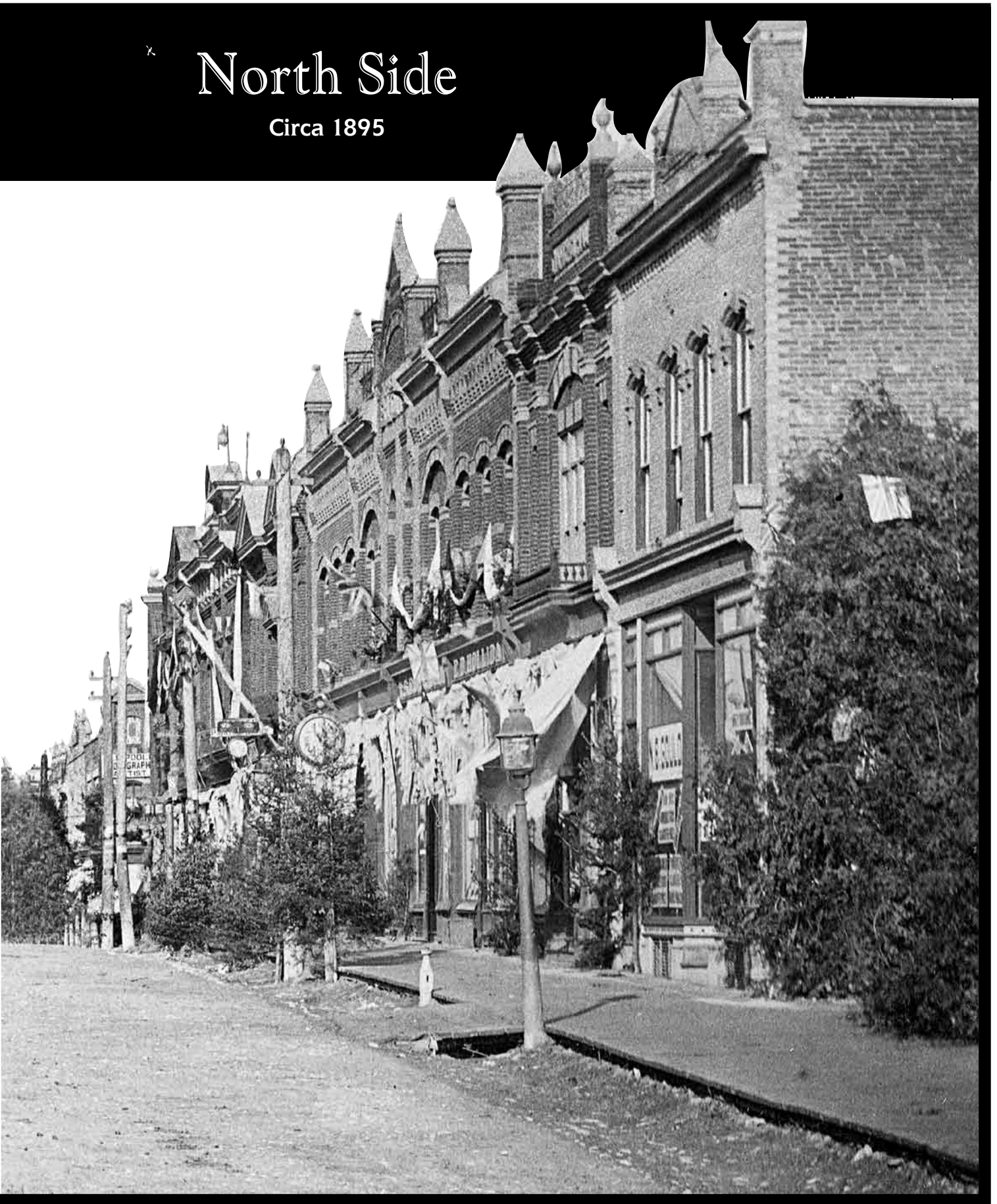
Circa 1895

THIS SECTION of Queen St., shows the buildings along the north and south blocks about 1890. Business on the left at this time were the Western Bank; Brock's Department Store; Henry Doubt, tailor (second floor); Port Perry Standard newspaper office; Samuel T. Cawker, butcher; Ed. H. Purdy, grocer; Charles H. Allison, druggist.



North Side

Circa 1895



Ackerman Beatty Harness Shop

154 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1900



BENJAMIN ACKERMAN



WILLIAM BEATTY

BENJAMIN ACKERMAN constructed an impressive two-storey red brick block on the south side of Queen St., following the fire of 1885. Mr. Ackerman manufactured harness and was a dealer in trunks travelling bags and every description of horse furnishing goods.

Mr. Ackerman announced his plans to leave Port Perry in September 1889. After selling his business to William A. Beatty and James Bongard, he moved to Peterborough where he built a four-storey factory building.

Beatty & Bongard were well known harness makers, operating their business on the north side of Queen St. They moved into Ackerman's vacated building and carried on business together until the death of Mr. Bongard in 1910, when Mr. Beatty became sole owner of the harness manufacturing business.



INTERIOR OF WILLIAM BEATTY'S
HARNESS SHOP - Circa 1900



Wm. Beatty Harness Shop

154 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1915

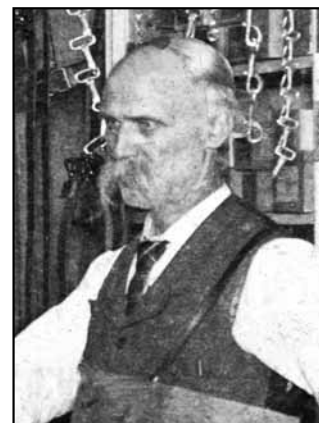


Webster Harness shop (former Beatty's shop) with owner Billy Webster. left and local resident Nick Swan, circa

WILLIAM A. BEATTY apprenticed in the harness trade with Thomas Courtice in Prince Albert before moving to Port Perry where he formed a partnership with James Bongard in the early 1880s.

They moved to Port Perry where the two men carried on a harness business on the north side of Queen St. Following the 1885 fire, and the retirement of Benjamin Ackerman they moved into his new block, located at 154 Queen St., Port Perry.

Here the two men carried on business until 1910, when Mr. Beatty became sole owner of the harness manufacturing business. Mr. Beatty was a Port Perry businessman for more than 55 years. The harness business was carried on following Mr. Beatty's death in 1934, by William "Billy" Webster.



William T. Beatty

Queen Street Merchants



Dorman Coban

Dorman Corbman opened the Aural Lee store selling fruits, confectioneries, photographs and records. He is seen in this picture behind the counter of his store on Queen St.



George Hull

Beautiful wood interior of the new Port Perry Post Office when it opened in 1914. George Hull, who was postmaster from 1930 to 1958.

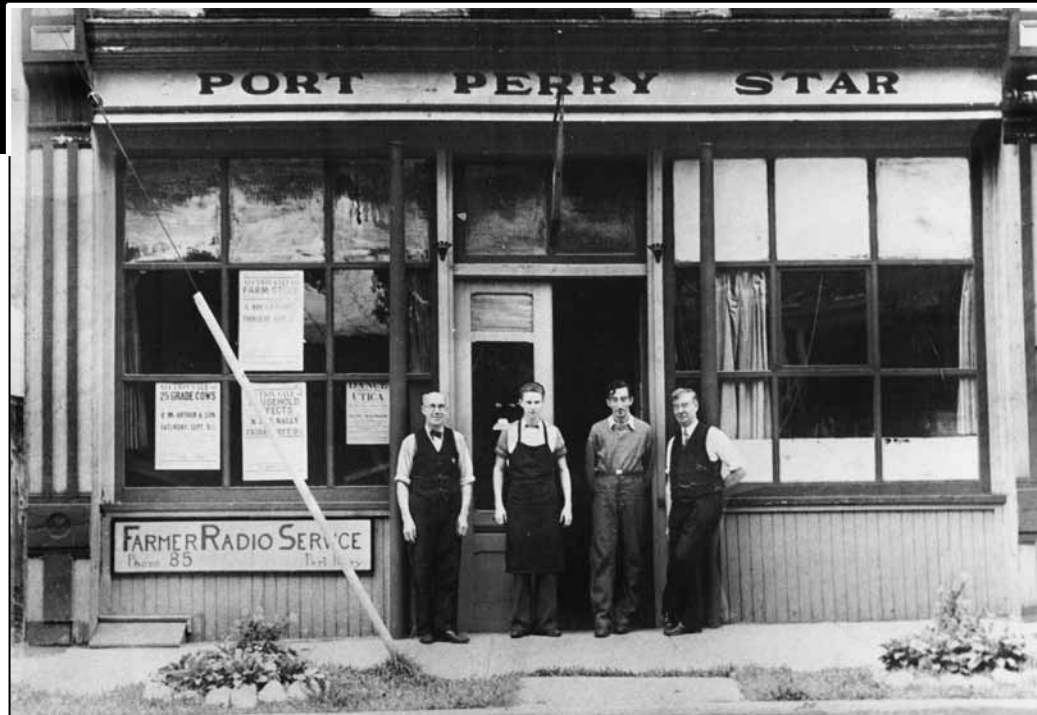
Jessop Block

235 Queen St. - Port Perry - Circa 1900

THIS TWO-STOREY BUILDING, known as the Jessop Block, and was constructed following a fire in July 1884 fire which levelled Port Perry's entire commercial sector. The original building, which was listed as being owned by Dr. E. Jessop.

Over the years the Jessop Block has accommodated many businesses, including: W.J. Nott's Furniture store; W.G. Monet's general store, the Royal Theatre, and briefly as a





Port Perry Star office, 1934, with employees George Davey, Bruce Beare, Irving Boyd, and owner Samuel Farmer.

hospital on the second floor.

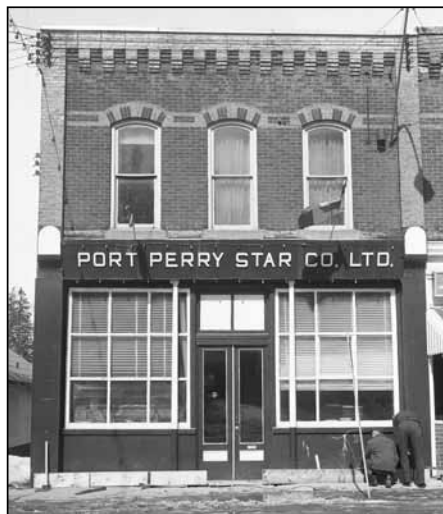
Samuel Farmer purchased the building and moved the *Port Perry Star* newspaper into this block in 1920.

The Farmer family sold the newspaper and building in 1963 to Per Hvidsten. When he retired in 1976 his son became the next owner. The newspaper relocated to a new

building on Mary Street in 1991.

Since then the former Jessop Block has been home to a number of small retail businesses; among them were Wysterias Ways women's apparel; Adorn home decor; Lishman Furs, and Plum Loco apparel.

Adam and Michelle McIntyre purchased the building in 2016.



PORT PERRY STAR - 1971



JESSOP BLOCK- PLUM LOCO - 2008

Queen Street North

239-223 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1945



This picture, circa 1950, shows businesses operating along the north side of Queen St. From left, Ted Jackson, auctioneer and farm equipment. He also supplied ESSO gasoline and Imperial products. Next is the Port Perry Star newspaper in the Jessop block; White Kitchen restaurant, and Star Restaurant, side by side; and partially visible is the Courtice & Jeffrey harness business.



Queen Street Merchants



Grant Gerrow purchased this bakery in 1924, and over the next 34 years many members of the Gerrow family worked in the business, before it was sold in 1958. Woman on the front steps of the store unidentified. This store is now the location of Hank's Pastries, 240 Queen Street.



Harry Peel opened Peel Hardware about 1957 and operated it until his death in 1969. His store, located beside Mersco 5¢ to \$1 store, was in the building now occupied by Luke's Country Store, 207 Queen St.



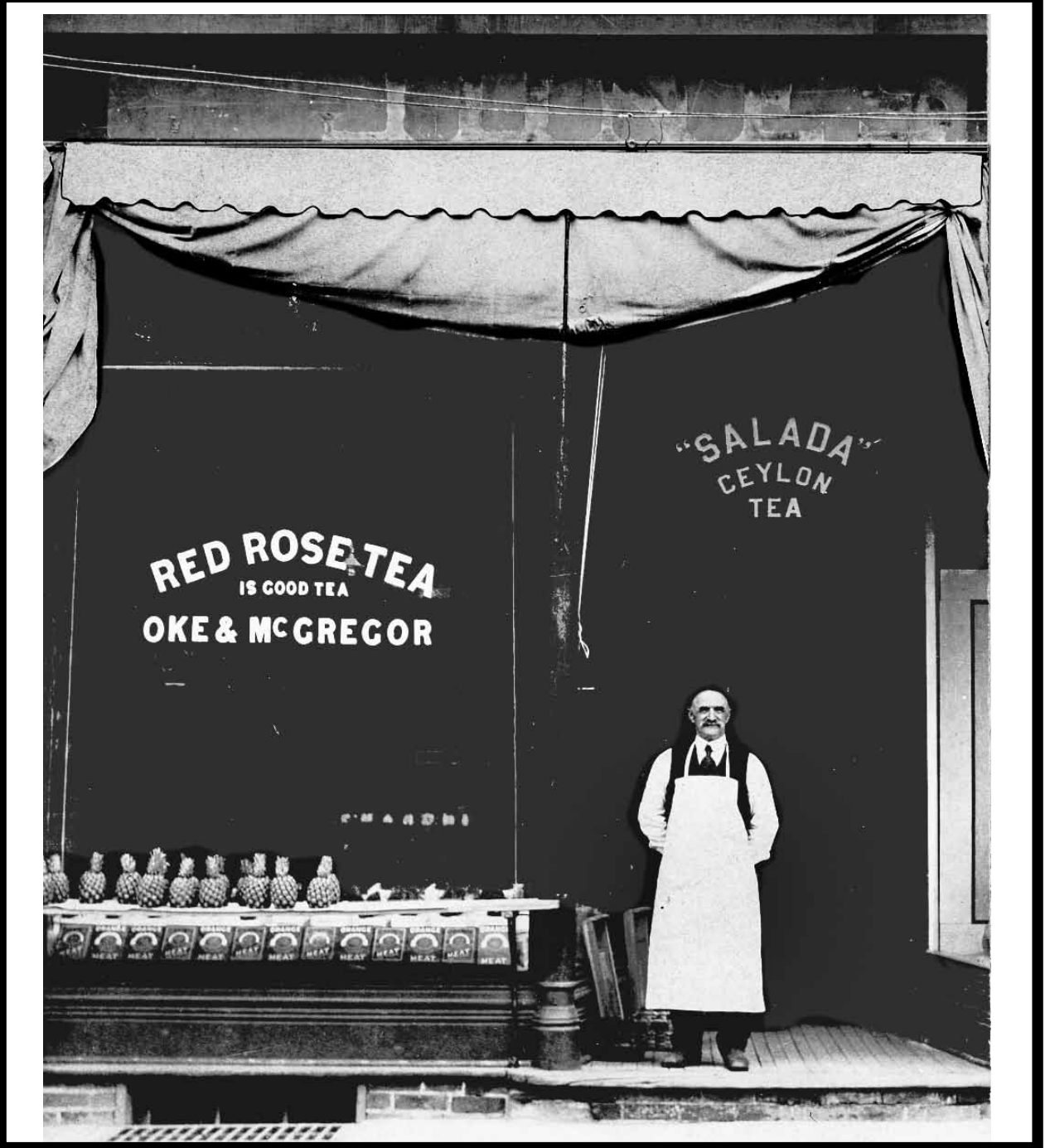
Harry Peel

Oke & McGregor

199 Queen Street - Port Perry

Circa 1910

In 1909, Charles W. Jones sold his business, located in the Jones Bros. block on Queen St., to Walter Oke and Bert McGregor. They were only in business for two years, operating as Oke & McGregor, before selling to George R. Davey in March 1911. Bert McGregor is seen in this picture, in front of the Oke & McGregor store.



W.H. McCaw Jewellery

193 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1900

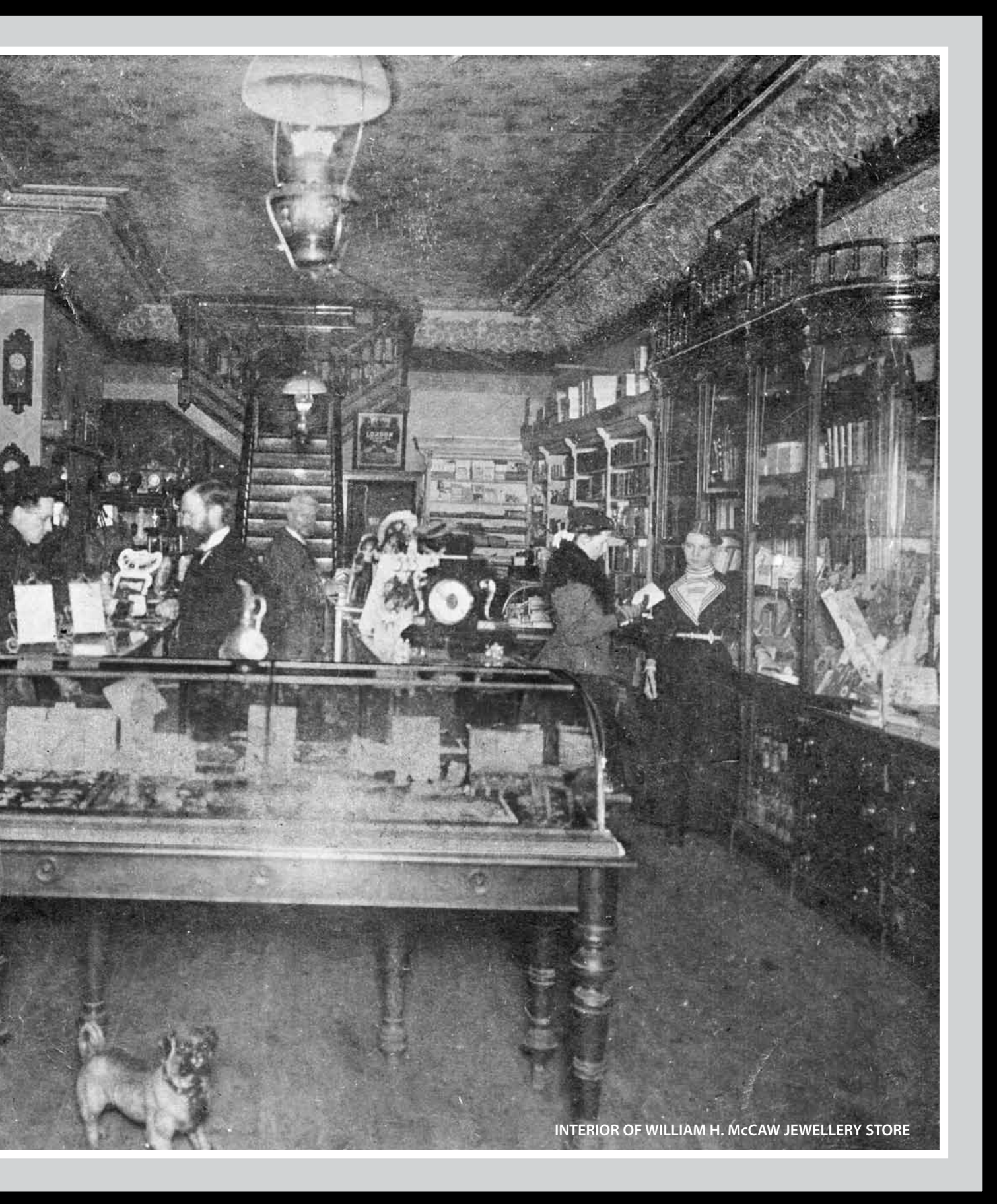
WILLIAM H. MCCAW opened his jewellery business on Queen St., Port Perry in Joseph Bigelow's "Royal Arcade" building in August 1873.

Just over a decade later he lost his entire stock in the devastating fire of July 1884. Undeterred, after the fire, Mr. McCaw erected an attractive two-storey block and continued as watchmaker and jeweller for more than 40 years.

Mr. McCaw was one of the leading businessmen of the town when he retired in May 1915 and sold his business. Two of the later owners of his jewellery store over the years, were: Ivy R. Bentley and George Pentland.



WILLIAM H. McCAW



INTERIOR OF WILLIAM H. McCAW JEWELLERY STORE

D.J. Adams Insurance Office

Circa 1900
193 Queen St. - Port Perry

DAVID J. ADAMS and his son David Douglas Adams operated a large insurance and loan business in Port Perry, from this handsome office on Queen Street.

In the 1860s David, together with his elder brother, John, opened an extensive land, brokerage and insurance business in Prince Albert.

After the arrival of the train in 1872, they joined the exodus of 1872 and moved their business to Port Perry.

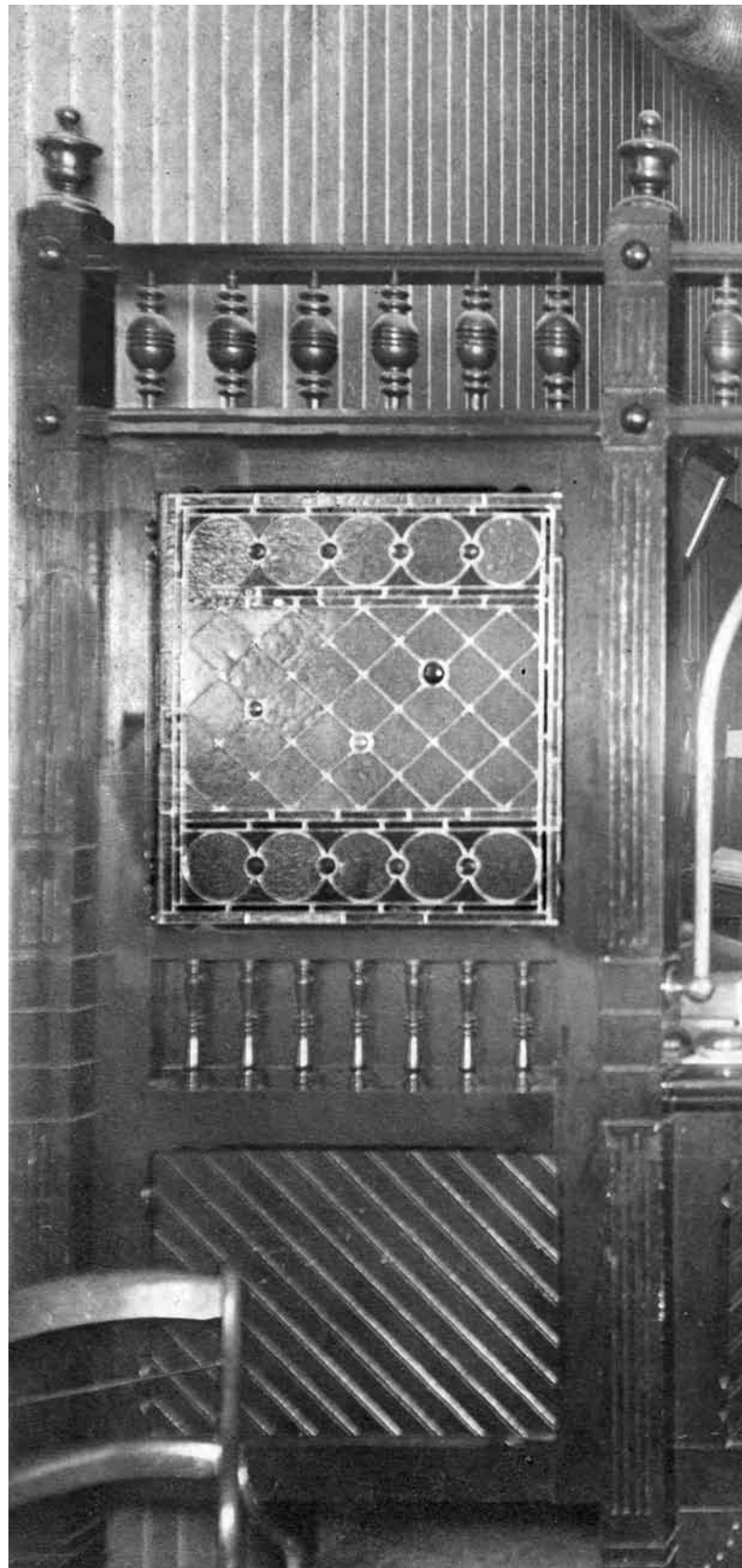
Following the death of his father in 1910, Douglas Adams took over the firm and built it into one of the largest insurance and loaning business in the district.



David J. Adams



D. Douglas Adams





INTERIOR OF D.J. ADAMS INSURANCE OFFICE

Queen Street Merchants



William L. Parrish

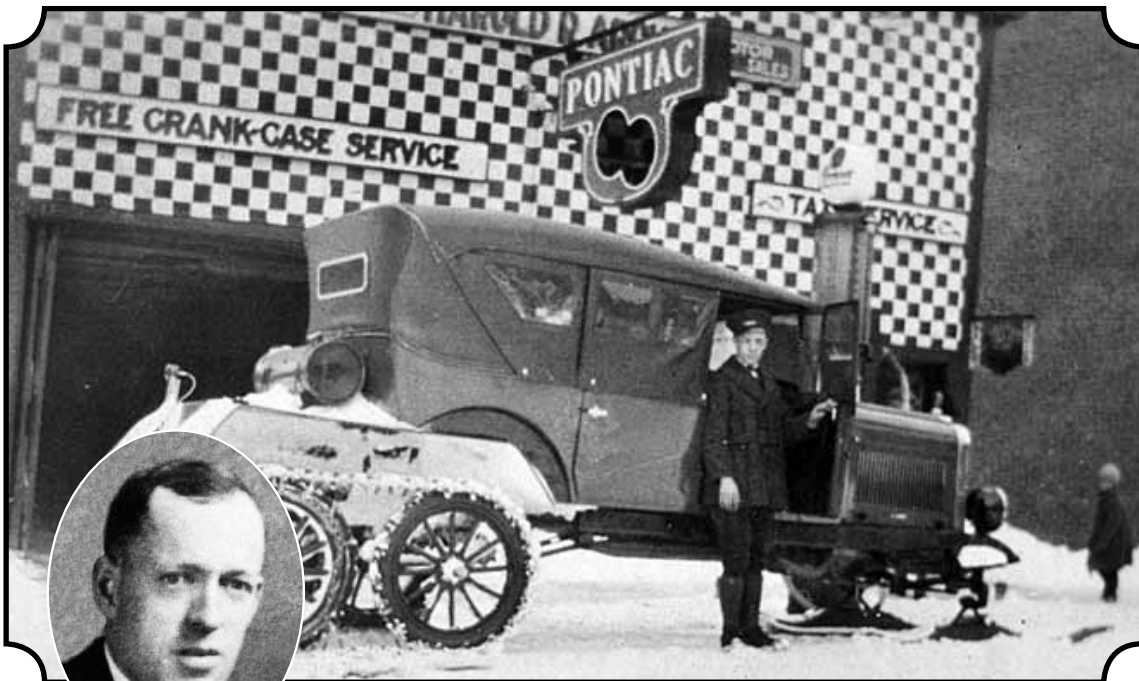
William Parrish operated one of the largest and best equipped hardware stores in Ontario County at 207 Queen St. This store later became Peel Hardware, and is presently Luke's Country Store.



Ted Jackson

Ted Jackson purchased the former Harold Archer garage at 239 Queen St., about 1947 for his auctioneering, farm equipment and appliance business. Jackson's son-in-law, Howard Hall, later took over and renamed it House of Howard and expanded into furniture sales.

Queen Street Merchants



Harold Archer

Harold Archer started in business as a Pontiac dealer from this building at 239 Queen St. in 1926. He is seen here with a modified vehicle for winter driving. He later moved his garage to 210 Queen St. and sold this property to Gordon Sweetman.



Gordon Sweetman

Gordon Sweetman purchased this property at 239 Queen St. in 1930 from Harold Archer, who moved his Pontiac dealership to a new location.

Mr. Sweetman operated "Sweetman's Garage" from this location for three years before taking on Chrysler's Plymouth cars in 1933. In 1937 he sold his business.

Men on Queen St.

Circa 1900

THIS INTERESTING picture, shows four men standing on Queen St., in the west end of downtown Port Perry.

The four men, whose identity is unknown, appear to be dressed in their Sunday best, and at least three of them are holding a cigar or cigarette in their hand.

There is no information as to who they are or what they are doing, but we could speculate.

Since they are just outside the funeral parlour at Queen & Perry St., (now Wagg Funeral Home), they may have been attending a funeral, prior to going out for a smoke. . . . but we as said, this is only speculation.

In the background is the north side of Queen St., with the Jessop block and Courtice and Jeffrey shops visible.





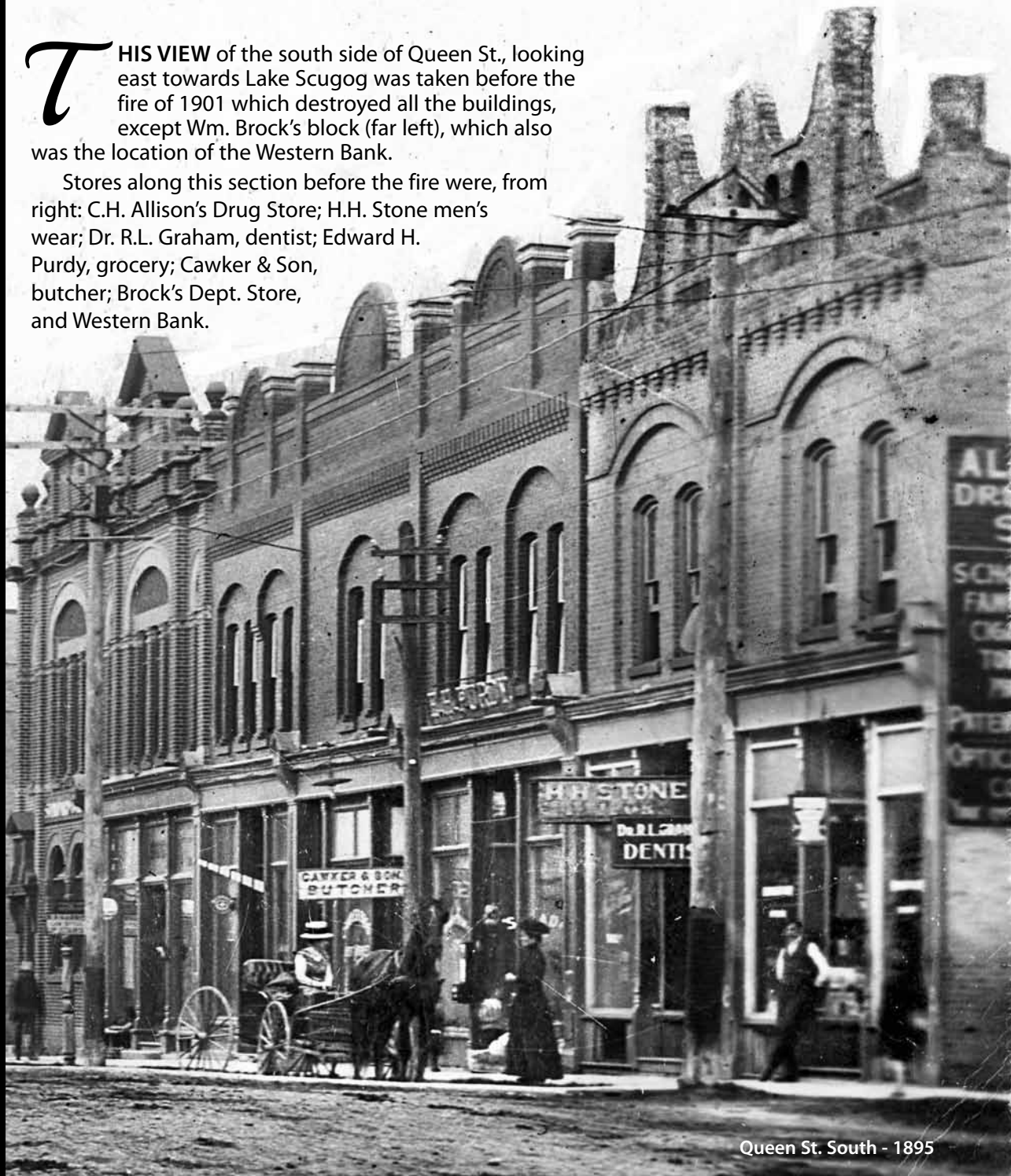
Queen St. South Side

168 to 186 Queen St. - Port Perry

Circa 1895

THIS VIEW of the south side of Queen St., looking east towards Lake Scugog was taken before the fire of 1901 which destroyed all the buildings, except Wm. Brock's block (far left), which also was the location of the Western Bank.

Stores along this section before the fire were, from right: C.H. Allison's Drug Store; H.H. Stone men's wear; Dr. R.L. Graham, dentist; Edward H. Purdy, grocery; Cawker & Son, butcher; Brock's Dept. Store, and Western Bank.



Queen St. South - 1895

Queen St. South Side

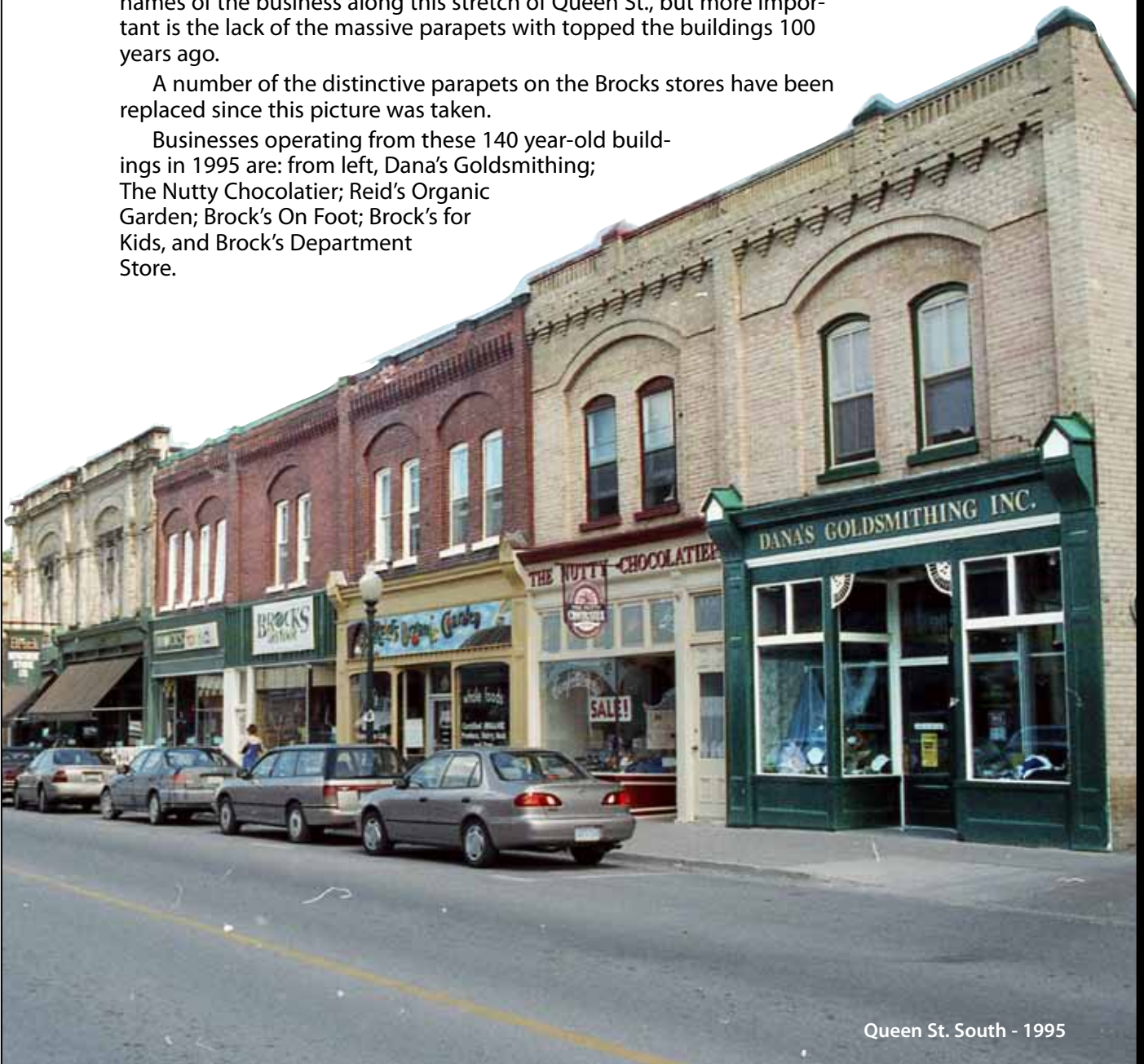
168 to 186 Queen St. - Port Perry
Circa 1995

ANOTHER VIEW of the south side of Queen St., taken a century after the photograph on the opposite page, shows the same buildings as they looked almost 30 years ago.

The most distinguishable difference may at first be the names of the business along this stretch of Queen St., but more important is the lack of the massive parapets with topped the buildings 100 years ago.

A number of the distinctive parapets on the Brocks stores have been replaced since this picture was taken.

Businesses operating from these 140 year-old buildings in 1995 are: from left, Dana's Goldsmithing; The Nutty Chocolatier; Reid's Organic Garden; Brock's On Foot; Brock's for Kids, and Brock's Department Store.



Queen St. South - 1995

Queen St.

1958-1987

Upper photo taken in 1958. Stores from left, Levinson's clothing store; Greer & Kelly law office; Jackson's Pastries; Lake Scugog Lumber; Emmerson Motel (second floor); Midtown Appliances; Elizabeth Shoppe; Dominion food store; I.R. Bentley jewellery store, and Taylor's 5¢ to \$1 store.

Lower photo taken in 1987. Stores from left, Home Hardware; From My Heart; Settlement House; Dor-Jean women's fashions; Ted E Bear toyshop; Irwin Smith Music; Emerson Insurance; Victorian Card Shop; Daisy's Fabrics; Luke's Country Store, and Lawrence Guardian drug store.



Queen St. North - 1958



Downtown Port Perry circa 1958: from left, Elizabeth Shoppe; Midtown Appliances; Lake Scugog Lumber; Jackson's Pastries; Greer & Kelly law office; and Levinson's clothing store.





Queen St. North - 1987

Bowling

Lawn bowling in Port Perry began in 1909 after the town purchased a lot on Queen St. to construct a bowling green.

In 1917, the club erected a small clubhouse on the north side of the bowling green, and 20 years later they renovated and expanded the building to provide a meeting room, equipment room and washrooms.

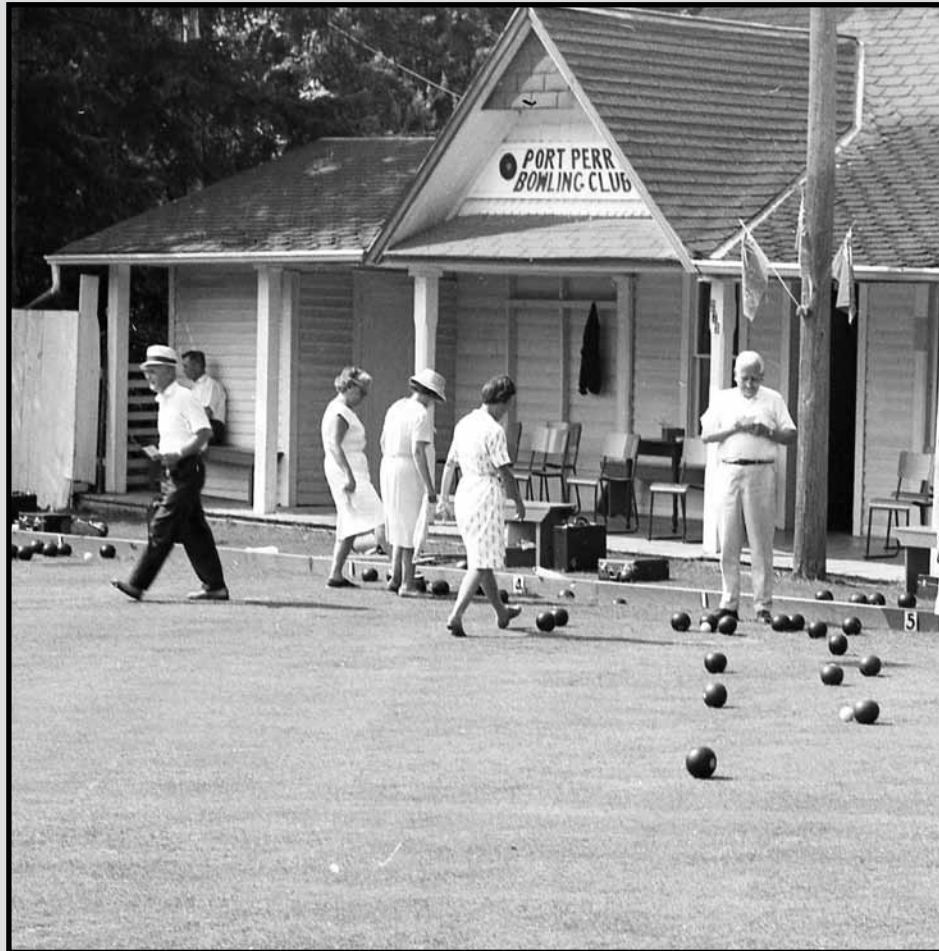
This is the building seen in the picture to the right.

By the late 1970s the club was in need of a larger facility so plans got underway to move the club from its convenient downtown location for eight decades.

During the fall of 1984, Scugog Township acquired a two-acre site on Old Simcoe Rd. From a local developer and work finally got underway on the new facility.

The final tournament on the historic old Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club facility on Queen Street took place on July 3, 1986.

The Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club held the official opening of its new facility on August 23, 1986. The new grounds and club house was built at a cost of about \$125,000 .



CAUSEWAY BOWLING 1957



Causeway Bowling Lanes

Frank Hasting opened Causeway Bowling Lanes about 1957 and operated it along with his wife Grace until 1971. The building was located at 1866 Scugog St., near the corner of Water St.



Frank Hastings

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Centennial Lanes

Jim and Vivian Rider purchased Causeway Bowling Lanes from the Hastings in 1971.

They immediately undertook many improvements to the building, including installing automatic pin-setters, adding a snack bar and games room and renamed it Centennial Lanes.



Vivian & Jim Rider



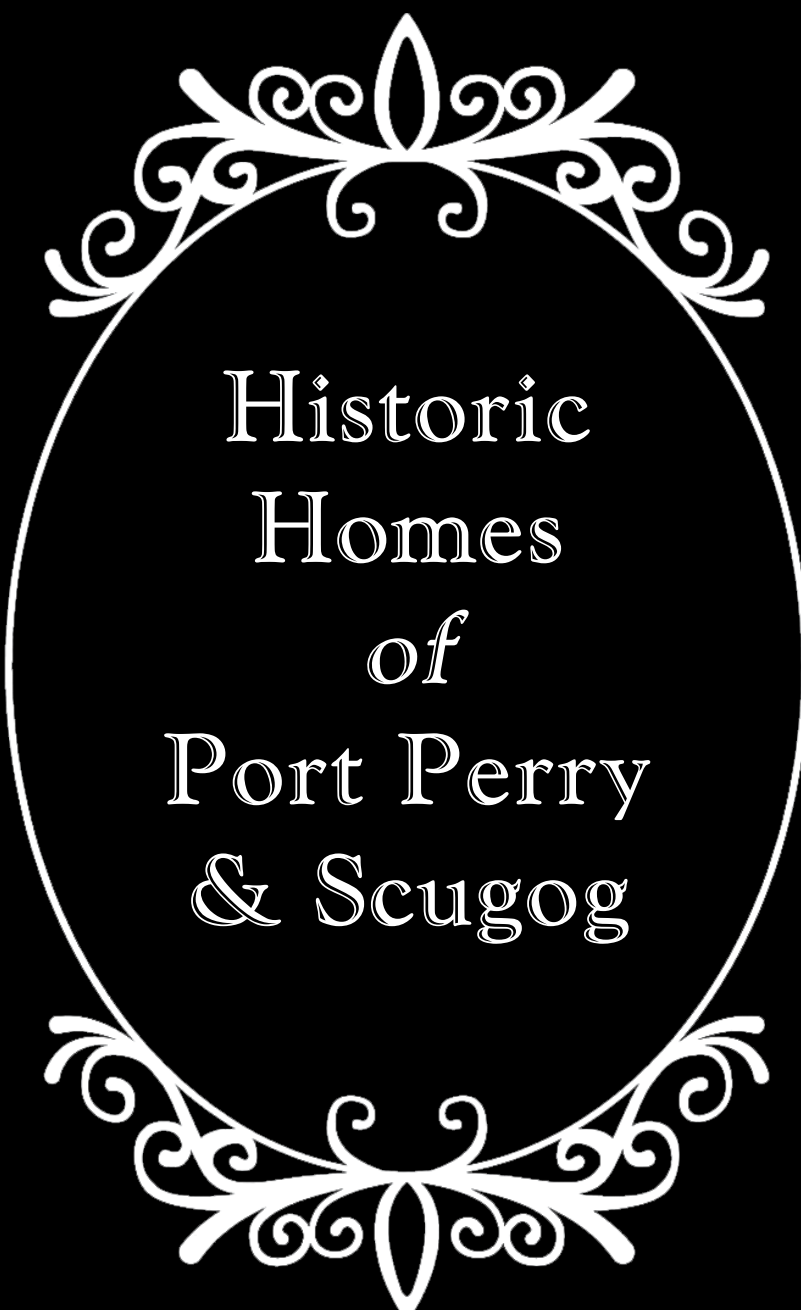
Queen Street Merchants



George Stephens' Shoe Repair shop was located at 241 Queen Street beside Ted Jackson's appliance and auctioneering service store. This build was later occupied by Toombs Insurance office, before being torn down in 1985.



George Stone men's wear store at 168 Queen St. during the 1950s. His father Herbert H. Stone, provided tailoring services, and men's clothing during the early 1900s near this location.



Historic
Homes
of
Port Perry
& Scugog

D.J. Adams Residence

156 Cochrane Street - Port Perry



THIS unique home was built during the summer of 1872 by David J. Adams, one of Port Perry's influential businessmen.

The house featured full-height, ornate "belvedere" with 10 windows encircling the structure, and a small deck around it. The view from the home's location high on the hill would have overlooked the town and Lake Scugog.

The property remained in the Adams family for 46 years, before being sold in 1918.

The house underwent many changes over the years, but is still lived in to this day.



Wm. Wilcox Residence

177 Cochrane Street - Port Perry



WILLIAM WILCOX was an early grocer, drug store and liquor merchant operating his store called "The Union" in Prince Albert.

About 1873 he moved to Port Perry to continue in business as an auctioneer.

Mr. Wilcox built this distinctive home with its unique mansard roof, and is the only remaining house of this style remaining in the town.

Ownership of this home remained in the Wilcox family for about 40 years before being purchased by Cyril C. Jeffrey in 1924.

Cyril Jeffrey and later his family occupied the home for 56 years before selling it in 1980.

Photo at right shows members of the Jeffrey family in their new Ford car.



Samuel Jeffrey Residence

220 Cochrane Street - Port Perry



ATHOUGH THIS HOME was not built by Samuel Jeffrey, the house became known as the Jeffrey home for the many years it was occupied by the family. This magnificent home was constructed about 1883 by Thomas Courtice, a well known Port Perry manufacturer of harness and saddles.

Samuel Jeffrey became a partner with Mr. Courtice in 1912, and in 1926 he purchased the house and property from the Courtice family. It remained in the Jeffrey family unto 1954. Today, despite having undergone many changes, this impressive residence remains one of the premier homes on Cochrane St.

Joshua Wright Residence

1555 King St. West - Prince Albert

ONE OF THE LARGEST houses in Prince Albert is this sturdy, two-story farm home , with a unique, but simple, three-storey tower over the front entrance. Built about 1875 by Joshua Wright, the house was constructed on his large property, just west of the four corners of this growing village. The house, although not elaborate was large, and featured to covered porches, one on each side of the tower, and was fenced by a decorative wood spool fence.

Joshua Wright became on the area's leading businessmen, and an influential political leader, having served more than 30 years as councillor and reeve of Reach Township. As a businessman he operated a tannery and became one of the area's largest boot and shoe manufactures. After moving his business to Port Perry, he also became involved in the grain industry.

After the death of Mr. Wright in 1898, the house he had called home for almost a quarter of a century was sold. The stately home still stand proudly in Prince Albert, although today it is divided into apartments and his home to a number of tenants.



D.J. Adams Residence

386 Queen Street - Port Perry

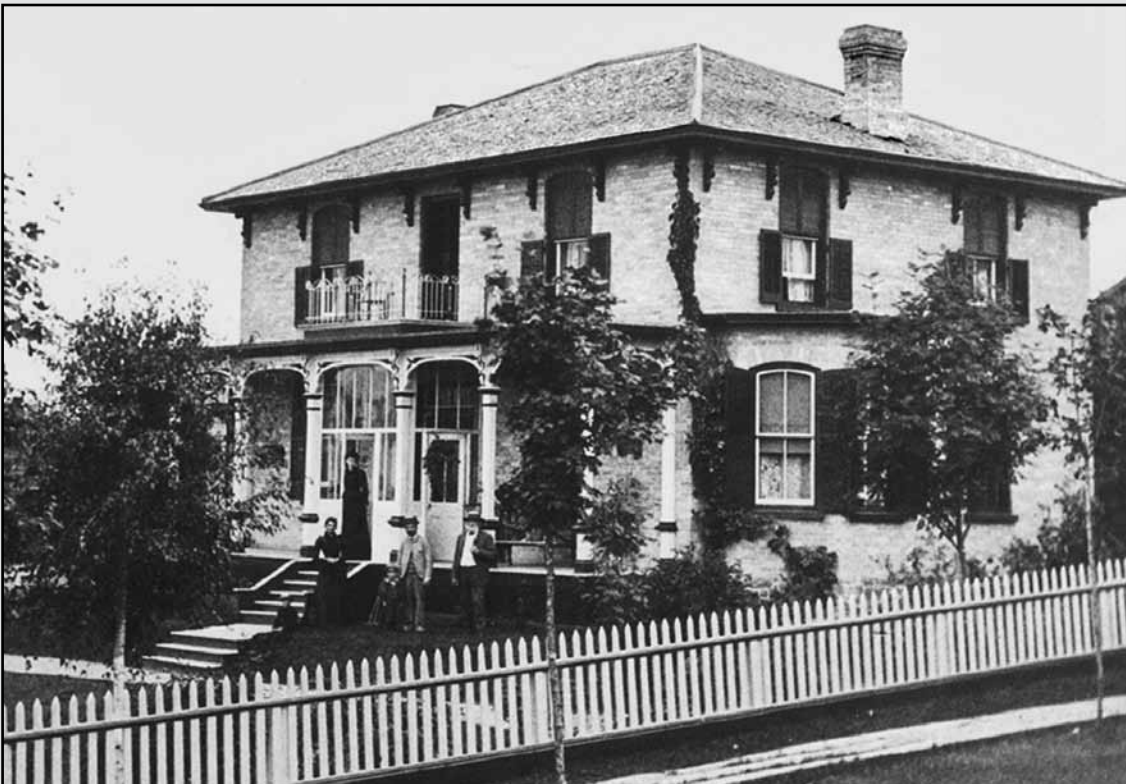
THOMAS FORMAN was the man who built this impressive home on Queen St., Port Perry in 1885 after moving his business to the town from Prince Albert, where he had been a major grain merchant for more than 30 years.

Mr. Forman's large new home was of similar design as his Prince Albert house, the main difference it being built with brick instead of wood. The two-storey yellow brick home dominated the southwest corner of Queen and Caleb St., sitting high on the street. It featured a decorative porch and bay windows on the main level, and a walk-out to a small platform on the second floor, which would have provided a spectacular view over Port Perry and Lake Scugog.



The spacious new home became known as Lockerby House, and it was the residence of the Forman family for more than half a century.

This impressive century home was unfortunately converted into apartments during the 1960s.



Alan Sexton Residence

289 North Street - Port Perry



WILLIAM SEXTON one of Port Perry's influential businessmen during the late 1800s built this impressive home for his brother Alan in 1871, but he ran into financial trouble soon after and the house taken over by the bank and Alan had to move out of his new home.

The house was described as being well built and consisting of eight rooms, with a large kitchen and pantry of about 25'x30' added onto the north side. Although not considered elaborate, the house featured a wrap-around porch, decorative trim and a unique mansard roof, one of only two house of this style in the town.

A number of families lived in the home over the next few years until purchased by respected lawyer Norman F. Paterson. in 1888. Two years later a fire erupted in the kitchen and spread throughout the building. Fortunately some a large amount of the Paterson's furnishing were saved, before the fire reduced the home to ashes.

Following the fire the Paterson built the two-storey red brick home remains today on the northeast corner of North and Simcoe Street.-

E.H. Purdy Residence

15272 Simcoe St. - Port Perry

THIS ATTRACTIVE centrally located property was home to Port Perry businessman Edward H. Purdy and his family for 56 years. In addition of a thriving business, Mr. Purdy filled almost every official position in the community, serving as a school trustee, clerk-treasurer and reeve a number of times

The house was constructed by Mark Currie about 1874. The yellow-brick home faced onto Simcoe St. and featured a large verandah with a flat roof and railing, providing an outdoor area for the second level. The verandah deteriorated over the years becoming unsafe and it was removed sometime in the mid-twentieth century.

Mr. Currie sold the building shortly after it was constructed to local photographer Henry McKenzie, who lived there until 1889 when the Purdy family moved into the home. Since selling the home in 1946, it has had multiple owners.



Joseph Bigelow Residence

175 Cochrane Street - Port Perry

ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZED historic homes in Port Perry is the former residence of Joseph and Elizabeth Bigelow. This stately home, which they called 'Fairview Villa', was constructed beginning in the fall of 1876, on a large lot overlooking Port Perry and Lake Scugog. The Bigelow family moved into the home during 1877.

Joseph Bigelow was a driving force in the development of Port Perry. He was a major land-owner, developer and retailer, having built a three-storey brick building on Queen St. he called the 'Bigelow's Royal Arcade'. He also served as Port Perry's first postmaster; manager of the town's first bank; and was elected the first Reeve of the town in 1872.

The property was transferred to Mr. Bigelow's grandson William Carnegie about 1930. The Carnegies lived in the family home until 1980 when the original furnishing were sold by auction and the house sold. Multiple owners have lived in the magnificent house since that time.



Mark Currie Residence

94 Ella Street - Port Perry



Mark Currie's home, circa 1880, with the new Port Perry Union School on Queen St., in the background

ONE OF PORT PERRY'S earliest large brick homes was built by Mark Currie on Borelia hill overlooking Port Perry in 1872. The large two-storey home was constructed of yellow brick and featured a decorative wrap-around verandah with the main entrance facing east. The original house had approximately 1,100 sq. ft. on each floor with the popular centre hall plan.

Influenced by the growing popularity of towers on many new brick homes in Port Perry during this period, a tower, (*below*) was later added to the front of his residence. The 9'x 8' tower provided a main entrance at the east side of his home, and also two doors on the lower level leading to the covered porch on either side of the structure. On the upper floor, the room provided by the tower had windows on all sides.



The Currie home, circa 1930, with the full tower when owned by Samuel Farmer and his family.

The next family of prominence to own the home was Samuel Farmer, owner and publisher of the Port Perry Star. Mr. Farmer purchased the home in 1925 and lived there for 23 years.

Following his death in 1948, members of the Farmer family, including Irving and Marion (Farmer) Boyd, lived in the home over the next 19 years.

Since that time there have been multiple owners of this attractive property.

Note: It has not been determined if it was Mark Currie, or the Samuel Farmer who erected the tower. It is also unknown why or when the top of the tower was removed.

Montgomery Medical Hall

3482 Church St. - Blackstock, Ontario



Dr. John Montgomery's "Medical Hall", located in Blackstock, circa 1899.

THIS ORNATE & IMPRESSIVE HOME, located in Blackstock, Ont. was the residence and medical office of Dr. John Montgomery, and it became known locally as "The Medical Hall". Doctor Montgomery graduated as a doctor in 1868 and moved to Blackstock, opening the first medical practice in the village. Two years later he erected this attractive Victorian-style home, which became both his residence and his medical office.



The Montgomery Medical Hall when it was owned by Blair and Janet Martyn, in 2002.

This luxurious building, with its beautiful red and yellow brickwork, features a unique tower, which is much higher than most of this style, and is one of the most outstanding features of this house.

It also has ornate roof brackets, gingerbread decor both above and below the porch roof and arch topped windows and matching decorative brickwork give this home a unique architectural presence in the community.

Dr. Montgomery left Blackstock in 1882 and sold. More than five doctors occupied this landmark home over the next 75 years before it became the home for a number of local residents.

The End

I hope you enjoyed this
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