



Bus, which ran between downtown Oakville and the Oakville rail station, stands ready to take on passengers.

From our files

'Fancy' goods were the best

Stores of different kinds flourished in Oakville in the prosperous period of the 1850's. The number of general merchants increased from six to ten. Merchants made extensive use of the word "fancy" in advertising their goods. One storekeeper, James Arnott, advertised paisley and Indian frilled shawls, No. 1 Buffalo skins, and French merino, German plaids, Delaines, Cashmeres and Coburgs. Charles Reynolds, announcing a new line of millinery, listed "silk, satin, plush bonnets, fancy straw, Tuscan and Dunstable do. brocaded silk and satin visettes, silk satin plain do. of the latest styles and fashions, Gloves, hosiery, head dresses, shawls etc. in quantities which would be rather perilous to believe "without seeing."

merchant, John Urquhart, sold raisins, currants, soft-shelled almonds, and Cross and Blackwell genuine sauces, pickles, sardines, anchovy paste, Yarmouth herrings, and lobsters hermetically sealed. Before Christmas 1855 he announced that he had received a fresh supply of fruit direct from Marseilles.

One mercantile firm, Gage, Hagaman & Co., advertised as follows: "We pay no rent, employ no extra clerks to keep books, make out accounts &c, and make NO BAD DEBTS. With our system of READY PAY, we are enabled to sell at all times at lower prices than the CHEAPEST CITY HOUSES." Between 1846 and 1851 the number of shoemakers in Oakville increased from twelve to twenty, and four of these had shops. The firm of Kenney and Howes had a factory on Navy Street in which a number of shoemakers were employed.

David Duff, a cabinet maker announced that he was able to provide drawing room, parlour, dining room and bedroom sets and window and bedroom drapery. Another

Town's first bylaws

One of the first bylaws passed by Oakville council shortly after the town's incorporation in 1857 was aimed at the control of contagious and infectious diseases.

It provided that "no person shall keep, erect, maintain or use any building or shed within the Town of Oakville for the purpose of slaughtering animals or dressing, or preparing meat for butchers' stalls. No person shall kill any animal within the said town without burying the blood and of-fal of such animal at least two feet in the ground, and a distance of fifty feet from any dwelling-house."

The bylaw prohibited people from hanging out the skins or hides of slaughtered animals for drying or curing, with a penalty of a fine up to five pounds or imprisonment up to 20 days for its violation.

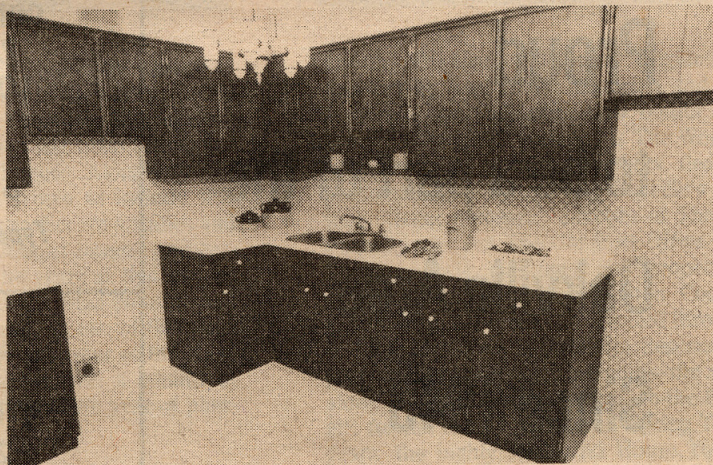
A few years later the committee on police and public order assumed the function of a board of health and the health officer began inspections of dwellings.

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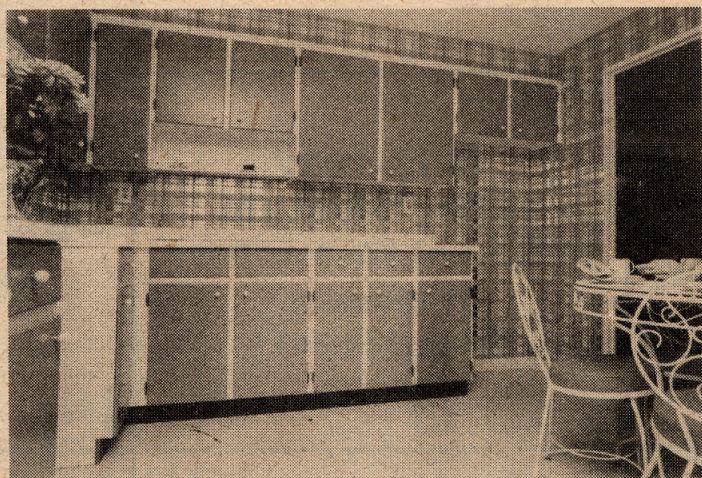
Householders were warned, through notices in the press, to have their cellars cleaned, drains opened, privies whitewashed, hog pens cleaned, and all garbage removed from their yards. The notice stated that a free use of lime was recommended, that it could be supplied for 25 cents a bushel, and that persons unable to afford the price would be provided.

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18 YEARS PART OF OAKVILLE

After a sleepless New Year's Eve Dec. 31, 1959, Art Lee awoke to take over his new store, formerly known as Jack Dyson Men's Wear.

His life savings of \$6,000.00 and a promise of \$50.00 a week for three years were needed for the start.

There were 23 suits & 25 sports jackets in the opening inventory. From a one man 500 sq. ft. store on George St. business grew. Then on Labour Day weekend 1963, friends gathered & a move was made to 286 Lakeshore Rd. E., space doubled and business grew. We had to move again in 1971, just two doors down to 294 Lakeshore Rd. E., our present location. Staff have grown as well, from Keith Gould a part time after school employee now in his fifteenth year, Dave Chivers nine years & Jim Archibald the rookie going into his second.



294 LAKESHORE ROAD E.

OAKVILLE/845-5542

MEN'S WEAR LIMITED