

The Drug Stores.

The first drug store in Alton was on the third line where the George Gooderham home now stands. Mr. Williams, in partnership with a Mr. Holden was the proprietor. Mr. Williams dissolved partnership and Mr. Holden carried on for a time. He later bought a frame building near the present Coulter store and the J. A. Lovell home next door. This building belonged to the Durham brothers. Mr. Ed. Kibblewhite learned the drug business with Mr. Holden and later went into business for himself where the present department store of Mr. Bicknell now stands. This was later taken over by Mr. Dan Worts and run in conjunction with his brother in law, Dr. George McKinnon. Later this building was used as a grocery store.

Early stores.

A bake shop was situated where the Broyden apartments now stand. The first baker was McQuarrie. He was followed by ^{Cameron, Ashton} Rieds, Broydens, and several others. Broydens later moved to Orangeville and there was an apartment building made out of the building.

Below the McQuarrie shop there was a splendid stone building built in and used as a carriage shop by Mr. James Barber. This shop built beautiful buggies which were sold far and wide, and employed many men. In later years, Mr. Barber's son Everton used it as a paint shop for the early automobiles. On his death it was sold to the Stubb Bros. and used in conjunction with their other factory for the manufacture of rubber goods.

The next store was a brick building used by Mr. Mason Algie as a grocery store for many years. Later it was sold to his son in law, Amos Mason. Following him came, A. S. Shaw, in 1918, then Alonzo Tennyson, who sold to a Mr. Clark. He resold to another Mr. Pat Clark, who was followed by Mr. McCarthy. In 1954, the McCarthy family sold to Mr. K. Marcellus who is here at present. (1957).

Lower down on the same street and in the same building, there was the Kibblewhite drug store. It was taken over by Mr. Dan Worts. When he left Alton for the city, it was made into a grocery store and O. W. Chantler was in charge for several years. It was divided later and Mr. Wm. Hawkins took over a part as a Post Office, while Mr. H. R. Cameron, used the other part as a drug ^{store} and ice cream parlour. On Mr. Hawkins' death, his widow kept the office for a while then the building was sold and converted into apartments. Mr. Cameron moved down into the hotel building and began a Post Office.

In the building next to the south and east, Mr. Louis Lemon resided while the front part was used as a store, a bank and finally a bake shop. It was destroyed by fire. In the same building there was a barber shop and pool room. A Mr. McIvor ran this for a number of years, then Simon Babcock. On his death it was bought by Mr. Wm. Hilliard. This was destroyed by the same fire which demolished the Lemon building. Beside it there was another store which was used by Mr. John Natoloski as a shoe repair business and later by Mr. Earn. Gooderham as a garage. All three of these buildings were burned at the same time.