



P. McCallum and Sons imported goods from a wide variety of specialized sources providing residents of Cobourg **an international selection of dry goods**. In 1889, P. McCallum and Sons was recognised in the *Toronto World*, with other Cobourg businesses, as doing immense trade in clothing **that no city firm could match**.

As well as being a dry goods store that sold a variety of products, P. McCallum and Sons was also well known for fancy materials and finished products. The stock they carried was very valuable. **They were robbed in November 1879 of \$1500 worth of silks.** *"The goods taken were principally silks and silk handkerchiefs, of which a large and valuable assortment had recently been imported. From the appearance of things in the store, it would seem as though the thieves had been interrupted and scared off by some noise, as they left six pieces of silk on the workshop table."* - Cobourg World 1879

In 1898 the store's millinery shop was presided over by a Miss Fowler. **Victorian fashion was rarely seen as complete without a head piece**, particularly for outdoor wear.



*"Whatever is newest in hats and bonnets and fashionable for the season is sure to be found at P. McCallum and Sons millinery parlors, where Miss Fowler has presided for several seasons with much ability and artistic taste."*  
~ Cobourg World 1898

Peter and his elder son, Peter, both died in 1892. The store then passed to the younger son, Charles Young McCallum. C. Y. McCallum ran the store until his death just six years later when his son, also Charles, succeeded him. With Charles Jr's death in 1929 the family ownership of this very successful business came to an end.

