

# THE TANNERY

## LIFE AFTER CROSSEN



EDWARDS & EDWARDS LIMITED

The closing of Canada Blue Tanning for the last time in 1988 signaled the end of a long history of industry on Alice Street in Cobourg. The Crossen Car Works first occupied the site in 1870, but some 130 years later the tannery buildings stood derelict, and in 2007 they were finally demolished.

## TIMES CHANGE

### A BUSINESS WORTH BUYING (AND SELLING)

Crossen stopped operations in 1915, and Dominion Wheel & Foundries Limited took over just two years later. **A tannery was first established on the Alice Street property in 1926.** While the business changed ownership and names several times, it began under the name of **Edwards & Edwards**, covering seven acres. At various times over the years, cow hides, fish skins and sheep hides were all tanned there.

In 1957 the Edwards family sold the business to the **Remis Brothers** of Boston, Massachusetts. It was later sold to **John A. Lang & Sons. Ltd.** of Kitchener for approximately \$1,000,000.



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