



**NEW SURVEY** — One of the largest of the new surveys opened in Aldershot, Long Acres was subdivided just over a year ago and now contains 60 fine new homes.

OLD DOCUMENTS, some dated 1886, found in the walls of the old frame building, now being demolished behind Burlington Motors, that years ago served as a local post office.

## Postal Documents Dated 1886 Found By Wreckers' Hammers

Wreckers, ripping away at an old frame building at the rear of Burlington Motors Ltd., Lakeshore Road, this week, uncovered papers behind a wall that showed the structure was a one-time Burlington post office.

The papers included several

sheaves of blackened letter bills dated 1886. Some have been turned over to Post Master Charles E. Gates, who said he plans to send them to Ottawa for whatever historic value they may have.

Not much is known of the history of the old building, being torn down now to make way for an addition to the garage at Burlington Motors. Some local oldsters seem to recall it standing, at one time, on the south side of Lakeshore Road, or Water Street as it was known then. It may well have served Wellington Square which lost its identity to Burlington in 1873.

### MOVED

Later the building is believed to have been moved to its present location in the middle of the block surrounded by other, newer buildings facing John, Pine and Elizabeth Streets and Lakeshore Road.

Stanley Peart, who lives at 690 North Shore E., and whose grandfather, Vickers H. Peart and father, A. C. Peart, were both local postmasters, recalls the building well, but always on its present site. He said it was

used for many recent years for storage and as a garage by various merchants nearby.

### NOW \$7,000

According to some of the documents Burlington Post Office, back in the old days was proud to do about \$70 worth of business on an average day. Mr. Gates said about \$7,000 would cause no comment now.

The building is believed to have been moved to the north side of Lakeshore Road, when a brick building there was in use as a post office. Later, of course, the post office moved to Brant Street, next door to the town hall and then, a few months ago, to the new building further north on Brant Street.

The old frame building is held together with iron nails. Architecturally it dates to near-pioneer days. Studding is all two by six, rather than two by four.

How the old documents happened to slip behind the wall back in 1886 is a bit of a mystery. Perhaps some repairs or renovations were underway and they fell behind a plank. Someone perhaps spent days, at the time, looking high and low for them.

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