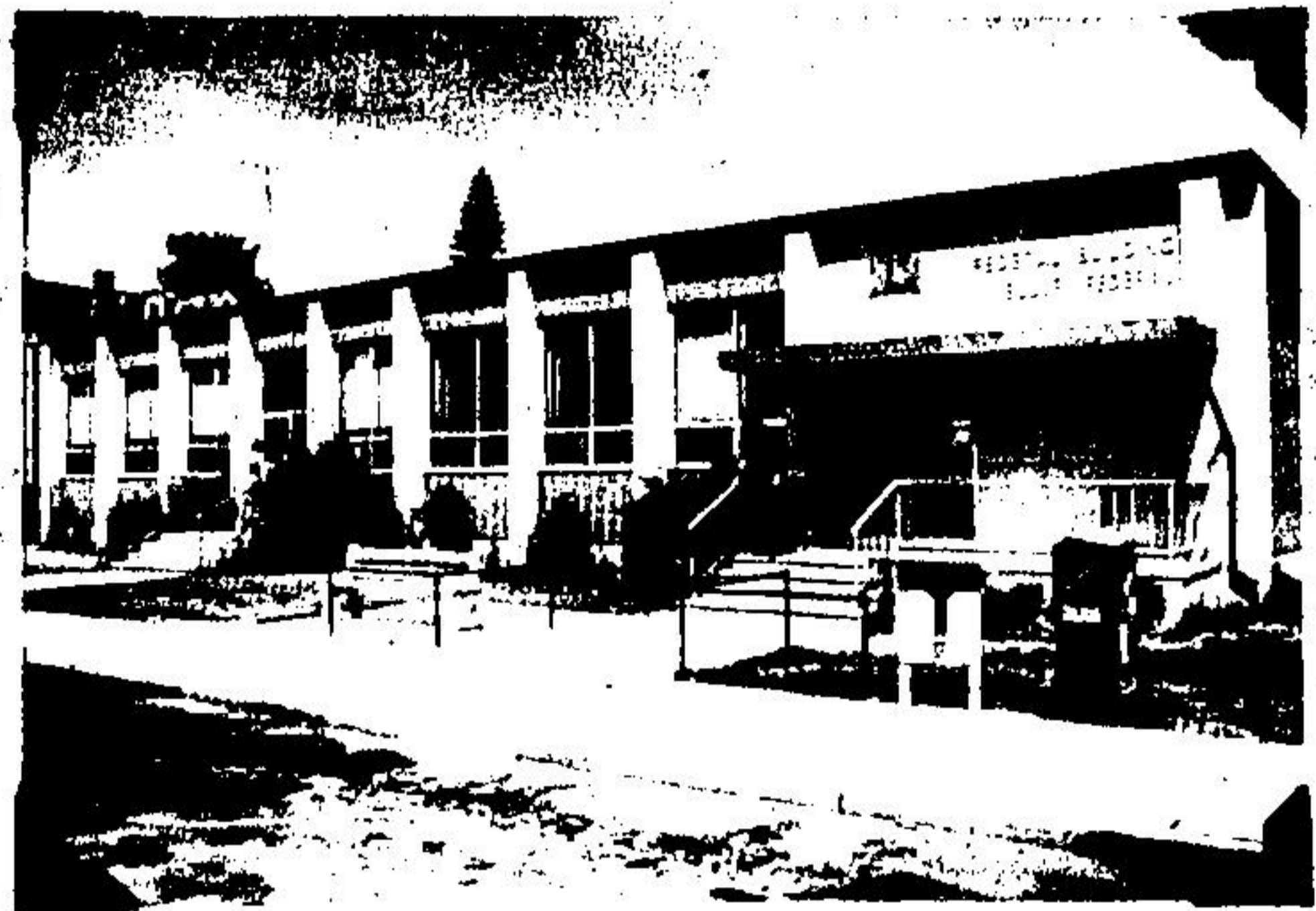


POST OFFICE erected in 1913.

THEN & NOW



ACTON'S FIRST post office building, on Mill St.



THE PRESENT post office and customs office.

A Suggestion.
 We would like to say a word or two to those people who are in the habit of spending their leisure time in hanging around the stores, and other business places. If they would consider the amount of joy they are doing by preventing customers from coming in, also undergo the disagreeable necessity of running the gauntlet of a double file of men and boys, they would probably be disposed to seek some place of resort, where they would not be encroaching upon the private rights of the storekeeper. In the first place, we would suggest to our merchants the advisability of closing their stores at a much earlier hour in the evening than they have been in the habit of doing. Thus shutting off this harbor of refuge. We would then suggest that some centrally located room be engaged for the winter evenings, where all would feel at perfect liberty to come and go as they felt inclined, where they could smoke, talk, read, discuss politics or anything else as they now do in the stores. We have not much faith in regularly organized reading rooms or mechanics institutes, as they are very rarely appreciated by the masses, and are but little patronized. But we fancy a place of public resort, such as we have here in Acton, would meet the disposition of a large number of people who do not care to submit to the restraint of organized discipline. Drinking, gambling, or other immorality, should be strictly prohibited, but otherwise there should be perfect social freedom. A few newspapers and other reading matter be provided for those who were disposed to occupy their time in reading. There are two or three convenient places which we believe could be secured for this purpose on very reasonable terms.
 Mr. Matthews authorizes us to say that he will have his hall warmed and lighted on Saturday



THIS POSTCARD says, Greetings from Acton West, Ont. The picture on the card is of Fairy Lake with an airplane flying overhead. The caption says, Flying high at Fairy Lake, Acton.



FIRST OF JULY parade comes down Mill in 1904 as spectators watch from the wooden sidewalks. The head of the parade is passing Mrs. Secord's garden, where A & B Supermarket is now.