

Belnap, Pete

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**MOVED IN 1927**

When A. E. Wonnacott bought out Fenn's in 1927 and opened a watch repair and jewellery store Mr. Belnap transferred his operation across the street and he's been there ever since.

He enjoys recalling the old days and the barbers who were in business when he started.

"I've seen a lot of barbers come and go. Arthur Skinner, Reg Arnott and Harry Fenn are still barbering and some of the boys around in the early days were Mr. Griffin at the Quinte Hotel, Mickey Malyea, Eddie George, the Conley Brothers, Rightmeyer, Armour Bennett, Jimmy Skinner, Fred Palace, Candy Langabeer and Jack McCourt, who was known as the best in the business at one time.

"Forty-five years ago, we made about \$12 per week and kept the shops open from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closing time on Saturday was midnight.

"I've had a lot of good times in this business. I'll miss the discussions over baseball, hockey and the elections. At one time, the barbers had a ball team and we had some great games, too."

Mr. Belnap's shop will be renovated and a book store is moving in. Right now, he is looking forward to a rest. But don't be surprised if he turns up in one of the other shops in the city, working a day or two a week. He may find the lure of the barber's chair too great to overcome.