

Mr. Alex Patterson had a harness shop and leather goods shop in the brick building adjoining the hotel property. He lived on the premises until his death and then it was rented for a time and then sold to Mr. Harold Simmons who now owns it (1957.) C. Linham has a butcher shop there. To connect the hotel and the Simmons property, during the first war years a brick building was built, and used as housing for employees of the local shell factory. Later it was added to the hotel property, and used as a dining room.

During the same war years of 1914 to 18, the property of Mr. Everton Barber was used as a Munitions factory and employed a great number of men. After the war, Mr. Barber again resumed the painting and renovating of buggies and automobiles.

The hotel stood where it now is. Below the other hotel on the corner, we had a tinsmithing shop run by Mr. Henry McClellan, where the Blacksmith shop of the late Mr. Wm. Storey stood. Next to this is the Undertaking parlour, first owned by a Mr. Harris. He sold to the Clarks. On the death of Bob Clark, it was purchased by O. W. Caven and he was there for a number of years. He retired and it was taken over by Mr. George Dods a descendent of the early Dods family, in 1953..

Going east on Main street, from the corner where the hotel stood, there was a hardware store. Mr. James Smith for a time, then Mr. Alex Walker and later Mr. W. Dorrington. Above it, was an apartment where the McKinleys lived. This building was partially destroyed by fire and Mr. Dorrington rebuilt, later it was completely demolished and Mr. Waldo Dorrington rebuilt the present building. Over his store is a fine hall used by the local I.O.O.F. lodge.

Next to Dorringtons Hardware there was a dwelling house which for many years housed the post office. A grocery store was there for several years. Mr. Davis had the post office there, and later Mr. John McLaughlan. This building was burned and the post office was moved to the home of Mr. Wm. Hawkins who became post master. Mr. Willis Coulter had a small grocery store next to this. Later he built the fine stone building where he still does business. The small shop was taken over as a barber shop by Mr. Wm. Hilliard, and later Mr. Alex McCauley, who ran a shop there until 1957. Next to Coulter's store, Mr. John Lovell built the large brick house in which he lived and had a butcher shop. On his retiring it was rented to Mr. C. Linham, as a butcher shop. He left it and it was sold several times and is now owned by Mr. Drummond. He has made apartments out of the large house and rents the store to Mr. McCauley as a barber shop and beauty parlour.

Where the home of Mr. Russel Jenkins stands there was originally the Hall Bake shop.

The present town hall was built as a Congregational church and when partially destroyed by fire, was not used for a long time. It was later taken over by the town and made into a hall. In 1918, it was burned and repaired and later was partially burned again. It was repaired and has been used as a hall ever since.

Behind the local stores a fine tin shed was erected for the use of customers in the stores. Of late years it is not used to any great extent. Near it stood an Orange Hall. A fine Science Hall was built opposite the Ward mill and used for many years before it was converted into a dwelling. It now belongs to the Stubbs property and is the home of Mr. Ralph Stubbs.