

# **`City of Kenora A Historical Gazetteer to the Buildings and Businesses of Kenora Ontario**

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## **Foreword**

The decision to set up a website on Kenora Buildings was made some time in 2016 and for several years I have added material as I gained new insights into Kenora Buildings. The work is clearly a work in process, **and I welcome assistance in adding material including pictures and history of owners or operators.**

## **Preface**

The City of Kenora came into existence on January 1, 2000 and is old as the present century. Just prior to that date, there existed three municipalities, Kenora, Keewatin and Jaffrey Mellick. Currently the city boasts 211.59 km<sup>2</sup>. It is situated on the Lake of the Woods in Northwestern Ontario, Canada, close to the Manitoba boundary and about 200 km (124 miles) east of Winnipeg. Coordinates 49 046'N94029'W. It was incorporated first in the Province of Manitoba and Ontario in 1882.



*Chippewa Indian Encampment accessed at  
<https://archive.org/details/ratportagekeewat00unse>*

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**79 A Street West** Tyrrell's Auto Glass Owned and operated by Chuck Tyrrell.

**AK and Company**, Highway 17 West

**A & B Motel & Cottages** 1404 River Street (According to 1983 Telephone Book Possible Explanation is that there was a River Street in Keewatin )

**A & W Restaurant** 924 5<sup>th</sup> Street South

**A & S Confectionery** 712 Lakeview Plaza at least by 1983

**Aamikkowiish No-profit Housing** 1422 Highway East

**Abundance Crafts** 234 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, previously 155 Main Street South

ACME-Kenora Cleaners & Launderers, 120 Matheson Street South (1983)

**Acklands Grainger** 25 Chipman Street, went out of business approximately 2018, was replaced by Northern Sounds and Systems in 2020

**Adams Block** 211 McClellan Ave, burned down in 2010s

**Agur Street**, Odd numbers 1501 -1523A, Even numbers 1508-1522, starts off Pearl Street and runs East

**1723 Agur Street**, Bell's Septic,

**Airport Road**: Odd numbers 237-1621, even numbers 324-1518, Begins at the end of Railway Street, North of the CPR tracks and runs west by the airport ultimately ending at the Jones Road.

Albert's Barber Shop **129 Matheson Street**

### **Albion House**

The Albion House was built in 1896, owned by Mary Anne Milligan. On October 3, 1911 she became Mary Anne Reddy as she married Joseph Alphonse Reddy.

Mr. Corneille purchased the building in 1934 remodeling and expanding the building and renaming the business the Lake of the Woods Hotel.

**Alcock Funeral Home & Cremation Services** 821 Highway 17 West

**Alkaye Grocery** 1132 9<sup>th</sup> Street North at least by 1993

**Al's Place Hi-Way Drive In** Highway 17 East (11983)

**Alzheimer Society of Kenora / Rainy River** 619 9<sup>th</sup> Street N

**Alpine Printing** 702 Highway West

**Amethyst Street**, Odd 3-69, Even 4-22, located off of Valley Drive, between Houghton Drive and Cambrian Drive and joining Cambrian drive at the north end, approximately 17 residences.

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**Anchor Inn & Marina** 551 Lakeside Drive

**Anicinabe Park**, 955 Golf Course Road

**Anishinaabe Abinoojii Family Services** 20 Main Street South

**Andre Tardiff Agency** 1020 Railway Street

**Andy Morrell Mechanical Services**, 1217 Highway 17 West

**Andy's Home Renovations**, 15 Regina Ave.

**Arc Industries** 2 Dennis Place until 1983, In 1984 the business moved into Tenth Ave. South

**Arthritis Society Consultation & Rehabilitation Office** 35 Wolsley St.

**AT Fife:** See 106 Main Street South

**A Touch of Colour** 1051 Railway Street, 1422 Highway East 2017

**Auto Shop The**, 1100 Railway Street



ALBION HOUSE,  
MISS M. MILLIGAN, PROPRIETRESS.

## B

**B & B General Store** 616 Ottawa St, 2010s

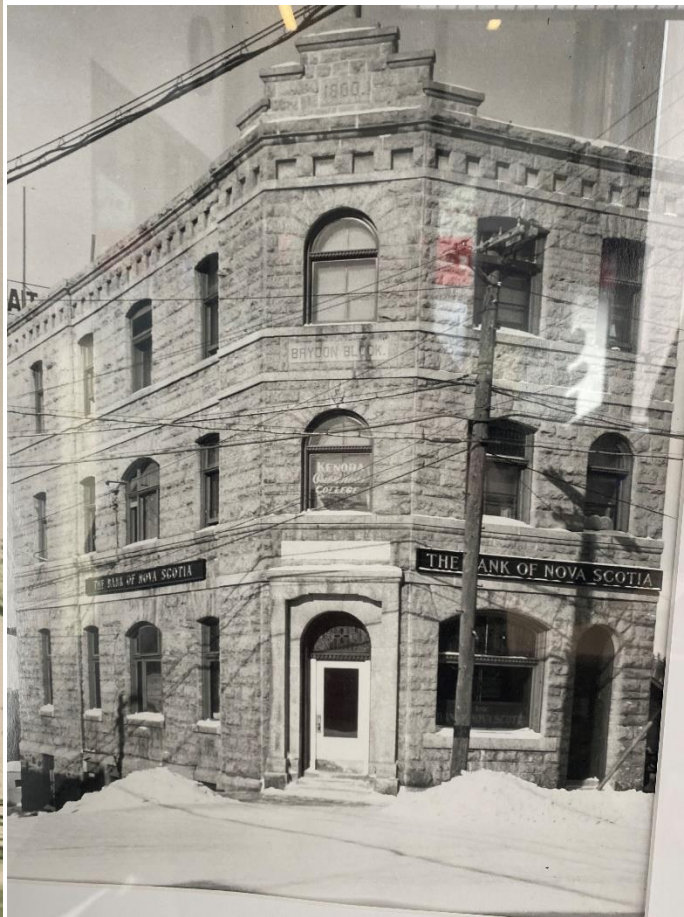
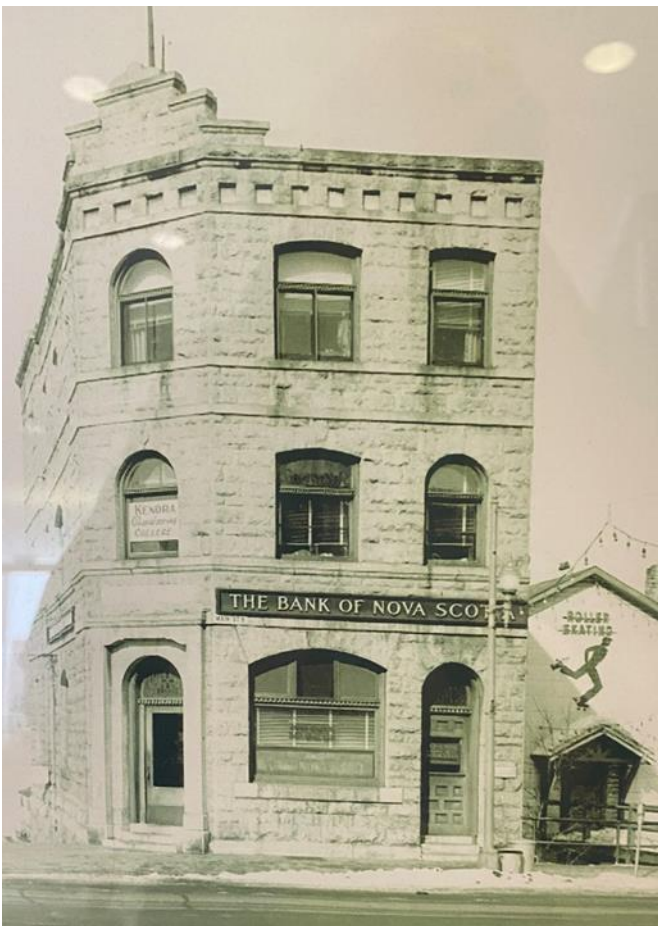
### **BDO Dunwoody**

After graduating with his CA in Winnipeg Tom Saul he moved to Kenora and opened an office above the Ranoke Cafe. He then became an original partner in the formation of Dunwoody, Saul, Smith & Co. with offices in Winnipeg, Kenora, Fort Frances and Thunder Bay. Jack Cortens became a partner. When Dennis Zrum came to Kenora in 1963, he became Partner & Managing Partner. Jack Cortens took over the Dryden office. In 1964, the firm of James M Dunwoody & Co. from Toronto and Dunwoody, Saul, Smith & Co., which had a joint investment in the Vancouver office, merged and became Dunwoody & Company. Tom Saul retired at that time. He spent much of his work investigating areas to establish new offices and the Partnership expanded across Canada, United States and the world. The firm of Stills Sutton merged with the firm bringing in Gerald Ouellette and Harry Green. Other Partners included Jake Weibe, and Don Parfitt.

**Backstage Hair Studio** 227 First St. South

**Bank of Montreal**

**Bank of Nova Scotia Brydon Block 1939 formerly Bank of Ottawa 40 Main Street South**



See  
also  
40  
Main  
St.

**Bar-B-Q Bob's Log Cabin Tavern**, later called simply Log Cabin, 201 Rabbit Lake Road

**J.C. Baxter** advertisements appear in April 1923 for painting, wallpaper etc.

**Bay City Hotel (Keewatin)** Owned by the Rochons in 1896.

**Bay City Moving & Storage** 936 Park Street

**Bayview Toyota**, 655 Lakeview Drive

**Beatty's Store 138 Main Street South** Clothing store which advertise in the local newspaper as early as March 1923

**(Keewatin) Beach Road**, Begins at the intersect of Bay Street and 12<sup>th</sup> and runs west to Lakeview Drive

**1322 Beach Road** Bristol Masonry

**Beaver Brae Secondary School** 1400 9<sup>th</sup> Street North  
**Beckett's Village Inn** "Best western" 920 Highway East

**Bell's Corner Car Wash** 1005 Railway St.

**Bell's Septic**, 1723 Agur Street

**Benedickson Court 450 Laurensen Lane**

[Benedickson Court Information](#)

**Best Western Lakeside Inn and Conference Centre** 470 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South

**Bethesda Lutheran Church** 401 6<sup>th</sup> Ave South

**Birchwood Crescent**, Odd 11-43, Even 12 – 110, running off Birchwood Road in the East to Garrow park on the West

**Birchwood Terrace** 237 Lakeview Drive

## **Bismarck House**

The Bismarck was built in the early 1880s located at approximate 227 2nd St where Lindstrom & Nilson's carpenter shop was subsequently built on the southeast corner of Second St. and Hennepin Lane. See The Life of Emma Kerns for additional Information. Source: The Life of Emma Kerns in Common Ground 2010



**A Blomquist Taxi**, 1920s, Matheson Street Opposite Ottawa Hotel

**Blue Heron Gift Shop 321 First Ave South** Operated by Jim Johanson

**Bowman Electric** 1025 Railway Street



**Brennan's Jewellers** 210 Main Street South

Bristol Masonry 1322 Beach Road

**J. G. Brown Plumber**, 336 Main Street North Plummer business first advertised in April 1923

## C

**Cambrian Drive**, odd numbers, 3-61, even numbers 2-58. Begins off of Valley Drive and ends in a Cul-de-Sac at the north end .

**Cameron & Heap**

**Canadian Pacific Railway Station**



-just North of Chipman St (Early 1900s)

**Canadian Tire** Matheson Street



In 1957 Canadian Tire was located at the Corner of Matheson and 1<sup>st</sup> Street South. Subsequent it moved to Main Street south on the site subsequently occupied by Shopper's Drug Mart. Still later it moved to East Highway 17 at 1229 Highway 17 East (See picture at 1229 Highway East).

Past Franchise Owners included Webster, Earle Trouten, Ken Chambers and Mike Wright.



### **Carter's Motor (Formerly Durance Motors, Kenora Motor Products)**



One of the first garages in Kenora, Durance Motors, GM dealers, was "an impressive address" according to Stuart King: The showroom had shiny hardwood floors on which Chevrolet, Pontiac and Buick cars were displayed" . Durance Motors latter became Kenora Motor Products and latter still Carter's Motors with John Carter. Doug Kennedy was subsequently involved. Later when the buildings were torn down the land became a lawn and the squash club. The GM dealership moved to the present site of Kantola Motors.

### **Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School**

Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School was built in the summer and fall of 1901 and opened in January 1902 It was located on Shoal Lake, 45 miles West of Kenora. In 1927 the Dominion Property Commission assigned it to The Presbyterian Church in Canada. A new building located on what later became known as Airport Road, was formally opened and dedicated on November 6, 1929.

The following Principals served the school,

Rev A.D. Menzies (1927-1929)  
Mr. E.W. Byers 1929-1940  
Mr. Douglas Pitts 1940-1948  
Mr. T.C. Ross 1948-1951  
Mr. R. S. MacCallum 1951-52  
Rev J.C. E. Andrews 1952-53  
Mr. Eric Barrington (acting Principal 1953-54)  
Mr. Ivan Robson 1954-57  
Mr. Howard Neely 1957-58  
Mr. Stephen Robinson 1958-1966  
Mr. Colin Wasacase 1966-1969

Mr. Wasacase's title changed from Principal to administrator in 1967. Responsibility for the school was transferred to the Federal Government in 1969

**Central House or Hotel:** Located on Matheson Street opposite the C.P.R. (on land that is now McLellan St) from about 1888. Central house was a brick structure built by W. Lavoie and sold to John Beaudro in 1891. Owned by William McVeigh until sold in March 1908 to Burger Brothers for \$40,000. It burned in 1917. The brick structure contained fifty rooms and a bar expensively decorated and with ornate fixtures. It was stocked with the best liquor, wines and cigars. The choicest foods were served from the excellent dining room. The hotel burned down in 1901. Source: The Summer People Sources: Through the Kenora gateway, Page 51, Kenora Miner and News

## Chaloner's Cottages, Birchwood Terrace, Birchwood Terrace Nursing Home

[Arthur Reginald Chaloner 1893 - 1971](#) came to Norman with his family from Lauder, Manitoba about 1900. After a career with the CPR and Kneeland Gain Company (part-time he operated Chaloner's Cottages. He sold the business to James Power and wife the former Flora Noreen Hutchinson about 1959 who operated it until about 1971. They changed the name of it to Birchwood Terrace. When they sold it, it became Birchwood Terrace Nursing Home.

**H. Cheyne, Electrical Contractors**, Proprietor Harry Cheyne, East Side Main St South First between Old Post Office and Pitt Clothing Store on corner of 1st Street South, Show Rooms in W.S. Drewery Main Street

**Chipman Street:** off 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South and the CPR tracks between Matheson Street and the Mall

### 4 Chipman Street Chipman Coin-op Laundromat

### 5 Chipman



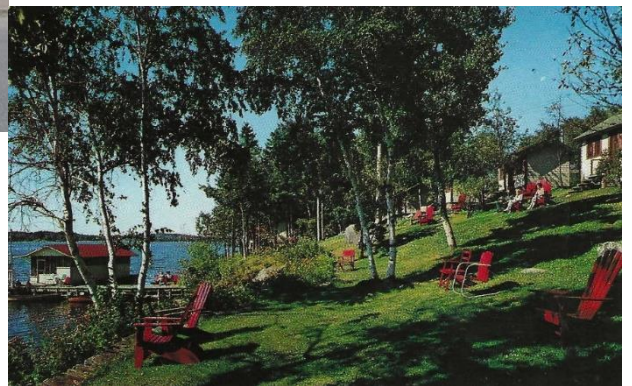
William McVeigh sold the hotel in March of 1908 to the Burger Bros. of Winnipeg. The hotel sold for \$40 000. In 1912, it was sold it to Abraham I. "Izzy" Katz. At his death in 1952 his son, Zen Katz took over the hotel. He spent two years on a thorough renovation and opened it as the Kenwood Hotel.



### St. Block Buster - Pet Valu Shop

**Chipman Street:** Kenwood Hotel

In 1899, William Shaw built the Commercial Hotel. William McVeigh, a liquor dealer was the next owner.



**8 Chipman Street:** Chipman Husky

**25 Chipman Street:** Acklands-Grainger until about 2018  
Northern Sounds and  
Systems thereafter.



Street South in Feb 1923

**Compton Shewchuk law Office**

**Joubert Law Office** Located in John Kron building on corner of  
Chipman and Main in 2016

**Bergman & Nelson**

**C& C Service,** 1405 Valley Drive

**Church of England**



*St Alban's 1897*

The First Church of England building was located on First Street North across the Street from Notra dame. It was built in 1884. The Rev. Alfred W.A. Stunden came to Rat Portage in 1885 as its first resident Clergyman. He married Jane Anderson Galbraith on July 7 Jul 1887 at Port Hope and returned with her to Rat Portage. A year later one of the oil lamps fell from the chandelier on her and she was badly burned. She died on May 9 1888 and is buried in Lake of the Woods Cemetery at Site 4W-8-1. The Building itself burned down in 1892. This church was rebuilt and burned down again on February 1 1917. The 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Albans was built between Main and Water Streets just North of the Stone Boat Company.

**Commercial Hotel:** This Hotel was built in 1899 by William Shaw on Chipman Street and was called the Commercial Hotel. It was purchased in 1903 by William McVeigh. It was sold in 1912 to Abraham (Izzy) Katz. On his death in 1952 his son Zen Katz spent two years on a through renovation and reopened it as the Kenwood

**Coney Island**





In the mid-1880s, a bitter property dispute was fought between the Keewatin Lumbering and Manufacturing Company, which held claim over every island on the Lake of the Woods, north of the Northwest Angle and William McCarthy, who had begun to rent out rustic camping spaces to visitors. The resolution by 1893, gave McCarthy several lots on the island. Transferred to Charles Wilson by 1894, the portion known as Sandy Beach was given to the town of Rat Portage, to be used as a park and recreation area.

In July of 1894, the town of Rat Portage hurriedly passed by-laws respecting nudity on the public beach. By August of the same year, additional laws were passed, allowing the construction of amusement buildings and changing facilities. In 1895 a new beachside attraction, "Toboggan Slide," was built.

Source: Marcus Jeffrey, Lake of the Woods Museum,

<https://www.kenoraminerandnews.com/2013/07/04/coney-island-gem-of-rat-portage> accessed August 3 2021

### **Coney Island Music Festival**

In the summer of 2009, the first Coney Island Music Festival took place. Ferg Penner has played a key role in the event. The MS Kenora has generally provided transportation to the event. The event starts around noon and continues to about 5 PM The event is held in support of the Lake of the Woods Arts Community. The event in 2017 is scheduled for Saturday July 30.

Coney Island is located within the City of Kenora and is accessible during the winter by a foot bridge located at the west end of Seventh Avenue South. It is the home of many summer residence and a few all year residents. Its main attractions for non-residents of Coney is a fine sandy public beach.

**O. Cronlund:** Butchers and Grocers: located at 216 Sixth Street South at least by February 1923



**D**

### **Dairy Queen**

**Dalmore Hotel (117 Main Street South. S.) formerly Sauerbrie House (see latter day picture under title at HoJoe)**

The Sauerbrie House was built in 1891 by George Drewery. This hotel was the first in town to have indoor plumbing with the pipe running across Main Street, down the alley besides Johnson's Pharmacy and into the Lake of the woods. An amusement hall was located on the upper storey.

John Sauerbrei was born in Barvaria Germany according to the 1901 England Census. He started his career in Belgium at an early age and was involved in Hotel Management in Holland, France, Canary Island, England, Quebec and Toronto before moving to Kenora. He purchased the hotel around 1914.

He died in 1914 and the hotel was taken over by his son John Willoughby Sauerbrei who in turn died a year latter in 1945

This hotel was latter renamed the Dalmore Hotel. Peter Steky was a part owner at one time.

Some older residents of Kenora speak of having their first drink in the Hotel bar and the reputation of lack enforcement of age requirements.

See HoJoe below, for its approximate appearance before it was burned in a fire in 2018. At that time, it was occupied by Link and Pin

Darrington Drive, Begins at the western end of Norman Drive and end at the beginning of Highway 596

**50 Darrington Drive** Perch Bay Resort

**Del-Art Manor**

**Delamere and Tilley** See 321 Second St. South

**Dianna Confectionery Co:** On March 24 and 29 1923 it advertised it was on Main Street and under new management.

**Dingwall Motors** 1929 moved to Matheson and 1st Corner (Restaurant) and their parking lot was north on Matheson Hill It then moved to the East Highway where it was called Trio Motors

**Dodd's Camp**

Andrew "Andy" Dodds

**Domino's Pizza**, 231 Main Street South

**Dominion Cafe:** Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> St. South and East side (present location of Choo's Chop Suey)

**Donners Furniture Store:** Main Street South at least by February 1923

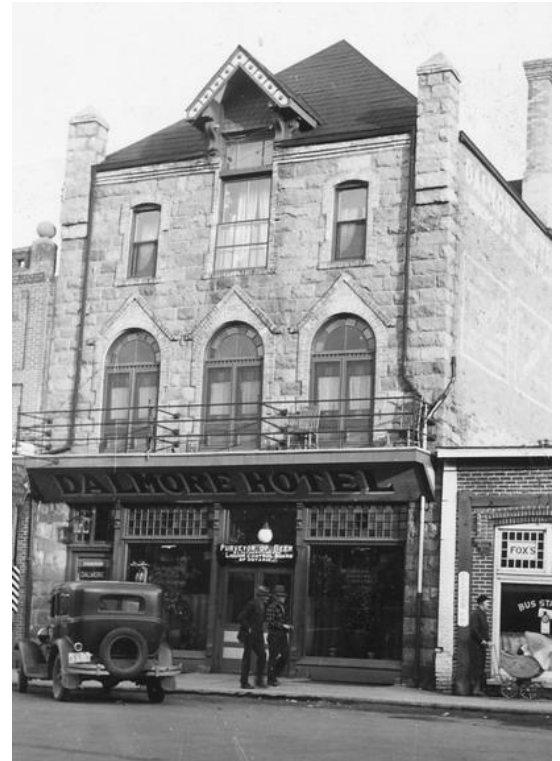
**W.S. Drewry & Sons,**

**Durance Motors:** 8 Main Street South, currently Squash Courts, formerly Carter's Motor, Kenora Motor Products

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**Dufresne's Esso:** In 1922 the station at Second Street and Matheson was owned by J. A. Link. In 1959 the father of Doug DuFresne bought the station and operated it as a car storage and gasoline outlet until 1969 when son Doug took over.

The business was sold in November 1983 to a consortium including David Pearce and in February of the next year Saan opened a store.



## E

**Eaton** See **108 Main St. S, later 25 Main St**

**Enterprise Rent-a-Car** 1005 Railway Street,

### **Excel Bus Line**

Alphonse "Alf" J. Plante came to Kenora in 1927 to drive a bus for Jim Fox. He drove the line from Kenora to Keewatin along an old rough road.

In 1934 he went into business for himself. He ran a contest to give the business a name and the winner Miss Eleanor Malluish suggested "Excel". He purchased a "beautiful" 17 passenger Chevrolet powered brown and yellow bus.

The bus depot started in the "Olympia Cafe (Now site of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Latter it moved to Pitt's Store (Now Donny B) . Next it moved to in front of Cheyne Electric (Latter to become White Rose Service Station and subsequent Kenora Daily News building). In 1947 the company built a garage on Ninth St South.

In 1948 he built a modern bus depot on Main St (Now site of Pizza Hut). His daughter Annette Romenak and husband Len managed the lunch counter.

The Business was ultimately sold to Gord McTaggart.

## F

**Fast Cash Kenora** 3-339 2<sup>nd</sup> St South

### **127 Fifth Avenue South Kendall House**

This property was divided out of the Hudson Bay Reserve in 1885 to Elizabeth Smith. In 1888 Elizabeth Smith conveyed the property to William Kendall  
William Kendall, son of John and May Kendall was born in Battlesbridge, Essex, England on September 23 1853. He was employed as a CPR railway engineer.

He married Mary Frances Lucas, daughter of Francis Lucas and Hannah Frances Duffett on August 31 1888 in Rat Portage. They had five children,

Ivan Lucas Kendall born May 9 1890

Marvin Kendall born Jun 10 1891

Jennie Kendall born Sep 4 1892

S. Bessie Kendall born Dec 7 1893

Reuben Duffett Kendal born Aug 28 1895



In 1888 he bought 3 lots from Elizabeth Smith on Second Street South and in 1895 built a brick house on the north east corner of Second Street South and Fifth Avenue S. The family lived in the house until their last of their children died in 1983. In the mid 1950s the eastern portion of the property was sold to the First Baptist Church.

In 1987, Curtis and Barbara Sprague purchased the property and in the 1990s renovated the property and in 1997 opened it as the Kendall House Bed and Breakfast. His wife predeceased him on July 20 1920. He died October 29 1931.

### **200 Fifth Ave South Presbyterian Church**

In 1925 when the two churches united nationally not all Presbyterians wished to unite and property was carefully divided across the country. Those who did not wish to join began to meet in the former Christian Reformed Church on the North East Corner of Second Street South and Fourth Avenue. In 1954 the congregation built a church at 200 Fifth Ave S, South West Corner of Second Street South and Fifth Ave.

### **First or 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South**



Retson Photo taken January 26 2019 at Lake of the Woods Museum with permission, at a presentation by Braden Murray, picture subsequently purchased by me. Picture dates from before 1917. Building in the foreground is the Indian Affairs building. Tall building in the center of the picture is the Zion Baptist

Church which burnt down in 1917. On right hand side of photo is the Kenora Lumber company mill on the site of the future Kenora Recreational center. In the center of the picture is a box car that sits on a spur-line that ran from the CPR main line parallel to Matheson street down the hill to First Ave South and following it along the lake frontage. The Hotel that bore the name Inn of the Woods, Best Western and Clarion has not yet been build

**301 1st Ave South** CJRL 89 5 the Lake

**314 First Ave South,** The Painted Sheep Boutique

**321 1st Ave South** Blue Heron Torn down in 2021

**400 1st Ave South** Safeway

**470 1st Ave South,** Holiday Inn, Best Western Lakeside Inn and Conference Centre

**First Baptist Church,** 510 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South

**Fifth Street South,** Odd 101-615, Even 200-924, Begins at 2nd Ave South and ends at Highway 17 West



## 924 5th Street South A & W

The A & W restaurant has been located in its present location at least since 1984



**First Street South:** Odd 207 to 911B, Even 230 1020 Initially ran from harbour front to Chipman. In 2019 a street was put through the previous Shopping Centre lot to a roundabout at 4th Ave.

### 209 First Street :

King Furniture Extension

At least by 1921 G. W. Smith Stationary - Strains Stationary

213 First Street South: **Century 21** Building burned down in 2020



*Photo 2017*

**215 First Street South: Jubilee Church, Formerly Knights of Columbus Hall**



### 227 First Street South - Fingers and Toes



**227 First Street South - Back Stage Hair Studio** (See Picture above) *Photo 2017*

### 230 First St. S. Sears



Originally Dingwall Motors entrance, then Canadian Tire (first location in Kenora operated by Ken Chambers )



**230 Ristorante Pizzeria Formerly Canadian Tire**



**231 1st St S. Landry Real Estate, formerly MacDonell Ormiston**



**Lakewood Credit Union**

**323 1st St. South (Renamed Thistle Drive in 2019)**

**Warehouse One**

**721 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Kenora Curling Club**

**Five Roses Flour Mill (Mill A) Keewatin picture page 59 Through the Kenora Gateway**

**Fix Auto Kenora 1491 Valley Drive**

**Fox Taxi and Bus Depot:** This business was operated by The owner Jim Fox as both a taxi business and bus line. Alf Plant drove the bus. Taxi drivers included Steve Ames, Henry Metail, Earl Thompson, and Doug Ward.

**Fryd's Ladies Wear: See 12 Main Street**

**G**

**Gardner Apartments 610 Park Street**

postal code: P9N 4C6.

floors (above ground): 6 floors.

**Gardewine North, 1984 Highway 17 W.**

**Garrow Park**

**Gayle's Motel 1920 Highway West**



*James Retson Photo 2017*



**Gilchrist Drugstore:** Ronald Hunter Gilchrist a drug store on the East side of Main St. It was latter taken over by Schooleys and then Harold Johnson. Harold. Johnson later built a new store on the Corner of Main and Ottawa Street.

**Griffith & Onerheim:** This business was operated at least from April 1921 to April 1923 when Severin O Onerheim ( Onarheim ) dissolved his interest in the firm.

**Glen Cameron Drive,** Runs off Golf Course road and ends in a cul-de-sac near Anishinaabe Park

**Godbout Auto Parts** 2416 Highway 17 East

**Golden Chicken Tea Company,** 339 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South

**Golden Scissors,** in 2017, 100 Main Street South

**Gondola Pizza,** 706 Lakeside Drive

**Frank Gork Taxi** in 1920s First Street Rideout

**Greyhound Canada,** 1350 Highway 17 East closed with the leaving of the Company from Canada , purchased by Shane's Tires

## **H**

**A Hakenson Taxi** in 1920s Fish Market Dock

### **Harbourfest**

The annual Harbourfest started up about 1991 and is now advertised as "the largest three day music festival in North Western Ontario. This event is scheduled for August 4 to 6th in 2017 at the Whitecap Pavilion. (More information at <http://www.harbourfest.ca/index.php>)

**The Hardware Company:** See 106 Main Street South

**Heights of Fashions,** 219 Matheson Street South

**Hennepen Lane (Lane Between Main St and Matheson St)**

**Highway 17 East**

**4-801 Highway East, Tim's Paint**

**807 Highway East,** Chow Time Pet Supply

**Highway 17 East,** Dingwall Motors (Dingwall Ford) previously called Trio Motors,

**Highway East & Milkana Way Wall Mart**

**1229 Highway 17 East Canadian Tire**



**1344 Highway 17 East  
Tim Hortons**

This property was owned by Ron Noseworthy and leased to Tim Hortons.



**1401 Highway 17 East  
U-Hall Co**



**1401**



**Highway  
17 East  
Sunset  
Strip  
Husky**



**1407 Highway East Sunset Baits**

**1422 Highway East Aamikkowiish No-profit  
Housing**

**1799 Highway East Piston Ring**

**1839 Highway 17 East Energy Tech Services**



**1870 Hwy 17 East, Raysolar**

**1898-A 17 Highway East United Rentals**

**2378 Highway 17 East, Lake of the Woods Electric**

**2416 Highway 17 East Godbout Auto Parts**

**Highway 17 East CJ Edwards & Sons**



**3210 A Highway 17 East Lafarge Canada**

## **Highway 17 West**

**821 Highway 17 West Alcock Funeral Home & Cremation Services**

**1007 Highway West, Keewatin Place**

**1221 Highway 17 West,** Keystone Security Solutions

**1666 Highway West,** McMunn & Yates

**1820 Highway 17 West Pam's Plants,**

**1920 Highway 17 West,** Gayle's Motel

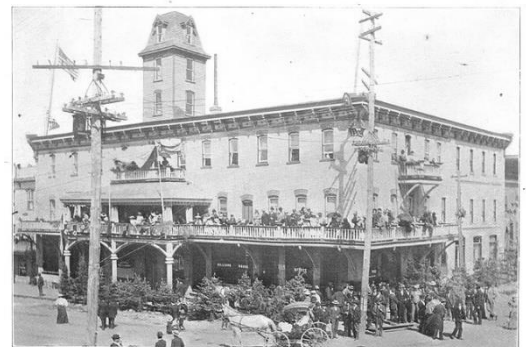
**1984 Highway 17 West** Gardewine North,

**Hilliard House 1883 -1902, Economy's Candy Store, Shoe Store, Barney Tourist Hotel, Kenricia Hotel**

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Louis Hilliard erected the wooden building known locally as the Hilliard House in 1883 located on the corner of Main St. S and Second Street South. The building housed a bar, billiard rooms and a public sitting room. The House burned down on January 27 1902.

On October 3 1906 Louis Hilliard sold the lot to Clayton Delbridge for \$11000 and on November 26 Delbridge sold the lot to Jacob Hose and Joseph Johnson for \$23000. The town of Kenora finally purchased the lot and after several setbacks the Tourist Hotel opened up on August 20 1910. It was subsequently renamed the Kenricia.



HILLIARD HOUSE.

**Hilliard Opera House and Hotel located at 326 2nd St. South**



HILLIARD OPERA HOUSE—HILLIARD & GILKINSON, PROPRIETORS.

About 1895 Louis Hilliard built the Hilliard Opera House on the North East Corner of 2nd St. South and Chipman Street. He owned and operated a hotel in front of the Opera House. The auditorium had a seating capacity. One entered the Opera House through the lobby of the hotel. There was a dining room and a small number of guest rooms. In 1898 this building burned down and Mr. Hilliard replaced it with an imported curtain, better seats and other refinements. The seating capacity of the new house was 950 with an Assembly Hall with a seating capacity of 400 for smaller assemblies, lectures and dances. The entrance to the opera house was now on 2nd St. S. while the hotel doorway remained on Chipman St. In 1909 the Opera House and Hotel burned down and a smaller Hotel was built without attaching theater. In 1914 Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard lived in this hotel which once again burned down. Mr. Hilliard was found unconscious in his room but was revived after being carried out. However, he died one month latter on March 22 1914.

*Courtesy of Toronto Public Library*

**Hing's Chinese's Food, 101 Matheson Street South**

**HO HO Chinese Food**, 112 Matheson Street South, earlier on East side of Matheson Street South before Market Square was built.

**HoJoe**, 103 Main Street South Original site of HoJoe

First opened by Tera and Terrance Douglas and located at 117 Main Street South (Dalmoral Hotel) in 2005 it was purchased by Melissa and Melony Reynard in 2009. They moved to its new premises down the street in 2015

**T. J. Holland & Sons:** Seventh Ave South Poultry Business in 1923

## **Hudson Bay 1836 - 1918**

Most sources agree that the first reference to the Hudson Bay company in or near Kenora was the trading post on Old Fort Island in 1836. Donald Mackenzie was appointed to take charge of the business. McKenzie was, on and off, in charge of the Rat Portage post until 1850, when he retired to the Red River Settlement. Donald McKenzie's son James succeeded him at the Rat Portage post and he was there until 1858, when George McPherson took over.

In the summer of 1861, the post was moved from Old Fort Island to the Main St South.

Dr Robert Bell noted on page 130 of the final report of the International Joint Commission:

"I was at Rat Portage in 1872. The Hudson Bay Company's post was all there was of it then. It consisted of two one story log shanties, a sales shop and a dwelling. They stood on the west side of what afterwards became the first and main street of Rat Portage. The shanties were at



the same spot until 1882, when they were burned, and the company moved across the street and a little further south (just north of the location of Pitt's store, and Donny B's at the corner of Main and 1<sup>st</sup> Street South)"

North East corner of Fort Street later names Fist Street South and Main Street South.

In 1870 Captain Huyshe Of The Wolseley Expedition Of 1870 wrote:

The Hudson's Bay Company's post at Rat Portage is but a small affair, three log houses roofed with bark and enclosed by a wooden palisading. The Company maintained thirteen men at this post, but nine of them are employed at small outlying posts in the vicinity. Mr. MacPherson, the official in charge, was most civil and obliging. He is a Scotch half-breed, a quiet, gentlemanly, elderly man, who has received a good education in Montreal. He had been for thirteen years buried alive at this post! It is not a most extraordinary thing, that men of any education can be found to stand a life like that, utterly cut off from the rest of mankind, receiving news from the outside world only once or twice a year, to all intents or purposes dead or sleeping? ... I ventured to question Mr. MacPherson on this subject, and he replied simply that he had long since ceased to feel anything of the kind; he had his little farm and his wife and family, and was quite happy and contented... Mr. MacPherson had a few acres of wheat, barley and potatoes, some pigs and cows, and any number of mangy-looking pariah dogs. These dogs are of all sizes and colours, nasty-looking brutes, but very useful. They do all the winter work, galloping for miles over the frozen snow, dragging small sledges.

McPherson was succeeded by Robert Laurenson, who in 1874 was transferred from Rat Portage to the North West Angle. Peter Sinclair was left in charge at Rat Portage, but disappeared one night and was never heard of again. Louis Kittson filled in at Rat Portage until Captain Gilbert Hackland took over for the remainder of 1874-1875. Laurenson to Rat Portage for a few years but left at the end of May 1877. He was replaced by Charles S. Crowe and later A.R. Lillie. Chief Trader Alexander Matheson took charge at Rat Portage in 1880.

In the early 1881, the Company moved into another building. This building was damaged by fire in 1886 when the Rideout House burned down. The company then built a stone building in . J. R. Bunn succeeded Matheson in 1892. The company moved from fur trade to sale shops. The early 1900s were not kind to the Hudson Bay in Rat Portage and the Company's business continued to decline for the next two decades. With the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Pacific Railway lines, business had been very unsatisfactory and no improvement was expected. In the spring of 1918, the decision was made to close the store permanently.

Sources: Through the Kenora Gateway , Lake of the Woods Newsletter Volume 14 No 2.

### **Hudson Bay 's Factor's House Behind Singer Block at 12 Main Street**

Dr Robert Bell noted on page 130 of the final report of the International Joint Commission:

"By 1881 they (referring to some shanties indicated above) had been replaced by clapboard buildings or the log ones had been clapboard built higher....

Alexander Matheson, factor in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company once lived in the house and kept a small stock in trading. Sometimes afterwards, the late C.W. and Mrs. Chadwick moved into the house, and later it was sold as a small boarding house, the late Ramsay MacDonald, former British Labour Prime Minister and his wife spending their honeymoon visit to Rat Portage in the building.

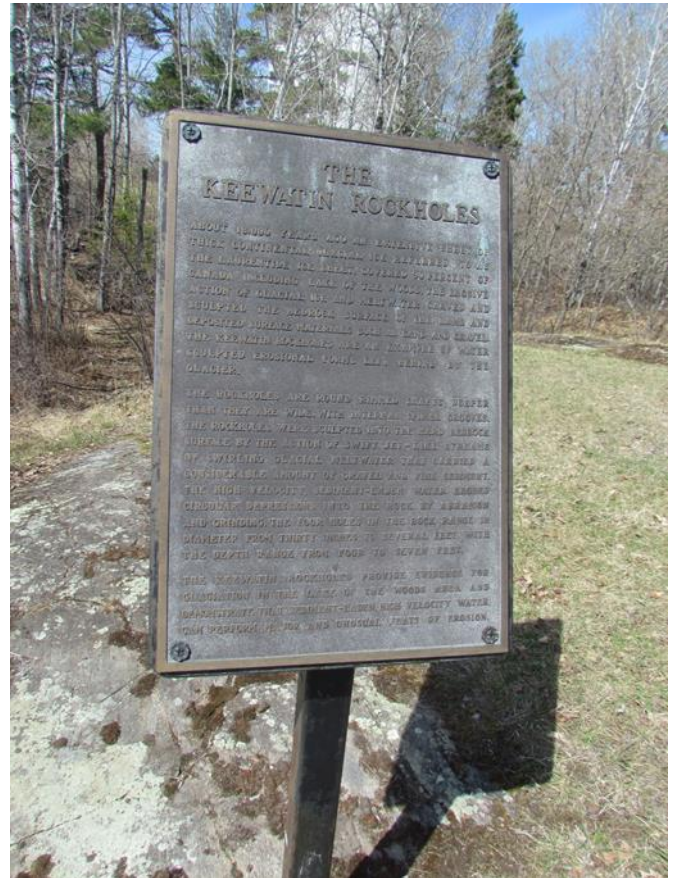


At the beginning of the century the Lake of the Woods Club is reported to have become interested , and old club records show that the building was leased in 1902, and in June 1907 was purchased by the Club. The Building was finally sold and the Club disbanded June 15 1926. The Building was torn down in December 1949<sup>i</sup>

**Humble Building and Humble liquor Store:** See 101 Main Street South

## Huron Street

Located off Sixth Street South Keewatin . Site of the Panorama Ridge Condominiums, The Keewatin Potholes and Uncle Mel's bench



## Husky the Musky

Husky the Musky stands 40 feet tall, 2.5 tons of fibreglass, wood and steel. Designed by Jules Horvath, Husky was erected by the Chamber of Commerce in 1967 and is the most photographed landmark in Kenora. Husky was given his name by Bill Brabrook who won the naming contest. He went through extensive renovations in 1995 carried out by local craftsman artisan Ross Kehl.



**Imperial Bank:** See also 116 Main Street South

James Robinson and J.K. Brydon built a stone building in 1897. It was occupied by the Imperial Bank and G.W. Smith's Book store. It was later occupied by Cuthbert's Tailor shop and the C.P.R Telegraph office. Around 1914 -1915 the Big Four Clothing Store was operated in these premises by a man named Bennett. Subsequent Rowe and Williams had a clothing store here.

*Photo Courtesy of Toronto Public Library*



IMPERIAL BANK—W. A. WEIR, MANAGER.

## **Irish Confectionary (Irish Bakery) 1916-1922**

Current Site of Hungry Pub

In 1909 W. S. Irish owned a business located on the site. He sold cigars, tobacco, confectionary, stationary, candles, soft drinks, crushed fruit as well as serving refreshments and lunches. An ice cream parlour and soda fountain were operated during the summer months. The store was known as Irish Confectionary.



## **Island View Condominiums**

## **J**

**J.B. Grocery**, corner of MacLellan and Matheson Street

"J. B. Grocery" building on Matheson was built in 1894 by A.S. Horswill. William Jackson's family lived upstairs. Reynard and Jack Smart were owners before business was sold to J.B. Grocery. In 1945 [Peter Ratuski](#) bought the property and operated as J. B. Grocery.

## **Johnson's Pharmacy (Keewatin)**

Owned by Carl Johnson located where the restaurant 901 is on Ottawa street Keewatin. It was an independent operation not in any way related to the Johnson Pharmacy located in downtown Kenora.

## **Johnson's Pharmacy (Kenora)**

There has been three Johnson's Pharmacies in the Kenora area with the only surviving one being located at 116 Mains St South. This pharmacy was owned by Ian Johnson.

Earlier a Johnson's pharmacy was located at the corner of Matheson and Second Street South and this pharmacy was first owned by Ian Johnson and subsequently Ken Rice and finally Shopper's Drug.

The other Johnson's Pharmacy located in Keewatin was owned by Carl Johnson.



## K

**KAL Tire**, 1787 Railway Street

**Kamad Pool Room** (1960-70s) 34 Matheson Street currently Dental Clinic

**Kantola Motors** 200 Lakeview Drive, Originally owned by Henry Kantola and subsequently owned by a son. Some times after 2014 it was sold and renamed Kenora Chevrolet.

### **Keewatin Flour Mills Company Limited**

Retson photo taken at Lake of the woods Museum with permission, January 26 2019 at a presentation given by Braden Murray

The Keewatin Flour Mills Company Limited was incorporated on May 21 1887 with John Mather as President and David L. Mather as a Director . The company was formed for the purpose of carrying on a general flour milling business. The Company purchased the site previously chosen by the Keewatin Paper Company. Land was acquired in 1887 and building began the same year. In August 1887, the foundation of the mill began. One acre of land was acquired from Keewatin Lumber and Manufacturing Company about the same time South of the CPR line for the building of a barrel factory.

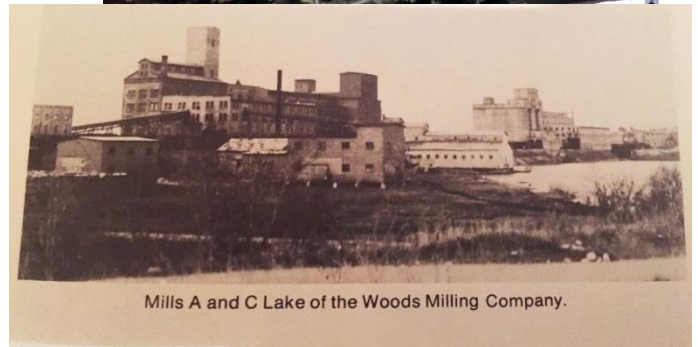
Included in the barrel factory was a stave mill, cooper shop and drying kilns. At the second annual meeting it was reported that the grain elevator was completed with a capacity of 140 bushels. The barrels were required by customers elsewhere in Canada.

During the summer of 1891 the Lake of the Woods Milling Company bought the Portage Milling Company at Portage La Prairie.

In 1903 May 1903 J. N Greenshields and David Russell purchased the assets of Lake of the Woods Milling Company and were authorized to use the name “Lake of the Woods Milling Company”. In January 1904, the Keewatin Flour Mill Company Limited was incorporated and chose for their mill site the property of the Ottawa Gold Milling Company which was a few hundred feet East of the Lake of the Mill Company. On April 16 1906, the Lake of the Woods Milling Company took over the Keewatin Flour Mills Company. This site became Known as Mill C while the mill built in 1887 was called Mill A. Mill B was at portage La Prairie. In 1907 a new tugboat was purchased to pull logs from various points on Lake of the woods to the barrel factory. In 1914 the Medicine Hat Milling Company at Medicine Hat was purchased and designate Mill D. World War years caused problems.

On Monday July 3 1967 now a subsidiary of Ogilvie Flour Mill was completely destroyed by fire. The Company sold under the brand of “Five Roses”.

Resource: Keewatin History Book Committee, The History of Keewatin, 1973, Pages 43-58  
Sweet, Ed, Keewatin Reflections, Pages 29-31



Mills A and C Lake of the Woods Milling Company.

**Keewatin Hospital**

The old Keewatin Hospital was operated by Dr. Beatty.



**Keewatin Lumbering and Manufacturing Company Limited**

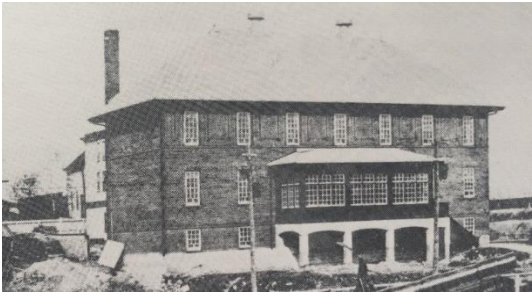
The Keewatin Lumbering and Manufacturing Company Limited was incorporated on 18 July 1879. The 160 shares issued by 1882 were held as follows:

Richard Fuller	41	The closest railway connection at the time was at Cross Lake over 60 kilometers away, hence the mill equipment had to be hauled by horses during the winter of 1879-1880. A hole was blasted through the rock and a turbine facility installed. A dam controlled the flow of water that activated the mill. A planning mill operated by waterpower was built in 1880-1881. The sawmill operated each year from 1880 to 1905 with a low yearly production of 1,498, 777fbm in 1880 to 18,758, 554 fbm in 1903. General Manager John Mather resided in Ottawa, his sons David L. and Robert A. resided in Keewatin. David L. was in charge of woods and mill operations and Robert A. joined in from 1884 to 1905 in charge of sales and finance. David resigned in 1893 while Robert who joined in 1884 continued in charge until business was wound up many years after a disastrous fire in October 1905 completely destroyed the mill. The mill was taken over by
John Mather	56	
Hon W. H. Brouse	14	
W.H. Brouse	6	
D. L. Mather	2	
R.A. Mather	2	
H. N. Bate	10	
W. Buchanan	11	
James Corcoran	11	
W.R. Thistle	7	
President		
Robert Fuller		
Vice-President & General Manager		
John Mather		
Secretary Harry B. Whitton		

Backus Brooks on 9 January 1906. After the Keewatin operations were closed the mill was relocated within Kenora boundaries near the East end of the new bridge crossing the mouth of Portage Bay. In 2015 the site was operated by the Kenora Forrest Products.

**Keewatin Memorial Building**

This building was built by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company following the First World War. And opened for service December 20 1920. The original building had a rotunda, recreation and billiard tables , reading room and ladies room and one large committee room on the main floor. Two bowling alleys were located in the basement, a large furnace room, shower baths together with a ladies bathroom. The building was sold to the Town of Keewatin in 1957 and the bowling alley were replaced with a suite of offices for town officials.



Keewatin Place, 1007 Highway West





## **Keewatin Post Office**

On March 1<sup>st</sup> the first Post Office in Keewatin was established in a dwelling located on the south west side of the road known as the Hudson Bay Crossing as the Hudson Bay was located on the opposite side of the road. When the



Hudson Bay business was sold in the 1890s the Post Office moved into that building. Several years later the building was relocated to a dwelling next to the drug store on Main St. In 1908 the office was moved to a building located on Ottawa Street in a building that was destroyed by fire located where the North American Lumber and Supply Store was located in 1973. In 1931 a new Post Office was built on the North side of Ottawa Street. (see page in The History of Keewatin

## **Kelly and Kimberly**

Partnership of James Kelly and Robert Kimberly formed in 1923.

The firm worked on many miles of sewer construction, the Norman Dam, the bridge over the Winnipeg River and the CPR. It also erected many large buildings including the Brydon Block, the Nova Scotia Bank Building, The Tourist Hotel (Kenrica), Lakewood High School. The firm was

## **Kelvin's Woolens Store**

Located on the ground floor of the Kenrica and owned by Kelvin Winkler this store was the first to sell Hudson Bay Blankets in Kenora along with Jackets moccasins and Souvenirs.

## **Kenora Airport**

In 1932-33, the civil Aviation Branch of the Department of National Defence tried to find a suitable site for an airport in this region. Work began in October 1933, but was stopped in June 1934 when it was decided the location was too expensive to develop. A new site, a mile from the first, was selected and work began in 1936 but due to delays, was not completed until 1939. At that time, the airport consisted of three turf runways, the main one being 4000 ft. (07/25). The Department of Transport (now Transport Canada) officially licensed the airport in 1946. In 1956 runway 07/25 was resurfaced to concrete and was later extended to 6000 ft. in 1978. The turf runways were eventually closed down with the last one being officially closed in 1993.

From 1936 to 1953, a passenger terminal, radio range, weather office, maintenance garage, transmitter site, and employee dwellings were built to house the numerous airport functions and staff. In 1959, a temporary radar control unit was established until its closure in 1993.

At present, the airport is operated and maintained by the Kenora Airport Authority who officially took ownership of the airport from Transport Canada on March 22, 1996. The Kenora Airport Authority is a 12 member volunteer board made up of concerned citizens from the surrounding area. The Kenora airport operates on a user pay basis with no federal, provincial or even municipal subsidies. The Flight Service Station is operated by Nav Canada who provides air traffic control (ATC) services and weather observation. The Flight Service Specialists (FSS) assist pilots in the Kenora area providing information about terrain, weather peculiarities, pre-flight, and in-flight weather briefing, flight planning suggested routes, altitude, indication of

turbulence, icing, and any other information important to aviation safety. FSS also work closely with other agencies in providing services to Kenora airport for arriving and departing aircraft by the relay of ATC instructions, position reports and initiating and participating in searches for missing or overdue aircraft.

The Kenora Flight Service Station co-ordinates about 10,000 aircraft movements a year; the movements include, private, commercial, and military ranging from ultra-lights to high powered military jets.

Ornge has a hangar on site as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources which co-ordinates forest fires and medical emergencies.

A new six-million dollar terminal is now open since September 2018. The Shell FBO (Fixed-Base Operations) has been torn down to make way for some more apron space. The new FBO has been moved into the new terminal. Bearskins check-in and baggage drop off is now stationed inside as well as any other future air-carriers.

The old passenger terminal and flight services operations buildings were constructed in 1967. The terminal was further expanded in 1988 and 1995. At present, the airport is operated and maintained by the Kenora Airport Authority who officially took ownership of the airport from Transport Canada on March 22, 1996.

Source: <https://www.airportkenora.com/about-us>

### **Kenora Association for Community Living**

The exact origins of the history may be lost in the recall of various parents whose children have been served by the Kenora Association for Community Living over the years but it is clear that the energies for its birth and preservation were provided by families near and dear to those served. The name of Doctor Playfair is often mentioned as one of the early supporters. The Association have owned or occupied several buildings in the Kenora city including Charlie McLeod Manor (subsequently became central offices) located at 501 Eight Avenue South, Arc Industries (subsequently called by various names) located at Ninth Ave (earlier address given as Tenth Avenue when they owned a driveway to tenth Avenue), and Kid Zone in Lakeside The Hub on second Street South and Community Mental Health Support Service on Main Street South.

### **Kenora Bowling Alley 126 Matheson Street**

### **Kenora Bread 320 Third Street North**

Kenora Bread (possibly Kenora Bakery) first opened in the fifties, possibly earlier and operated until the early seventies. The owners were Mike and Mary Sirtonski. He was Polish and she was Ukrainian. Their son, Bernie, was their salesman and driver. They were primarily wholesalers, selling to stores and to individuals who were prepared to take twenty loaves at a time. The wholesale price from 1964 to 1967 was 25 cents a loaf. Mrs. Sirtonski also had a sideline, making wedding cakes to order.

Don Zabloski who worked Saturdays and summers, 1964 to 1967, described the business:

The building had a large, brick, gas-heated oven. The sandwich loaves were baked in metal pans that held four loaves. The oven could hold 160 loaves. They also made a French loaf in both white and rye. Because they weren't in pans, they needed more room and consequently we could only bake 120 of these at a time. There was a large mixer that required a set of mobile steps to reach the top to pour the flour in. It would take 100 pounds of flour at a time. There was also a water tap directly above the mixer for adding water.

The baker's table, for cutting, weighing and rolling the dough was an old pool table which had been elevated and which had a hardwood top resting on it.



On Saturdays we would make a special baguette loaf, again in white and rye. We would bag it directly from the oven, load the bread in a couple of large boxes, and deliver it to Safeway, steaming hot.

The Sirtonskis lived in a house directly behind the bakery. Mr. Sirtonski went to the bakery every morning around three am to make the first bread mix of the day. He would go back to bed and return again around 8:00 am. This he did six days a week for decades.

Source: Don Zabloski

**Kenora City Hall:** 1 Main Street South After 1971

**Kenora Cleaners:** Corner of Third St South and Main Street in existence in 1932

**Kenora Curling Club** 721 1St Street South,

**Kenora Esso Service Centre** 15 Main Street South

### **Kenora Fire Hall**

The first fire hall in Rat Portage was located on the west side of Main Street, south of Second Street. It burned down in 1885. The next hall was build at the foot of second street. It too burned down two years later in 1887.

The next hall built in 1887 was located on the west side of main street on land donated by the Hudson's Bay Company on the site of the current (2013) Kenora Library. This hall was an impressive stone structure. It had a large room for fire appliances, a large public hall, a municipal and clerk's office. The fire Brigade by this date boasted 25 dedicated citizens. The equipment consisted of a Donald steam engine, three hose reels with 2500 feet of hose as well as axes and ladders. This building as well burned down on Jan. 19th 1912.

Later in 1912 a new Fire Hall was built on the North side of Second St. opposite Fourth Ave and this station continued in use over the next hundred years until 2012. In 2013 it was converted into a



Micro Brewery called Lake of the Woods Brewery. The current fire Hall called Fire Station 1, located at 100 Fourteenth St N. was constructed in 2012. In 2013 The City of Kenora Fire and Emergency Service is deployed from four Fire Stations, with each Station having an initial geographic response area, defined as a Fire District.

**Kenora Garage :** Ford Dealer 1923 on Second Street

### **Kenora General Hospital**

**Kenora's First Hospital** was opened June 24 1897. On Sept 11 1895 George Barnes, Mayor of Rat Portage called a meeting for the purpose of considering ways and means for building a hospital. On Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1895, the Province of Ontario granted a site and the building of a three story hospital was commenced<sup>ii</sup>



**Kenora Husky Car / Truck Stop  
Service Station** Highway 17 West

**Kenora Inn Motel** 1429 River Drive

**Kenora -Keewatin Association for the  
Mentally Retarded** 225 Main St. South Renamed Kenora Association for  
Community Living about 1987



**Kenora Motor Products:** See Carter's Motor

**Kenora Post Office ( 1898 - 1970 Post Office ):** see 1 Main Street North

### **Post Office (Rat Portage -Kenora)**

The first post office was located beside the lane on the North Side of Second Street South. It was relocated to the location of City Hall on the East Side of Main Street in 1898. In 1970 it was once again relocated to the New Federal Building on the South side of Park St.

### **Kenora Public Library**

**Kenora Recreation Centre** 18 Mike Richards Way

**Kenora Rowing Club,** First located behind the Bank of Nova Scotia building on Main Street South, then located on Lake of the Woods in Norman Park and ultimately moved to Garrow Park.

### **Kenora Shoppers Mall**

Kenora Trails, Guides to Kenora trails may be found and downloaded at [http://www.stayinkenora.com/wp-content/uploads/Kenora\\_TrailGuide\\_2017\\_lr.pdf](http://www.stayinkenora.com/wp-content/uploads/Kenora_TrailGuide_2017_lr.pdf) The new Kenora Tours & Trails mobile app is available for download from the App Store and Google Play.

**Kent Tea Rooms:** Advertisement appears in April 1923 for this business that sells Candies

**KFC, Kentucky Fried Chicken** 923 Highway 17 East





## **Kenricia Gold Mine (Also known as Three Ladies)**

The Three Ladies Mine was 50 to 60 acres located on the mainland bordering Clearwater Bay (located about 17 kilometres west of Kenora off Highway 17, south on Kendal Inlet Road. Two veins were opened up in 1896. The property was bought for \$7500 by Oliver Daunais (Donais). The mine operated from 1889 to 1890. He conveyed it to Phil L'Heureux and it was optioned to C.W. Greenland and Joseph Erring. In the summer of 1935, an important gold discovery was made on the property and Kenricia Gold Mine was formed to finance development. Building included a bunkhouse containing 30 double bedrooms, a powerhouse, , a hoist room, blacksmith shop, dry-house, pump-houses, warehouse, office cookery, and powder magazine. 65 men were employed. The mine operated from 1935 to 1937 when the site was temporarily closed to build a 100 ton cyanide mill on the property. In 1939 work was recommenced with 49 men employed. Mining operations ceased in 1940. The name presumably came from the combination of Kenora and Patricia. The Patricia District (or Portion) is the part of the Kenora District lying north of the Albany River, which was transferred from the Northwest Territories to Ontario on May 15, 1912<sup>1</sup> and became part of Kenora District in 1937<sup>2</sup>

Sources; Klondike at Home, Pages 215-217a:

[http://listview.kenora.ca/Files/Library/Public%20Documents/Local%20History%20Books/Klondike\\_at\\_Home\\_Compressed\\_Scans.pdf](http://listview.kenora.ca/Files/Library/Public%20Documents/Local%20History%20Books/Klondike_at_Home_Compressed_Scans.pdf)

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**Kenricia Hotel** See 155 Main St. South

**Kenwood Hotel** Zen Katz, 15 Chipman Street

**King Edward Hotel:** In 1893 William Henry McVeigh and Thomas Walsh erected building. In 1902 it was made into the King Edward Hotel. It occupied the site that in 2013 was occupied by the Ho Ho Restaurant and the Kenora Telephone Company. In 1902 it was owned by Thomas Walsh and Wood's Drug Store owned by W. Johnston was located in the building. It burned down in 1917.

**Knights of Columbus** 215 First Street South

**K-Sports Marina**, 876 River Drive

**L**

**Lafarge Canada**, 3210 A Highway 17 East

**Lake of the Woods Brewing Company** 350 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South

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<sup>1</sup> The Ontario Boundaries Extension Act, S.C. 1912 (CA), 2 Geo. V, c. 40.

<sup>2</sup> Patricia Act, RSO 1937, c 5

In the 1930s the Lake of the Woods Brewing Company was located on Robertson street where later the Ministry of Natural Resources and other Provincial ministries were located.

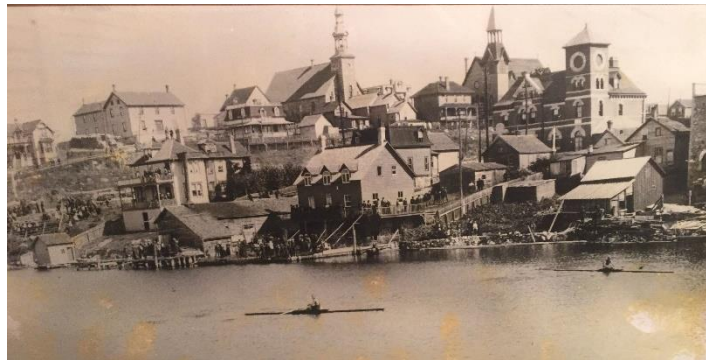
### **Lake of the Woods Cemetery 9th Street North**

Lake of the Woods Club Behind Singer Block at 12 Main Street (Picture shown here in 1901)

Alexander Matheson, factor in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company once lived in the house and kept a small stock in trading. Sometimes afterwards, the late C.W. and Mrs. Chadwick moved into the house, and later it was sold as a small boarding house, the late Ramsay MacDonald, former British Labour Prime Minister and his wife spending their honeymoon visit to Rat Portage in the building.

At the beginning of the century the Lake of the Woods Club is

reported to become , and old club leased in 1902, and in June 1907 was was finally 1926. The 1949.



*Photo Courtesy of Don Cameron*

have interested records show that the building was

*Lake of The Woods Milling Company 1893 accessed at <https://archive.org/details/ratportagekeewat00unse>*

purchased by the Club. The Building sold and the Club disbanded June 15 Building was torn down in December



### **Lake of the**



**Culture Centre, 237 Airport Road**

**Woods Electric 2378 Highway 17 East**

**Lake of the Woods Hotel 132 Matheson Street South**

**Lake of the Woods Milling Company**

**Lake of the Woods Ojibway**



**Lake of the Woods Professional Centre:** See 12 Main Street South

**Lake of the Woods Racquet Club 8 Main Street South**

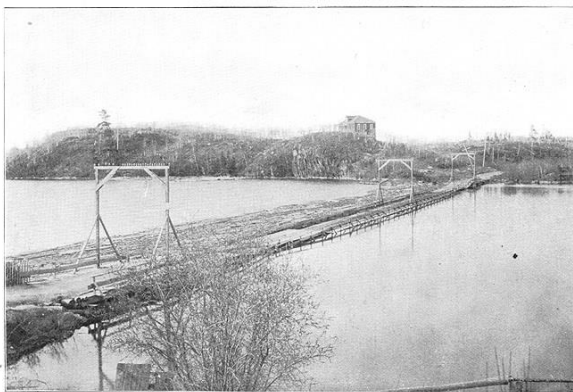
**Lake of the Woods Railway Museum**, 805 Lakeview Drive

**Lakeside Baptist Church**. 101 Transmitter Road  
Lakeview Condominiums 471 Lakeview Drive

Lakeshore Hotel



**Lakeview Drive:** Running from a roundabout connecting Main St. North, on the east, Lakeview Drive follows the North Boundary of the Lake of The Woods to Keewatin Beach Road on the West and the Trans Canada Highway.



FLOATING BRIDGE—HOSPITAL IN DISTANCE.

Before the TransCanada was completed a **floating bridge connected Main Street to Tunnel Island**. Sometime after this floating bridge, a roadway was built connecting Main Street to tunnel Island by way of a bridge build across the Winnipeg River.

[http://www.virtualreferencelibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMDC-SOUV\\_PIC-R-750&R=DC-SOUV\\_PIC-R-750&searchPageType=vrl](http://www.virtualreferencelibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMDC-SOUV_PIC-R-750&R=DC-SOUV_PIC-R-750&searchPageType=vrl) accessed September 10 2016

**200 Lakeview Drive Kantola Motors** Some times after 2014 was sold



220 Lakeview Drive, **Casey Restaurant**

**237 Lakeview Drive**, Birchwood Terrace

**240 Lakeview Drive Super 8 Motel**

**471 Lakeview Drive** Lakeview Condominiums

**702 Lakeside Drive**, Ichabod's Incredible Images

**706 Lakeside Drive** Gondola Pizza

740 Lakeview Drive **Lake-Vu Motel**

**805 Lakeview Drive**, Lake of the Woods Railway Museum

**820 Lakeview Drive** Firefly

**Lakeview Villas**

**Lake-Vu Motel** 740 Lakeview Drive

**Lakewood Public School** 240 Veterans Drive, Closed down in the 2010s and became Sevens Generation

Larry's Jewellers 205 Main Street South

**Harry Longley's Paint and Decorator Shop**, about 1900 this building was built at 334 2nd Street South which in 2019 was occupied by Women's Fitness Club. After many years, a small daily newspaper called the Daily Reminder was established by H. Hauck. This business was latter bought by the Miner and News & Publishing Company who moved their printing plant from 212 2nd St. S. The building was subsequent occupied by the Women's Fitness Club.

## M

MacDonell & Ormiston 102 Matheson Street South

**MacLeod's** 212 Second Street South (at Least by 1983)

**McTaggart's** This store operated at 133 Main St South and for a period also had a branch in the Kenora Shoppers Mall. Around 2018 management changed from Gord McTaggart

**Main Street (Keewatin):** Main Street Kenora is locate in the neighbourhood of Keewatin. At the North end it ends at Front Street. The South end ends at Lakeview Drive, with a break for a Hill North of Eerie Street.



## **East Side of Main Street (Keewatin)**

Ronald Hunter Gilchrist a drug store on the East side of Main St. It was latter taken over by Schooleys and then Harold Johnson. Harold. Johnson later built a new store on the Corner of Main and Ottawa Street.

## **Main Street North,**

Main Street North: now begins at a cul-de-sac north of the CPR and runs North. Earlier it went under the CPR underpass that begins Veteran's drive.

**Main Street South:** Odd 1 – 215, Even 12 - 212, Main Street South began at the North Side of Lake of the Woods and runs north until it curves into Lake View Drive. Earlier it continued North

## **1 Main St. S. Post 1971 Kenora City Hall (Post Office from 1898 - 1970)**

The Post Office on Main St. South in Rat Portage was built in 1898.

The Town of Kenora bought the building in 1971. In 1980 the town offices were moved into the restored building. The Towns of Kenora, Keewatin and the municipality of Jeffrey Mellick were officially amalgamated January 1st 2000. The Building was further restored during the summer and autumn of 2013



Excerpts from [http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/Conservation/Conservation-easements/Visit-our-easement-properties/Kenora-Post-Office-\(Kenora\),-1898.aspx](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/Conservation/Conservation-easements/Visit-our-easement-properties/Kenora-Post-Office-(Kenora),-1898.aspx) November 10 2013

Ontario Heritage Trust

Kenora Post Office (Kenora), 1898

As Canada grew in the second half of the 19th century, the federal government made a concerted effort to impose a dominant presence in communities across the nation. During the last two decades of the 19th century, 66 small urban post offices were erected throughout Canada in towns of less than 10,000 people.

Thirty-one were built in Ontario to the designs of the federal Department of Public Works. Usually, two and a half storeys in height and five bays wide, the post office buildings were designed to accommodate postal service and often those of Customs and Internal Revenue. The Rat Portage post office was commissioned to be built on land donated by Dr. Richard Scovil in 1897. Alfred J. Parsons, postmaster from 1886-1921, opened it in 1900. The town's name was changed from Rat Portage to Kenora in 1905. In 1937, street delivery was started, thus reducing the post office's function as a daily gathering place for citizens. In 1970, the building was left vacant when the post office and other government offices were moved to a new federal building. The Town of Kenora bought the building in 1971 and, in 1980, the town offices were moved into the restored building. This building was associated with the federal public works initiative to provide well-designed federal buildings, such as post offices, in prominent locations in small Canadian towns in the late 19th century.



Designed by the federal Department of Public Works in stylistic blend of High Victorian, Second Empire and Richardsonian Romanesque, this predominantly brick building is characterized by a high, heavily rusticated, stone foundation. Semi-circular door and window openings with stone voussoirs and sills, string courses, a square clock tower with a hip roof and two circular clock faces with paired windows underneath also help to define the structure. The pavilion roof has gable dormers and a bracketed cornice. The front elevation has a projecting bay with a large triple window on the first floor, paired second-store windows and a small group of triple windows on the third floor and decorative stonework in the gable end. The clock was installed in the tower in 1915. A north addition was completed in 1927. A second, larger addition was built at the rear of the building in 1942.

In 1977, the Town of Kenora designated the post office under the Ontario Heritage Act and, in 1980, the Ontario Heritage Trust secured a heritage easement on the building.

When the Post Office moved it housed the Customs and RCMP Offices. It became a vacant building in 1970.

**City Hall Parking Lot** – (formerly Nordsrom's Esso Services, White Rose Service Station, George Lee's Restaurant, Hudson Bay Store)

The Parking lot beside the City Hall was once occupied by the Hudson Bay Store warehouse. It was occupied by George Lee's Restaurant. Subsequent to this building being torn down the White Rose Service Station was constructed. A variety store operated by a man named Alcock and then became Norstom's Esso Service.

**8 Main Street South, Lake of the Woods Racquet Club** formerly Public Grocery

**12 Main Street South LOW Professional Centre)**

This building was built by Dave Singer and was known as the Singer Block. It had three stores and rooms above. It was subsequently renamed the James Block. The building has over the years has housed various businesses.

In 1932 it included Bernard's Ladies Wear Proprietors Sam and Evelyn Gold; Styles Clothes Shop- Proprietors Jacob "Jack" Winkler; Fryd's Ladies Wear, and a shoe store were the first tenants. Styles Clothes is located in the picture below.

At other times Singer's Dress Shop

The building was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Gold. In the 1980s it housed offices of The Ontario Northern Affairs.



*James Retson Photo 2017*



*Photo curtesy of Mark Winkler*

## **20 Main Street South The Professional Building MCSS - Anishinaabe Abinoojii**

The building known for many years as the Professional Building is presently owned by a number of individuals associated with Dunwoody. Dunwoody occupied the buildings for a number of years, Dentists Apps, Dean and Bert Newman were located on the second floor. Later MCSS (Ministry of Community and Social Services) leased the two floors. Later Anishinaabe Abinooj became tenants

## **24 Main Street Kenora Public Library**



**25 Main St. S Leap Building (Formerly Eaton Building )** The building has been known for many years as the Eaton building. It was purchased by a company controlled by Al Kabalka. Tenants included Optometry on the second floor and before that, the Child Development Centre (subsequently renamed Firefly) and Greg Rickford M.P. on the second floor and the Infant Development Program on the first floor.



### 32 Main Street South



The building, 32 Main Street was built by Henry Douglas Tansley in the 50's. It originally housed his optometry practice as well as the Bill Mazeppa insurance agency. It included an apartment upstairs. When Mr. Tansley's health declined, Don Bruce became his partner and after his death, Don purchased the building and the optometry practice. McNab's Barbershop was a subsequent tenant.



### 33 Main St. S. Daily Miner and News

**39 Main Street Donny Bs Radio Shack** In 1880 this was the site of the Hudson Bay Store 1880. By 1990 New Addition to North. In 1920 Grahams. In 1930 Pitts and 1980s Pitt's Ladies Wear, 1990 - 39 Main St. S - North-East Corner Main and



First St. S. Hudson Bay Company Store

The Hudson Bay Company Stores was built in 1888. It consisted of a grocery store and a dry goods store. Mr. C. Chipman was the manger followed by John R. Bunn.

The Hudson Bay Store was sold to H. Graham by at least 1920 for a Ladies and Men's Dry goods store. By 1928 the Grahams lived above part of the store and the other part was rented to the school Board for two classes and a playground behind the store.

The building and lot were then sold to Alfred Pitt and then Arthur Pitt and finally to Don Pitt.



In the 1980s the building was sold to The Bezants who operated Radio Shack , the Source franchise.

#### **40 Main Street South Bank of Nova Scotia**



In 1894 J. K. Brydon built the Brydon Block. It was first occupied by the Bank of Ottawa in 1895, located on the North West corner of what was then Fort Street and Main St. It was built of granite by stone cutters brought over from Scotland for the job. Their mark, a Scottish thistle



was carved on the stone set over the entrance to the building. Subsequently it was taken over by the Bank of Nova Scotia who changed the names from the Brydon Block. In 1970 the building was torn down and replaced by a new bank building.

**100 Main St. S. Ye Old Town Hall** The Citizen's Electric Light and Telephone Company had a building on this site around 1900 - 1902. In 1905 the town moved the Town Hall from the upper portions of the Fire Hall then in existence on Main St.

In 1921 Phone book Rioch Jewelry Store is given as 102 main St. S.



#### **101 Main Street S. - South-East Corner Main St. S. and First Street S. King Furniture**



The Rideout House (AKA Construction House) was built in 1879 on the corner of First St. and Main St. S. by Edward Manning Rideout. It was the first store in the town. Horan describes it as

"a three-story structure and in 1881 it boasted a coat of white paint -the only painted building in the town."

It started out as a log building with a dirt floor and developed over ten years. It was often referred to as the Construction House as it was used by many men building the railway. The Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of Canada stayed there in 1881. It burned down in 1888 (Horan).

### **Humble Building**

John Wesley Humble build a block in 1895 to house his wholesale liquor business, with living quarters above. According to the April 3 1887 Winnipeg Daily Free Press John Humble was awarded a Shop License for sale of liquor.

In 1900 William McKenzie operated his dry goods store until 1908 when it was purchased for Graham Brothers Ltd at least by 1921. It was next occupied by Baxter and Walkkey Drug Store (R. Einarson). Next it became South Arrow Drug Store The Arrow Drug Store was owned by George Martin. Harold Baxter was his pharmacist.

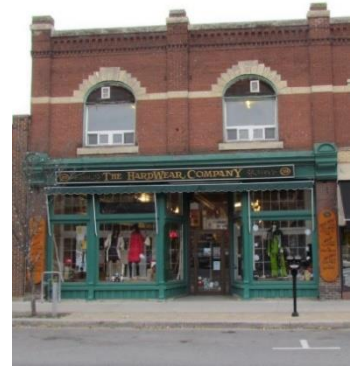


At some time, it became Wave Bike Store operated by Stephen Strachan.

It next was purchased by King Furniture Store

### **102-104 Main Street South Penner's Jewelers**

In 1905, Alex Stephen built the Rioch Block for George M. Rioch for his jewelry store which had previously been located in the Clougher Block. The business and building were sold June 1 1940 to Ernest "Earnie" M. Newman who changed the name of the business to Newman's Jewelers. The business and building were in turn sold to David Penner in 1973 and the business is currently known as Penner's Jewelers. At least by 1921 R. H. Moore Office occupied some portion of the building



### **103 Main St. S. Massage Wellness Center and Hojoe (formerly Braveheart Boutique)**

This building was known as the Humble Block. It was occupied by Doug Willis barber shop , Bert Cade's Rex Pool Room-





## 106 Main St. S Hardware Company, Fife's Hardware (A. T. Fife)

Ashton Thomas Fife came to Rat Portage about 1895 to work for the Ashdown Hardware Company. His own business at 106 Main St. S. was in operation at least by 1900 as A.T. Fife Company, selling heavy hardware and building supplies. As the lumbering and mining industry



grew, he expanded. He opened stores in what is now Thunder Bay, Keewatin and Nipigon. During World War 1 he served the elevators at Thunder Bay and imported cables and chains from Britain and selling them to the ships on the Great Lakes. The store continued to operate for over a hundred years by nephew Harold File and then by Harold's son Bill.



## 108 Main Street South. TD Bank, (Formerly S. Ferguson White and Manahan - George Beatty & Sons, T Eaton - Jack Watterson)



In 1896 Ferguson erected another block. It was occupied by Levinson the tailor and Katz men's wear. Whiting's Photo shop was located on the Second



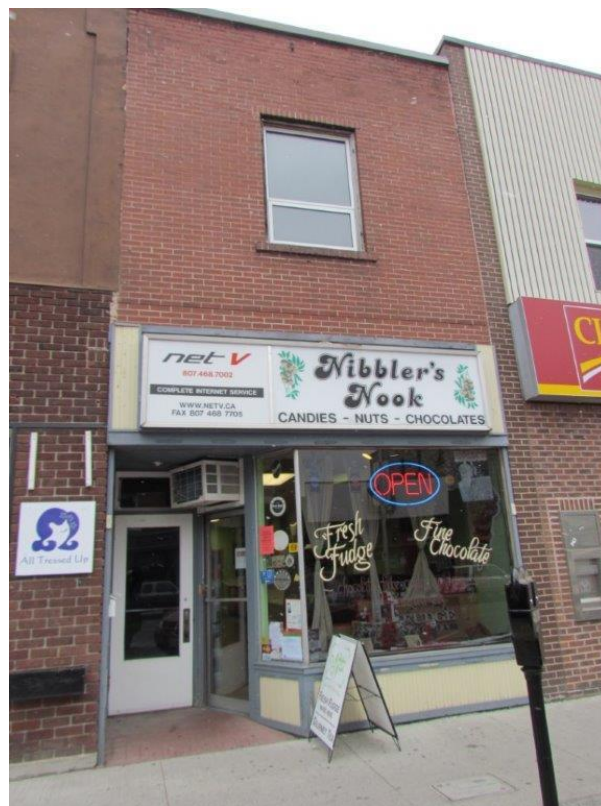
store. This building was torn down and a new one constructed. Jewel's Grocery Store occupied it. Later after extensive alterations Robinson & Little took over the store. Eaton's occupied the premise for a period with Bob Jordon as manager. The store handled only groceries and meats

The Toronto Dominion took over the building and operated their Bank.

### 109 Main Street South Nibbler's Nook

The occupiers of this building are yet to be discovered . In 1935 Bungay Block. Later Beatty Washing Machine Co. Subsequently Tilley Photo, Sherwin Williams Paint and Wallpaper

### 111 Main Street CIBC Building



The Scovil Block was built in 1896 by Dr Scovil. In 1921 B. Platon Candy Shop as well as Scovil and Gun Doctors. Martin Swegg, a tailor was one of the first tenants.

Miss Van Zandt operated a hat shop. Other shops included Beatty Music Store, Miss I Congdon Hat. Allan Young moved his clothing store from a location on Second Street

Mr. Thompson purchased the building for his restaurant. Subsequent D. Jordan and Douglas Jackson ran the Ranoke Cafe. Chapples Hardware store called District and Electrical Company.

This building was once owned by Edgar and George Jackson who sold it to Bucharests. Bucharests sold it to the Imperial Bank. The Bank of Commerce and Imperial Bank merged and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce tore down the Scovil Block and replaced it with a new building.

### 116 Main St. Johnson's Pharmacy originally know as Bryden Building

Johnson's pharmacy moved in about 1917. The Dominion Bank occupied the other half of the building in 1917. (See also Imperial Bank for earlier history). See Johnson Pharmacy (Kenora) for history of Johnson Pharmacy business.





### 120 Main St. S. Link and Pin



### 121 Main St. S. The Apple Store, Bargain Shop (at least by 1921 ...F Bartsch Tailor and Furrier / George Evinson's Tailor Shop - Woolworth Store -

In the early days three small shacks were located on the site. site occupied by the Bargain shop in 2013, Red Apple 2019, George Economy's Candy Store, A shoe store, and Barney Levinson's tailor shop. In 1958-59 these shacks were removed and replaced with the Woolworth Building.



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### 123 Main St. S. Kelly and Kimberley Contractors



### 125 Main Street The Plaza Café

(at least by 1921 R. Foster Grocer...)

"A number of small buildings were located in the building next to Jackson. There was a clothing store called the Blue Store. Martin and Portier latter opened a grocery store here. Later it was occupied by Bartsch - a tailor, Duncan's Butcher Shop, Leo Vineberg's Fox Cafe, The Bamboo Garden's owned by Charlie

Wong and now the Plaza Cafe" (Stuart, Early Businesses in Downtown Kenora, Page 9).

### **127-129 Main Street South Elizabeth Campbell**

This building was built about 1895 by



Mr. Canton who operated a barber shop. At this time Jackson's Bakery was located on Matheson Street at the foot of the Matheson Bridge (Thompson Bakery). Jackson's bakery and Tea Room occupied the building from 1900. William Jackson arrived

in Kenora in 1898 to operate Jackson's bakery and his brother Fred Jackson joined his brother in 1900. Fred left moved further West in about 1918 but returned to Keewatin in 1924 where he farmed.

Charles Wilbur Jackson came to Kenora in about 1904 to join the bakery and operated until his death when it was taken over by his sons Edgar and George.

The building was purchased by Bob Giles and Aussies Clark who continued in the Bakery business.

Campbell Brothers took over the building and operated a Maytag Appliance store.

Their daughter operated a bookstore in the premises following the closure of the Appliance store. Fabutan occupied the ground floor for an intervening period

### **130 Main St. Marlin Travel (Cross Road's Travel Agency) (Formerly Standard Block)**

The standard block was built was built by Mr. Murdock in 1888. Mr. Nicholson, a tailor was the first tenant. When Nicholson closed out Mr. Callum and Mr. Wallis operated a grocery store. Other stores in this building included Kate Horan's Hat Shop, Austin's Powder Store, Madge McDole's Hat Store, and Snoggrass Jewelry Store and many others.





### 133 Main St. S – McTaggart

The building housed the Safeway store at an earlier period. It was then purchased by McTaggart's. The last manager of the McTaggart store while still owned by the McTaggart family was Gordon McTaggart.



**134 Main St. S. Famala Beauty Salon,** (formerly 1921 Dr J.A. Dean and Dentist Royal Bank)

### 136 Main St. S Causeway Insurance



### 136 Main St. S. Lowerys

Vacated in 2019







### **137 Main Street South: Sure Enterprises**

This store was operated as a framing store by John Lugosi.

The business was purchased and run as the Tangled Tree-

The building was purchased in 2019 by Mort Goss who moved his Sure Enterprise business from second street South

### **138 Main St. (At least by 1921) Beatty's Store, Cabin Country**

### **148 Main St. S. Royal Bank (Formerly 1899 W. Clougher Block 1935 renamed Lincoln Block Imperial Bank, Public Library, Woolworth, )**

In 1899 Alex Stephens built a building for W. Clougher which became known as the Clougher Block.

The Imperial Bank was one of its earliest tenants.

Others included McLeod's Shoe Store, The Trader's Bank, G. M. Rioch's Jewelry Store, the public Library, Bevan's Candy Store, Windy Campbell's Grocery Store, Louis Plouffe's Variety Store, Jack O'Brien's Barber Shop, Woolworth's, Picardy Candy and Pastry, King and Tilley Drug Company, Delamere and Tilley Furniture Store, Ed Kiausher and MacLeod's Ltd  
It was renamed the Lincoln Block in 1935.



### **150 Main St. S. Verti-Shade (The McLeod Block)**



The McLeod Block was built in 1887 by Mr. J.E. Rice for a clothing store . Mr. Thibaudeau's law off was located in the upper storey.

In 1900 the first few businesses on the West Side of Main were known as Gardner, Rice and Macleod consisting of Gardner's General Store, Rice's Clothing Store and W.A. McLeod's Shoe Store. There was also a dress making and millinery department. Around 1910 the Bijou Theatre occupied the main part of the Gardner General Store. In 1931 the building was rebuilt and the Imperial Bank replaced the Gardner Grocery Store.



**152 Main St. S. Bijou Steak House (formerly Bijou Theater)**



**Corner of Main and Second Street South (120 Second Street South)  
Jack Donor Building-Keshen & Major Suite 200**

In 1887 John Gardner and Company erected a building on the corner of main and Second Street South. This building was used as the major part Gardner and Company General Store. About 1910 the Bijou

Theatre occupied the Main part of the Gardner General Store. In 1931 the building was replaced by a building occupied by the Imperial Bank which remained until, following an amalgamation, it moved to the East Side of Main St.



**Kenricia Hotel 1910, formerly the Tourist Hotel which replaced the Hilliard House in 1910**

The architect of this building was Frank Newell. Mr. Bunnell acted as hotel manager. In 1916 Mr. Andy Hutchinson assumed the position as manager of the hotel which he managed until 1924. In 1924 his son-in-law Dave Freed became the manager.







Mr. Reade took over management of the hotel under a conditional sales contract until his death at the age of 58. His wife carried out the remainder of the 4 year lease. In 1936 Mr. John James Gray and Mr. Mark Long purchased the hotel and Mr. Gray subsequently bought Mr. Long's share. Mr. Gray died at the age of 63 in 1952. His son Burt and daughter-in-law Delorus until, 1959.

On January 1 1960 George F. Johnston, Charles Zeal and Samuel Gold purchased the Kenricia. Mr. Johnson managed the hotel.

In 1960 the verandas which decorated the front of the hotel were torn down after being declared unsafe. In 1964 the banquet hall and parking lot were built. The parking lot was situated under the banquet hall and the banquet hall was built adjoining the dining room.

George Johnson died on October 4 1968 of a stroke. His wife took over ownership interest and son Bob became manager.

Reference: Johnston, Georgina, "The Kenricia-The Grand Hotel" In Common Ground: Stories of Lake of the Woods, page 266

### **200 Main St. S. KMTS Retail Store (For prior history See Russell House)**



### **201 Main St. S Jacob Hose -**

Hose Hardware Building as it appears in 2012

Jacob Hose built his building for a Hardware business and was subsequently joined by Fred Cannif and the building was occupied for many years as Hose and Cannif Hardware store. Around 1894-95 a Brick building was built next to the Hardware store. Construction on the Hardware store was 1898. The architect was Edward F. Head. Hose Hardware occupied the store



until 1952 when Percy Williams took over the building as Corner Hardware. Subsequent Tilley's Drugs owned by Mr. Einarson occupied the building.

The building design used locally manufactured bricks. The windows and entryway were dressed in Tyndall stone. The frieze along the top edge is similar to that found on the Gibson's meat Market on the corner of Second Street South and Matheson Street.

Jacob Hose was born in Wisconsin, US in 1853. He married Adelaide Emily Lucas at Kenora in 20 Jan 1888. He arrived in Rat Portage in 1881 and started his hardware business known as the Tin Shop in a log Cabin. In 1883 he erected the store occupied by R.J. Husband. In 1898 he built the large brick building (pictured above at corner of Main St. South and Second St. South). In a few years with deteriorating health and increasing business he took Mr. Canniff into the partnership of Hose and Canniff.

In 1890 he erected the first amusement hall on the southwest side of Main St. known as Music Hall,

If ever Rat Portage erects a statue to the memory of the man who fostered and fed amateur dramatic art, that emblem in reticent store must represent Mr. Hose. Talk about kindness and good nature! Any local troupe could use the Music Hall every night for months free of charge, and Mr. Hose would supply the fuel and light. He did this not only for the dramatic club, but for the minstrels, and in fact for everybody in town who wanted to get up an entertainment. Indeed, it is not going to far to say that there was a period in our early history when we thought the music hall belonged to the people. (Oct 4 1901)

He and his wife had no children. Mr. Hose died suddenly July 11 1907. Mrs. Hose moved in with her sister Mary Frances (Lucas) Kendall. She died 21 years latter on 11 Feb 1928. Eventually 4 of his sister Mary Kendall and her husband William's 5 children inherited her estate.

Two nephew Ivan and Melvin were managing the business in the early 1930s.

1952 Percy Williams

**205 Main Street South** Larry's Jewellers

**206 Main St. Kenora** Fur Store

**207-209 Main Street South** Pizza Hut

The first know business at this location was a restaurant owned and operated by Gustaf Westin. The birth registration of his daughter in 1909 shows him living at 209 Main Street.

This building was purchased by J. Donner. (Donner 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Store) This business was first a second-hand store and latter a furniture store (at least by 1920). The building was completely destroyed by fire about 1938.(Source: Stuart, Oct 1976 Page 8 based on information provided by Chris McKinnon and Mr. G. Beatty )

In 1948 Alphonse "Alf" Plante of Excel Bus Line build a bus depot with a lunch counter. The original name for this was the Depot Grill. In 1948 it was refinished and renamed the Matador with an added kitchen. In 1970 it was renamed the Coach Stop and was redesigned into a cafeteria. The restaurant was operated by his daughter Annette and husband Len Romenak.



### **210 Main St. S. P9N 1T2 Brennan's Jewellers**

Jacob Hose built the original Music Hall (Salvation Army Hall) in 1890. At one time it was owned and occupied by Carl Mackey as a one storey high building. In 1949 Mackey built the Mackey block at the rear of this building. He remodeled the old building and put in a modern store front. It was rented to Bert Brennan who opened a jewelry store. Subsequently it was bought by Mr. Brennan.

Serving Kenora and area since 1949, Brennan's is highly regarded for its customer service and fine selection of gold, diamonds (including many Canadian mined), huge selection of watches, Swarovski crystal and other fine giftware.



### **213 Main Street South NWO Claims Services Inc. And 215 Main Street South Xtra Cash**

Shragge's Clothing Store

Also, Delamere and Tilley furniture store Department of Lands and Forrest - PGA Health Unit on Main St



### **214 Main St. S. Shewchuk Ormiston Richardt & Johnson Barristers & Solicitors 214 Main Street South**

A white brick building was built by Angus & William McKinnon in 1877. Angus McKinnon and his family lived in the upper storey. W. F. Holmes operated a hardware store known as Rat Portage Hardware Company. C.E. Neads was the manager for several years. After the hardware store was sold another store and theater moved in. This building was sold and a new building was built for the Liquor Control Board. The building was then sold to become law offices as Shewchuk Macdonell Ormiston Richardt and Fregeau changing in time to the current name



### **216 Main Street -220 Main Street South: Services Ontario**

W. L. Baker built a red brick building for his general store around 1880. Around 1890 this store was occupied by Smith and Company as a general store. Later it was occupied by Pirie Electric. The property was owned by the proprietor of the Bay City Hotel in Keewatin (Horan, Gertrude, History of Rat Portage 1879-1905) Gus Westin purchased this property from Oscar Cronlund in 1912 and sold it in 1947 to Lakeland Dairies. 1928 Kenora Keewatin Directory gives the address for "Westin Gust poolroom prop 216 Main St r 208 Water St." He opened a pool hall on this location. There are two sources. Another source, Gerald Stuart, Early Businesses of Downtown Kenora, indicates that it was occupied by Acme Heating company.





The property was then purchased by Lakeland Dairy. The building was demolished and replaced by a building for the Land Titles Offices In 2013 it was occupied by Services Ontario.

### **223 Main St. S – Boston Pizza**

Earlier Cronlund's Tea Room -



### **224 Main St South Coulis Connection Studio**

The land that this building occupies was once owned by Hudson Bay Company. It passed through various individuals and the Pequona Lodge until it was acquired by the Town of Kenora in 1912 (West Lot). It was granted to the Province Of Ontario who erected a Land and Titles Office. In 1962 the Province granted the land back to the town of Kenora with the stipulation that the building labeled Registry Office be used as a museum , which if discontinued would be torn down and included in Memorial Park

The Registry Office was built in 1913. It served for over 50 years. Early in the 1960s a new Registry building was built in the lot immediately north of this lot (See 220 Main St North.)



Reference: Paula Harper, The Lake of the Woods Museum, Kenora Public Library 971.311 HAR

### **Sharp's Scrap Metal Yard – Cenotaph**

I have no information as to when the cenotaph was constructed. There once was a scrap metal yard owned by a Mr. Sharp occupying the space.



### **225 Main Street South Elliott's Law Office**

This house at least by 1921 was Dr D. A. H. Edmison office. It was also the residence of a Mr. Stone.

Dave Elliott purchased the building some time before 1984 and ran his law business on the main Floor. It was also occupied by the Kenora Association for Community living in the 1980s



### **213 Main St Domino's Pizza, Canadian Tire, Lakeland Dairy**

The southern portion of the Lakeland Dairy was built by the 16th company of the Construction Department during the building of the C.P.R. and was used as a store house. Later it was occupied by R.B. Donkin's feed business (Stuart, Early Business in Downtown Kenora.

In 1897 a newspaper business was opened called the Daily Mirror and was edited by a Mr. Weidman (also later spelled Wydeman 1920 and Wideman in his marriage certificate.



### **Kudson's Bow and Arrow**

In one of the smaller shops between Lakeland Dairy and the Health Unit was Knudson's "Bow and Arrow" shop. (Stuart)

### **300 Main Street South P9N 1T2 Lake of the Woods Museum**

The museum was established in 1964. In that same year, the Land Titles building was transferred from the Province to the Town and served as the first museum. When the museum was first established, the collection centered on the artifacts of Captain Frank Edwards, an Indian agent in Kenora from 1920 until his death in 1945. In August of 1986, the new museum building was opened. The collection numbers in excess of 25,000 articles. Many displays are changed annually and feature First Nations and pioneer artifacts, natural history, minerals, textiles, pictorial and archival material, all illustrating the history of the Lake of the Woods and the surrounding area.



### **312 Main Street South - Alban's Cathedral**

The Construction of St. Alban's was begun in August 1917 to replace an earlier church destroyed by fire in February 1917.





The Gothic Revival style of the church include a steeply pitched gable roof, pointed arches and towers. Architect was Arthur J. Wills of Winnipeg.

### **305 Main Street South. Canadian Tire - Shoppers Drug Mart**

#### **Main St. South Dr. Scovil Residence Don McLeod House -**

A Red brick house was once located on Corner of Third St South and Main . this house was first residence of Dr Scovil and subsequently purchased by Norman and Louise McLeod and was the House in which Don McLeod grew up (Source Tattie McLeod).

There was also the house of **Agar Stone's House**

#### **Harris House**

### **315 Main Street South - MNP LLP**

In 1907 a Boat Company was opened up for business on the waterfront at the south east end of Main Street. It was owned by a Winnipeg Syndicate including R.J. Parrott's father. The company went bankrupt during World War 1 When R.J. Parrott returned from overseas, he opened Parrott Boat Company which continued to serve the public until 1929.

Anderson Boat Works and later Agar Stone bought the company. After he closed the boat works the Salisbury House rented the premises or part of it during the summer months. In 1955 it was sold to Imperial oil. Dingwall's operated it for a few years and later Lugosy tool it over.

At some period, the property was purchased by Sutcliffe's Insurance Company and next by Broker Link Sutcliffe Insurance agencies was started by Jim Sutcliffe and was subsequently joined by Ches Scott and Tom Horsfall. A partnership of Ches Scott, Tom Horsfall and Charles Strachan bought out Sutcliffe. Subsequent players that held an interest in the partnership included Gail McCoy Zrum, John Ouellette, Jim Rivington and Gary Forsythe. The business was ultimately sold to Canada Brokerlink with John Ouellette having a major involvement. Finally, the building was bought by MNP LLP (Myers North Penny)



### **320 Main St. S. Stone Boat House - Mart's Marina - Nethercutt Terminus**

On the shore of Lake of the woods at the South end of Main St. was located the Stone Boat Company. The Stone Boat House built many boats of every description over the years. This company was founded in 1897 and operated until 1932. Its first location was behind the Brydon Block. Subsequently it changed ownership several times. It was operated under the name of Marr's Marina.



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**Maple Apartments**  
[MAPLES Apartments](#)  
[Keewatin Information](#)

**Masonic Lodge Keewatin #417**  
[Masonic Lodge Keewatin Information](#) founded in 2005.



**Matheson Street North: Three small homes are located on the East side of the overpass**

**1-7 Matheson Street North:** Starts off on North side of overpass

**Matheson Street South:** Begins at the CPR Overpass on Matheson Street, Odd 39-309, Even 6-310

**6 Matheson Street South** Detox Centre (Morningstar Recovery Centre) 6 Matheson Street South

8 Matheson Street South

**10 Matheson Street South** Shoe Repair Shop owned by a Ukrainian gentleman.

**12 Matheson Street** Don's Home Bakery owned by Don Thompson, originally Jackson's Bakery before Jacksons moved to 129 Main Street South

**14 Matheson Street South, corner of Matheson Street South and McClellan Ave.** J.B. Grocery "J. B. Grocery" building on Matheson was built in 1894 by A.S. Horswill. William Jackson's family lived upstairs. Reynard and Jack Smart were owners before business was sold to J.B. Grocery. In 1945 Peter Ratuski (Peter's son is Ben Ratuski Senior) bought J. B. Grocery.

**26 Matheson Street South** Parking Lot for Kenora Dental Clinic

Originally the premise was occupied by the Hudson Bay Company who built a building at the turn of the century. Until purchased by Joseph Bucharest, who subsequently moved to Kelowna British Columbia. In the 1920s it was owned by a Barney Levinson who operated a tailor shop and furrier. In the 1930 it was purchased by Lee Yick who operated the Savoy Restaurant. After the building was torn down in July 1976 it served as a space for a Taxi Company.



### 30 Matheson Street South

Kamad Pool Room (1960-70s)

34 Matheson Street South, Kenora Dental Professionals owned by Elizabeth Montero.

Dingwall Motors Service entrance on Matheson Street Show rooms were located in space presently occupied by Ristuarante

### 39 Matheson Street South:

Yummy Cafe (formerly Savoy Café)

Boom Factory



Linitisky Clothing Store

After Linitisky

Olga Manchuk Clothing Store

Chicken Villa (KFC) Eric Ringstrom

Perth Cleaners



Pool Room

### 40 Matheson Street South: Sounds and Systems

Service Entrance for Dingwall at earlier period

### 44 Matheson Street South

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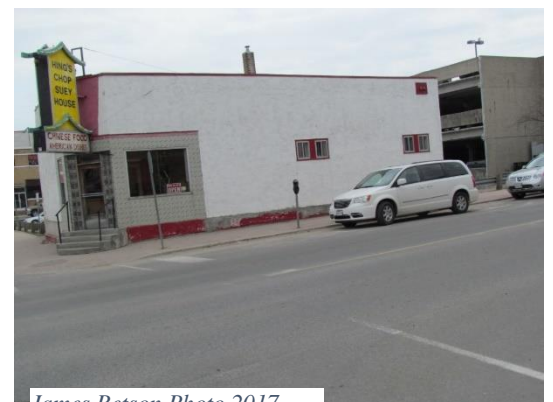
### 101 Matheson St S. Hing's Chop Suey House formerly

Formerly **Panda Restaurant**

**Dominion Café** in 1934

### MacDonell & Ormiston

102 Matheson Street South (At least by 1983)



*James Retson Photo 2017*

**103 Matherson St. S.**

**Pete Cormylo Insurance** (next to Dominion Cafe)

**104 Matheson St. Salvation Army**



**110 Main St. S. Kenora Town Offices**

This building was owned and operated by KMTS. The town took over the building when KMTS was sold to TBAY Tel



**112 Matheson Street South: Ho Ho**

1902 King Edward Hotel (on site occupied in 2013 by the Ho Ho Restaurant and the Kenora Telephone Company)



**120 Matheson Street South, District Service Board**

The building was the location for ACME-Kenora Cleaners & Launderers in 1983.

The building served as the Kenora Legal Clinic until budgets were slashed in the 2010s

**126 Matheson Street, Kenora Bowling Alley**



**129 Matheson Street South Albert Barber Shop**

Located between portions of Market square on the East side was located a small building owned by a Baier who operated a Barber Shop "Adolph's" and subsequently operated by Paul Albert as Albert's Barber Shop.



### **132 Matheson Street South Lake of the Woods Hotel**

The Albion House was built in 1896, owned by Mary Anne Milligan. On October 3 1911 she became Mary Anne Reddy as she married Joseph Alphonse Reddy.

Mr. Corneille purchased the building in 1934 remodeling and expanding the building and renaming the business the Lake of the Woods Hotel.



### **203-308 Matheson Street South, Corner 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Matheson): Market Square**

Cameron and Heap Wholesale Grocery sold to Western Grocery and occupied the building previously operated as George Drewery's Liquor Store for some period after George Drewery sold his business. They moved into the building in July 1924 after buying the building from the Hudson Bay company in the spring. Western Grocery continued to operate it until the building was torn down in 1958 to make room for a Shop Easy Store. In 1970, a Save Easy Store was constructed at the rear of the lot in order to increase the parking space. In time this building was torn down to make room for Market Square.



A Small Framed building Divor's Shoe Repair Shop - Tilley's Drug Store owned by Clarence Tilly

Clarence Tilly's drug store in the Blatt Block was scarcely 10 feet wide located between the sidewalk and the spur line.

In 1984 when I arrived this land was occupied by a store owned by Western Groceries

### **Spur Line**



In the 1880s a spur line was built that ran from the main CPR line along the east side of Matheson St. crossing Second and First Street South then running along the lake, crossing Laurenson' Creek and then dividing to the left to sawmills on the grounds of the latter day recreation Centre or straight further along the lake to another sawmill in the area of the Machin Drive. This line was removed around 1931.

**Ye Olde Chip Truck at Market Square. See under the Letter Y**

### **216 Matheson St 1890 Northland**

John Ward built the Ottawa Hotel in 1890. It was managed in succession by Paul Prouix, Pete Lalande, L. Cardinal and Bob McKay.

At some point it became known as the Northlands



### **219 Matheson Street South: Heights of Fashion**



### **223 Matheson St. Lees Home Electronics**



The building on the corner of Matheson Street and Third Street South was built around 1897 by Paul Prouix. The Building known as the Prouix Block had rooms above and , Broderick and McVey's Liquor Store- McVey's Wholesale Liquor store below. Swan P. Olson bought the building and operated an Ice Cream Parlor. Later the building was used by his son Albert Olson as the Orange Crush Factory. Subsequent tenants included T.V. Ole's Repair Shop, The Department of Transport and Young's Glas



### **305 Matheson Street South:**

Kenora Veterinary Clinic

Corner Restaurant and Rooms





### **319 Matheson St. S Consumers Frosted Food**



Doug Johnson, Meat Purveyor has operated Consumer Frosted Foods for Decades.

### **Keewatin Lumber Company Ontario Minnesota Paper Company**

The building at the bottom of Matheson Street was built by Cameron and Heap. It was occupied by them until 1926 as Cameron and Heap Wholesale Grocery

William George Cameron 1863 - 1940 was born near Truro Nova Scotia on February 8 1863. He received his education in Truro before moving to Pictou NS where he learned the grocery business. He lived in Portland Oregon for a few years before moving to Winnipeg. In Winnipeg he was employed as a brakeman by CPR and a conductor working Emerson and Winnipeg. He arrived in Rat Portage in 1883. On December 12th 1888, he married Hattie Henesy (born October 7 1871). They had six children, William, John, Helen, Sadie, Max and Douglas Cameron.

He continued to work with the CPR until 1894. He became proprietor of the Queen's Hotel in 1888 and continued until 1898. In 1898 he started the wholesale grocery with Max Heap which became known as Cameron and Heap. Branches were subsequently established at Regina, Prince Albert, Dauphin, Fort William, and Nipigon. They sold the business in August 1929 to Western Grocers.

Shortly after arriving in Rat Portage, he was first involved with a mine of Cameron Island in Shoal Lake which he sold to the Buffalo Syndicate. He then got involved with the Wendigo Mine.

He was president of the Curling Club in 1895. He was a member of the Town Council 1900 to 1903. He was president of the Board of Trade in 1902. He served on the Hospital Board and the cemetery board. He was a member of the Pegunga lodge, AF & AM, Gold Hill Lodge, IOOF member of the Lake of the Wood Lodge and a chairman of the Kenora District Victory Loan Committee. He was a charter member and first Rotary Club President in 1920. He died in Kenora in 21 Jun. 1940.

Maxwell Kirkpatrick Heap 1870-1941, son of James Heap and Jean Heap was born May 3 1870 at Lindsay Ontario. He married Blanche Larson, the stepdaughter of Dr. Thomas Hanson and Carline F (Pruden) Larson May 26 1898.

He came to Rat Portage in 1895 as a bookkeeper for Lake of the Woods Fishing Company operated by his uncle F. Colcleugh of Selkirk Manitoba. He became associated with W.G. Cameron in 1895 and with Cameron and Heap Wholesale Groceries in 1897 or 1898 located on north side of 2nd St. S. Branches were subsequently established at Regina , Prince Albert, Dauphin, Fort William, and Nipigon. They sold the business in August 1929 to Western Grocers. After the sale of the business, he moved to Vancouver where he died in February 11 1949.

In 1926 the building was taken over by Keewatin Lumber Company. Subsequent it was taken over by Ontario Minnesota Paper Company.

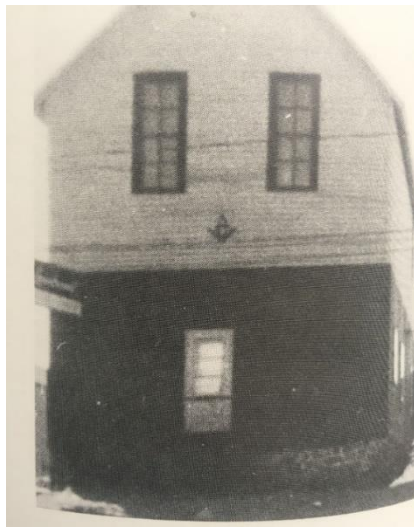
### **North West Corner Matheson and 2nd street (See 250 2nd St. S)**

**South West Corner  
2nd St. S)**

**300 Main St ( at least**

**310 Matheson St.  
Boathouse**

The Boat House opened  
up in the spring of 2013.



**Matheson and 2nd street (See 251**

**by 1921) Dr A.D Ferguson Office**



**A McDonalds Wholesale House:** Building on  
Matheson Street which became Hudson Bare  
Warehouse.

**Murray's Cash and Carry Groceries** Advertisement first appears in April 1943

**R. P. Murphy Cartage**

Photo curtesy of Dan Murphy

**Masonic Hall Keewatin**

**McClellan Ave. Odd 211-Even 212 420, runs from Main  
Street South to Chipman Street**



R. P. MURPHY, CARTAGE, ETC.

**Further west of Adam's Block on McLellan Ave was Empey's Auto Motive Parts**

**211 McClellan Ave.** Wood Lot Used Car Lot, then Adams Block. Adam's Block ((owned Adam Nedokis (daughter Janet Pattison)) On corner of McClellan and Matheson street south in Adams Block was King Coin Laundry.

**300 McLellan Ave Legion**



Formerly YMCA

**McLellan Avenue:**

**Central Hotel (On McLellan Ave?)**

1901 Advertisement of Central Hotel

The central House or Hotel was built in 1888 by W. Lavoie. It was three stories high with thirty five bedrooms. It was bought by Joseph Beaudro in 1891. It burned down in 1917.

## **Adams Block Corner of McLellan St and Matherson St.**

McVeigh & Walsh

**N**

## **Nancy's on the Lake 150 Main St. South (Harbourfront)**

**NAPA Autopro** 1051 Railway Street

**Nature's Inn** 1505 Erie Street

**Neech Friendship Centre**, First located on Main Street, then moved to 1301 Railway Street, then moved to corner of Chipman and Second Street South

**Nenniska Joe & Sons**, 340 Coker Road

**New Horizons Senior Centre** 18 Mike Richards Way

**Nibbler's Nook Confectionery** Store located at 109 Main St North in 2010s

**9th or Ninth Street North** begins at the corner of Veteran's Drive and ends at Airport Road with a gap between 14<sup>th</sup> Ave and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave North.

1220 9<sup>th</sup> Street North, Almond Pizza existed in 2014

**No Frills** Kenora Shopping Mall

## **Norman Beach**

Norman Beach in Kenora is one of the nicest beaches on Lake of the Woods. Offering clean clear water and a sandy bottom, the beach is a popular destination for locals and tourists alike. Norman Beach is situated inside Norman Park, located on the Lake of the Woods just off Lakeview Drive (Highway 17W). It's just behind the Dairy Queen and Railroad Museum. There is children's playground, restrooms and a picnic shelter.

**Norman Hotel** located at the corner of Parson and Peter streets in Norman, Kenora Museum holds a picture of this Hotel around 1910

**The Norman Store**, 1920s Norman

**North American Lumber**, 909 Ottawa Street

**Northern Hearing Clinic** 136 Main Street South (Harbourfront)

**Northlands (operated by Kenora Areas Resource ) 216 Matheson Street South**

The Kenora Area Resources came into being in the late 1980s or early 1990s to support adults requiring supports and purchased the former hotel called the "Northlands". Torn down in 2020



**Northwest Community Legal Clinic** 308 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South Suite 6 (Chipman Entrance)

**Northwestern Health Unit** 209-308 2<sup>nd</sup> St South, moved to 210 1<sup>st</sup> St North about 2016-2017

**Norton Motors** (Rambler Dealer ) Approximately the 1960s, Matheson Street South West Side, subsequent Detox centre built on this site. Norton Motors was owned by Ed Norton, brother of the Mayor and Chiropractor, Ed Norton.

**Northern Sounds & Systems** 40 Matheson Street South

**Northern Tire & Auto Service** 345 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South

Notre Dame du Portage (Parish Centre) 222 1<sup>st</sup> St N.

## O

**Olson Honda** 1101 Railway Street

## Olympic Cafe

“The Olympic cafe, two doors to the north{of Dalmore Hotel}, seemed to be the busiest of many restaurants in town. Owner Joe Thompson had come from Rivers, some 25 miles northwest of Brandon, so right away we had plenty to talk about; mainly contrasts in topography and lifestyles. He suggested that I eat three meals a day for a flat fee of \$10.00 a week; anything on the menu. Sure , he conceded, he might lose the first week or two, but even a 19 - year old can only eat so much-so long! How wrong he was.”  
Circa 1933, Stuart King, Media Days

**Bob Onarchuk Black Smith Shop** (1950-70) 323 Thistle Drive behind Warehouse One and now serves as warehouse storage

**Ottawa Hotel**, See 216 Matheson St. John Ward built the Ottawa Hotel in 1890. It was managed in succession by Paul Prouix, Pete Lalande, L. Cardinal and Bob McKay. At some point it became known as the Northlands.

**Ottawa Street**, Begins at the Winnipeg River and ends at West Bay Road

**601 Ottawa Street** Window & Door Store

**904 Ottawa Street**, Keewatin Medical Clinic (Believed once to be the location of Harold Johnson's Pharmacy)

**909 Ottawa Street** North American Lumber

**912 Ottawa Street Keewatin Pharmacy** John Murray's Insurance



## P

**The Painted Sheep Boutique** 1<sup>st</sup> Ave 314 First Ave S, Kenora, Ontario



## **Park Street**

**100 Park Street: Federal Building and Post Office**

**101 Park Street Lake of the Woods Insurance**



Formerly Notre Dame Credit Union before it amalgamated with Lake of the Woods Credit Union to become Copperfin and moved to Main Street South.



**Pacific Iron Ore Corporation 1546 Pine Portage Road**

**Pam's Plants, 1820 Highway 17 West**

**Panoramic Ridge Condominiums Huron Street**



**Parkview Apartments 630 Park Street**

[Parkview Apartments Information](#)



**Pat's Stationary**

Located on 1st St. S. which subsequently was purchased by Reynard Real Estate

**Pearl Ave.** Odd numbers 1401-1407, starts off south side of Highway 17 East, east of eastern exit of River Drive

**Penner's Jewellers 104 Main Street South**

**PepsiCo Beverages Canada, 1035 Railway Street**

**Perch Bay Resort, 50 Darrington Drive**

**Petro-Canada, 1775 Veteran's Drive**

**Pineland Ice Cream Store by Kenora Jail or River Street**

**Pine Portage Service 1303 Highway 17 East, was replaced by Plumbing Company**

## Pine Portage Road

**Post Office:** See Kenora Post Office

### Presbyterian Church 200 Fifth Ave S.

Services have been held since 1882 at various locations. In 1884 a church was built on the North side of First Street North just East of the old court house and jail (subsequently the Armouries).

The present Knox United Church was built by the Knox Presbyterian congregation on the Corner of Second Street South and Fifth Ave.



In 1925 when the two churches united nationally not all Presbyterians wished to unite and property was carefully divided across the country. Those who did not wish to join began to meet in the former Christian Reformed Church on the North East Corner of Second Street South and Fourth Avenue. In 1954 the congregation built a church at 200 Fifth Ave S, South West Corner of Second Street South and Fifth Ave.



**Public Grocery** Next to Durance on West side of Main St. South in 1932; present location of Squash in 2021.

Nukhim Norman Poskar owned the Public Grocery in the 1940s and then his daughter Isabelle “Liz” Poskar grant operated it in the 1950s. In 1961 her and her husband were in Winnipeg so I assume they sold it sometime between 1954 and 1961.

Q

### The Queen's Hotel

Stuart, Gerald (1972) **Early Businesses in Kenora**, Page 9 reports The Queen 's Hotel, next to the Hilliard House was built in 1885 by J. Clougher and owned by W.G Cameron around 1888. Brady and Devany purchased the Hotel from Cameron in 1900 citing interviews with A. Young and Mr. G, Carmichael.



QUEEN'S HOTEL—W. G. CAMERON, PROPRIETOR.

In 1888, "The New West", a publication from Winnipeg, Manitoba, published the following account of the Hotel<sup>3</sup>

#### QUEEN'S HOTEL

Rigney Bros., Proprietors, Rat Portage—One of the best known hotels in Rat Portage is the Queen's, situated on Main Street, directly facing the Lake of the Woods, one of the finest bodies of water on the American continent. The hotel commands a magnificent view of the Lake and surrounding scenery. The hotel building is three stories in height. On the first floor is the office, dining-room, bar and billiard-room, while on the second and third floors are the parlours and sleeping rooms. There are thirty-six handsomely furnished sleeping rooms, while the parlours are fitted up in good style. The bar is supplied with the best wines, liquors and cigars to be found in the market. The billiard-room is one of the favourite resorts of the city. The proprietors of the house are Messrs. P. and T. Rigney. Both gentlemen are highly esteemed as energetic and enterprising business men.

The Hotel was destroyed by a fire in 1902 that commenced in the adjoining Hilliard House.

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## R

**Rabbit Lake Road**, Begins at Veteran's Drive opposite Dennis Street running East around Rabbit Lake until it runs in to Valley Drive

**147 Rabbit Lake Road**, Rabbit Lake General Store

**201 Rabbit Lake Road**, Log Cabin Tavern



## Railway Street

**1005 Railway Street**, Bell's Corner Car Wash

**1005 Railway Street**, Enterprise Rent-a-Car

**1025 Railway Street**,  
Bowman Electric

**1035 Railway Street** Pepsi  
Beverages Canada



**1051 Railway Street** A Touch of Colour

**5 - 1051 Railway Street** Robinson BA Co

**1060 Railway Street** Image One

<sup>3</sup> <https://themusekenora.ca/the-prominent-business-houses-of-rat-portage/> citing "The New West" (a publication from Winnipeg) Vol. 18 No. 4 provides the following information,



**1077 Railway Street Dufresne**

**Furniture**



**10 95 Railway  
Street Wharf Power  
Sports**

**1100 Railway  
Street, Auto Shop  
The**



**1101 Railway Street Olson Honda**

**1301 Railway Street Kenora Association for Community Living  
2017**

Nechee Friendship Centre 2014,

**1303 Railway Street Superior Propane**



**K Sports Storage**

**1399 Railway Street Auto Pro**





### **1405 Railway Street Derouard Motors**



### **1439 Railway Street Degagne Enterprises**

### **17 36C Railway Street Wahoola Plumbing and Heating 2014**

### **1787 Railway Street KAL Tire,**



### **Rat Portage Lumber Company**

Located on the site of the Kenora Rec Center

### **Rat Portage Cold Storage Cold Storage and provision Company**

Designed and built by Edward Francis Head for his brother-in-law JEP Vereker in 1898 on the corner of Matheson and what was then Fort Street (1st St South)

### **Red River Co-op**

Red River Co-op has located a full service, convenient store, restaurant and motel in Kenora at 740 Lakeview Drive for at least 4 decades.

### **Rideout and Davidson, later Rideout and Turner**

In 1896 E.M Rideout and R. Davidson opened the Rideout Furniture Store. This was replaced by Northern Development Offices which were destroyed by fire. Until this past year the Kenora Tourist Information Center was located on the site of the Old Rideout Furniture store. (Gerald Stuart Early Business in Downtown Kenora 1975)

I believe Gerald Stuart was in error on the Rideout who owned this business as on Page 195 of Gertrude C. Horan's History of Rat Portage it is reported that E. M. Rideout's brother entered into business with R. Davidson. It is believed that brother Edward Manning Rideout had moved to Beausejour in 1885. Harding Rideout sold the business around 1917 and died May 31 1932

**Regina Ave.** Odd 7-203, Even 12-200 Runs Off Veteran's Drive west of Mascot Ave.

**15 Regina Ave.** Andy's Home Renovations,

**Rioch Block:** See 104 Main St. South

### **Rinks of Kenora**

1884 Granite Rink open rink on Second Street South

1885 Unnamed Rink opened on Second Street South

1886 Princess Rink - South side of Second Street between Chipman and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave where Town and County Furniture Store (Parker Building) would later be located – 1886 built by S.C. McGimsie

1890 open air rink at the end of Main Street owned by Henry Lee, a boat "The Ark" used for dressing and warm-up rooms

1897 S.C. McGimsie built Victoria Rink at Fourth Ave and First Street South (location of Federal Building and Post Office) – sold in 1898 to W.R. Wilson burned down in 1900 and rebuild immediately – sold in 1912 to the Peterson Brothers it burned down in 1915

1920 on the same site Kenora Thistle Rink opened on same site. This rink was torn down in 1970 to make room for new Federal building

**Ristorante Pizzeria Italia**, 230 1<sup>st</sup> Street South Owner Enzo Novelli

**River Drive, Odd 711-1429, Even 614-1430 ½, Begins at Highway 17 East of the bridge over Laurenson and returns to Highway 17 East just west of the Kenora Jail in the East**

**River Street**

**H. Ritchie & Son** 1920s, Main Street

**Kenora Inn Motel** 1429 River Drive

### **Rotary Goodwill Geyser**

The Rotary Goodwill Geyser was built by the Kenora Rotary Club in 1990 as a sign of respect for the majesty and beauty of the Lake of the Woods and as a testament to the many water projects the Club has sponsored around the world in India, Africa and Central America. During the summer, the fountain erupts every 15 minutes from 8 A.M. to 11 P.M. and continuously during noon hour.

### **Roman Catholic Churches**

In 1880 Father Albert Lacombe arrived in Rat Portage and initially lived in a shack and used an old box car for a chapel. In the spring of 1881, the first church in Rat Portage built of logs on the West side of Main Street. In 1882 a second church was built just west of the existing church. In 1890 the third church was built on the site of the existing church. This church was burned Christmas eve 1914. It was rebuilt immediately.



## Notra Dame Du Portage

### St Louis



In 1961 the **St Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church** was built on 8<sup>th</sup> St. North.

### Russell House

The original **Russell House**, a small log building was built in the early 1880s 1889 by William McArthur. It was located on the south west corner of Main St and Second St South. Mr. Rigney was one of the earliest owners

In 1890 was enlarged to a sizable 3 story frame structure. It contained 60 bedrooms, parlours and an immense dining room and bar. In 1889 it was purchased by E. Arnold and subsequently by J. Gaudaur when he was the world's sculling champion. A year after loosing their championship to Towns , Mr. Gaudaur sold the Russell House to George Paton. George Paton ran the hotel until the advent of prohibition in 1916. Dan McInnes used the building as a dairy for several years.

H.A. Oman was the owner when he contracted with George Kimberley to tear it down in 1934. The Lake of the Woods Motors occupied the space for a number of years. The garage was torn down in the 1980s . The building that replaced it was subsequent used by a chiropractor (Cousins), a Mexican fast food restaurant and a telephone Front Store. In the 21st century an additional building was added on the corner.

Sources: H & H page 35

**Russell Restaurant:** An advertisement on Wednesday April 12 1923 advertise that the restaurant opens under new management.

## S

### **Saint Mary's Indian Residential School (1897-1972)**

- Kenora, Ontario", "Wauzhushk Onigum Nation "(WON), located on Rat Portage First Nation, opened on May 15th 1897. It was run by the Roman Catholic Church. The school closed in 1972.72.



#### **Resources**

Jaguar Bird, This is a video for "Saint Mary's Indian Residential School".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xm7kmven-K4>

### **Salon Modabo 312 4<sup>th</sup> Ave South**

### **Savoy Restaurant**

The Savoy Restaurant was first located at 8 Matheson Street South, by Lee Yick

Before moving across the street to 39 Matheson Street South

### **Scott and Hudson**

Believed to be located on Second Street South , destroyed by fire

### **John C. Scott General Merchant**

**The Season s Shop** 130 1/2 Main Street South

**Second Street Bakery** 400 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South

**Second Street South** Odd 205 – 831, Even 120-830

"In order, east from the Tourist ,Hotel came Kovall's Meat Market, Williams Hardware, The Miner and News, Bob Clarke's Garage and Leo Murray's store on the Corner of Matheson" (Stuart King History & Heritage, page 21)





### **Joseph Gouthier's Barbershop**

Ward Hotel built by Charles Ward in 1885 located at the corner of Second Street and Hennepin Lane (Side unidentified)

### **206 Second St S. Gardner Butcher Shop - Kobald Meat Market- Walter Squire's Meat Market - Cecil's Cafe -Dino's Restaurant**

"John Gardner constructed a building next to the Hilliard House to house his Butcher Shop. In 1880, Gardner sold his business to Mr. G. A. Kobold (often know as "Cris") who was forced to enlarge his business and moved to a new location.(Stuart, Early Business in Kenora, Page 13)

Walter Squire purchased the building for a meat market. Walter George Oliver Squire was born in England on 22 Mar 1880 and married Ellen Arbon in Kenora on September 30 1917.



In 1921 J.H. Ostler is given as a butcher at this address.

### **Cecil's Cafe (206 Second St S.)**

The building was purchased by Cecil Wong who operated a restaurant known as Cecil Cafe. By 1967 when his son Ham Wong sold the business to Peter Papioanou, Ham Wong had worked in the business for some thirty years.

### **Dino's (206 Second St S.)**

Peter Papioanou purchased the building in 1967. In 1982 Mr. Papioanou renovated the Building and renamed it Dino's serving fine Greek Foods.

### **209 2nd Street South**

#### **S. Urban Shagg**

Around 1894-95 a Brick building was built by Jacob Hose next to his Hardware store. It was occupied by Linitsky's clothing store and subsequently Urban Shagg.

Two small stores were constructed in the early days between Linitsky's store and Hennepen Lane. A number of business were located in these two shops including, Johnson Drug Company, Jim Perrault and Son Barber Shop, Houston's Barber Shop, Sandstrom's Tailor Shop, The Lake of the Woods Trading Post, Page's Florist

The Lake of the Woods Trading Post was owned my Kelvin Winkler.

Page's Florist was owned an operated by Donna Frisen.



## **210 Second Street South**

The building was erected in 1885 by Mr. J. McCracken. Wm Bishop and Co Grocery Store was the first company to occupy the building at 210 Second St. South.

In 1889, R.W. Ferrier bought out the business from Wm Bishop. In 1918, Ferrier sold his business to Neale and Heath.

### **Neale and Heath Grocery 210 Second St. S**



John H. Neale was born on March 4 1871 in Totbury, Gloucester, England. He immigrated at the age of 17 years to Canada in 1888. He arrived in Rat Portage in 1890. He married Isabel Ann Sherrington on December 25 1896 and they had one daughter. He was first employed by A Bishop in the grocery business and later by Mr. Heath. He subsequently formed a partnership with Mr. Heath for 15 years (at least by 1921). He was a member of the Kenora Board of Trade. He was a very active member of the Masonic Lodge and Past Master. He retired from his business after close to 44 years following a serious illness and died on December 23 1934.

William Ebby Heath was born in Portland Ontario on October 28 1890. He married Marie Martha Giquere in Keewatin May 18 1916. They had one daughter Phillis. He was Captain of the Kenora Volunteer Fire Department under Chief Baxter. In 1917-1918 he was assistant chief under Fire Chief Fred Dubois. He was president of the Curling Club (1921-22). He was a member of the I.O.O.F lodge. He was employed by R.W. Ferrier who owned a grocery store. He formed a partnership with Mr. John Neale to operate Neale and Heath Grocery. He bought out Mr. Neale in 1932 and operated the Heath's Grocery. He died October 27 1957. After Mr. Heath passed away the building was bought by Ed Olson who renovated the building.

### **Simpson Sears - Kenora Photo - Treats and Treasures -210 Second St.**

After Neale and Heath closed out, Simpson and Sears moved in. The building was subsequently occupied by Kenora Photo (Bob Ponton) and Treats and Treasures.

### **Bill's Sound Center, Bill Richards Second Hand Store - 210 Second St.**

Bill Richards purchased the building from Bob Ponton in 1977 and operated the Business of Bill's Sound Center for approximate 15 years and another 15 years as Bill's Second Hand Store. He sold the building in 2007.

### **The Bistro**

Audrey and Teraz Menzies purchased the building and currently operate the Bistro.



### **212 Second Street Wilson's Stationery**

"A small shop, next to the lane on the north side of Second Street was originally occupied by the Post Office. The Post Office moved to a new location and Morrison's Bakery and Candy Store opened for Business. The Building was latter occupied by the Miner and News. Allan Young operated a clothing store in a small building next to the Miner and News. Parallel to Allan Young's clothing store, was Percy William's Hardware store. Unfortunately, all three buildings burned at the same time and were completely destroyed. Percy Williams bought the property and remodeled his store. Later this store also burned and Mr. Williams rebuilt a larger and more modern store which is now owned by Marshall Wells." (Stuart, Early Business in Downtown Kenora, Page 13)



## **218 Second Street South Interior Decor**

"The small building next to Marshall Wells was originally built for a Chinese Laundry. Other business moved in and out of this location after the laundry disappeared. These were Bill King's Harness Repairs, Bob Clark's Auto Repairs, Cameron Wholesale, Wismer's Stationery and Pat's Stationary. (Gerald A. Stuart Early Businesses in Downtown Kenora, Page 13-14)

*James Retson Photo 2017 I*

Pat's Stationary was first simply called Pat's Stationary but was changed to Pat's Stationery and Record Store when owner Kelvin Winkler began to sell records. Winkler first rented the store and then bought it in the late seventies.

The Property between Pat's Stationary's and Johnson's Pharmacy remained vacant for many years until Mr. Coppleman built a large store for his Men's Wear. This was sold to Zeal and Gold for men's clothing and a ladies department in the basement. The Masonic Lodge was at one time on the upper floor. This building burned down three times and after the last fire was not rebuilt. (Gerald A. Stuart, Early Businesses in Downtown Kenora, Page 14)

## **Corner of Second Street South and Matheson Street Gibson Meat Market**

Mr. A Gibson owned the Gibson Meat Market around the year 1890. James Gibson entered into a partnership and by 1898 James Gibson was the head of the firm. The Meat market offered fresh oysters by the pint, quart, gallon or barrel; mince meats, finnan haddies, yarmouth bloaters, Labrador herring, boneless codfish, poultry , Spanish onions and a variety of other vegetables. Gibson Meat Market was on the north west corner of Matheson and Second. They sold out to Harry Hook who had a combined grocery store and meat market. He sold his business to A.L. (Leo) Murray.

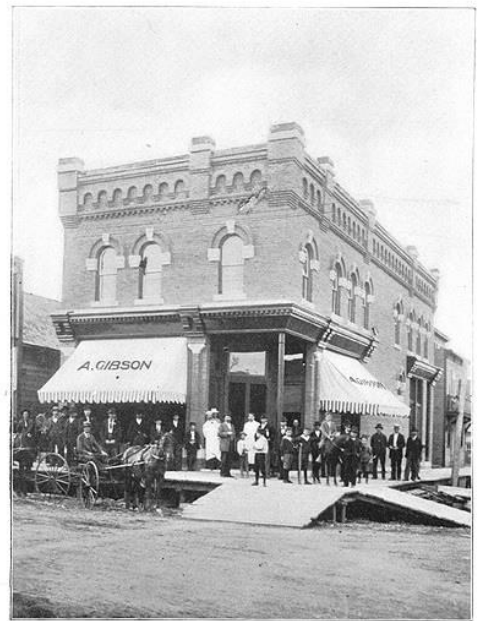




## A.L. Murray Grocery Store

A. Leo Murray was born in Rat Portage on May 14 1890. He enlisted on January 20 1915 and saw service overseas. Upon returning from overseas in 1919, he opened a store on the Murray block which had a fire in May 1927. He reopened his grocery store on the North West corner Matheson and Second St. S. on June 29 1927 bragging of the most modern equipment. He retired in 1945 after 26 years and sold his business to Robert Jackson, a former employee. Mr. Murray served as a Kenora Alderman from 1930 to 1934. He was an active member of the Kenora Rowing Club and President of the club in 1933 and 1950. He was a member of the Kenora Lodge no 74 ,B.P.O Elks. He was President of the Canadian Legion from 1935 to 1939 and again in 1944. In 1948 the building was sold to Johnson's Pharmacy - Gerald A Stuart, Early Businesses in Downtown Kenora, Page 14). Johnson and Rice worked in a Partnership until Rice bought out Johnson. Shoppers Drugs in turn bought out Rice

*Photo courtesy of Toronto Public Library*



A. GIBSON'S MEAT MARKET.  
GENERAL PURVEYOR.

## 227 2nd Street South Business Development Bank



On the east side of Hennepen lane was a shop originally built to accommodate Mrs. Sharp's Bismarck House. In 1915 Lindstrom and Nilson Lumber opened for business in this building . In 1937 they built a new store.

*Photo 2017*

### 243 2nd Street South Flowers by

the Lake

. S. George and Howard Barnes Chinese Laundry, "K"  
Furniture Store, C.P Telegraph - Daiter Block -  
Penner's Jewellery Store - Flowers by the Lake

### 251 2nd Street South Sushi 251

1933 Ken's Café, a Chinese restaurant was opened by Gin Ham Wai in 1933. He continued its operation until he retired in 1965. Ted's Café was present in 1984. The New operators opened a restaurant they called Sushi 251



## 301 Second Street South, South East Corner Matheson and Second St. South: The Hungry Pub

This first business on this site was W.L. Birden Meat Market.



Ernest Appleton came to Rat Portage in 1890 to open a branch of A. McDonald Wholesale Grocery. Later he organized and managed King Cash Grocery business with Mr. John Partington (arrived in Rat Portage around 1895) by 1897.

Mrs. Scotty Williams Tobacco Shop

Irish Confectionery 1916-1922 (See Irish Confectionary).

### **MacInnis Confectionery(1916 -1922)**

Dan MacInnis arrived in Kenora in 1905 and left for Fernie BC after his marriage to Elizabeth Gould in 1910. He returned to Kenora and worked for Murphy Brothers hauling supplies to Redditt for the building of the CNR. From 1911 to 1915 he entered a partnership with Harry Thorpe until 1915. Next, he operated the confectionery business around 1915-1916. Six years latter he established a dairy business.

### **Colquohon Ice Cream and Candy Store -**

#### **Bryce's Bakery (Around 1923)**

Richard Hingston Elliott came from Winnipeg to Manage the bakery for Bryce at least by 1933. He purchased the bakery shop from Bryce. A CPR spur which ran behind the bakery was removed by 1940.

### **Salisbury House**

### **Busy Bee**

### **Barrelli**

### **301 Second Street South The Pier**



### **307 Second Street South**

In the early days Hellif's Meat market operated beside the corner building on east Side of Matheson Street. Hellif's meat market was replaced by Bob Strain's Butcher Store.

### **J. T Brett Grocery and Feed Business (At least by 1921)**

John Thomas Brett operated a Hay, Feed and Grocery store located on Second Street South between Matheson and Chipman Streets. He had an extensive stock of staple and fancy groceries, canned goods and a domestic and imported fruit when in season. His business boasted one of the largest dealers in flour, feed and provisions and provided delivery to all parts of the town.



### **McKinnon and Ronan Grocery Store**

The McKinnon and Ronan Grocery Store occupied the building until 1930 when it burned. James Ronan spent 25 years in the grocery business and later became a partner with Chris McKinnon in the firm of McKinnon and Ronan.

### **Clayton Bulmer Groceries (Approximately 1930-1947)**

After the 1930 fire the Linnil Block (The first three and last three letters coming from the contractors and owners, Linstrom and Nilson building was built. Clayton Bulmer ran a grocery Business in one section. This business sold out around 1947 to Shop Easy Company.

Other business located in the Linnil business included Richardson Co Travel Information , Indira Dress shop

**308 2nd St. S.?** Tilley's Drug Store in Blatt Block

**310 Main St. S?** **Western Grocers** East of Spur line on North side of Second Street.

Main St

### **311 2nd St. S.**

Mrs. Gurwich operated a dress shop in another part of the Linnell Block It was known as the Fashion Dress Shop. Tom Hinton took over this space. Subsequent Sure Thing relocated from their previous location further West.

### **313 Second Street South**

In 1890 C.C. Delbridge built the Palace Delivery Barn opposite Chipman street. Delbridge who sold to Link and Henderson. In 1928 Henderson sold out to James Link and in 1939 formed a company known as J. A. Link Ltd. During the 1930s a fire destroyed the Link and Henderson Livery barn. Link build a garage on the location of the old livery barn. The garage operated for years known as Link's Garage. Phil's Esso Service came later and the business was renamed DuFresne Esso.

The Saans store operated in this location.

The store was then divided with the eastern portion being used as extension of the Standards Insurance Agency and the westerner portion occupied by Tagg's Source for Sports Weekend Adventure



### **319 2nd St. S. Standard Insurance**

George A. Toole worked in insurance and real estate business for a number of years. He incorporated Standard Realty in 1908 and was its first President. He was succeeded by his son Laurence.

The Standard celebrated their 118 anniversaries with an annual charity barbecue on Aug. 26 2015. At that time Gord McCool indicate there were 8 offices in Northwestern Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. New Management team which had taken over during the past two years included Gary Forsyth, Gord McCool and Wade Robertson.



### **321 Second St. South Horn and Taylor, Taylor and Tackaberry, Delamere and Tilley / Parker Building, / Town and Country**

The Horn and Taylor Furniture and Undertaking Parlors opened up in 1897. In 1924 the building burned down and was rebuilt in the same year. When Horn retired, he sold his shares to Tackaberry and the business became known as Taylor and Tackaberry. Tackaberry sold the funeral business to Sandy Brown when Brown opened Brown's Funeral Home. Tackaberry enlarged its furniture store. In time they sold their store to Delamere and Tilley.



### **Town and Country**

Delamere and Tilley in turn sold out their business to Town and Country furniture store. When this business closed the building became known as the Parker block.

A number of tenants occupied the business until it was finally sold and the new owner completely remodeled the exterior and Interior in 2013-2014.

### **White Rose Service Station**

### **326 2nd Street South Bergman & Nelson-Bergman Building**

Formerly Hilliard House.

Mr. Joseph Derry bought the property following the death of Mr. Hilliard in 1914 and moved his theater to this location. On December 5 1914, the **Palace Theater** was opened. It closed it's doors on November 9 1950 when Mr. Derry opened the Paramount Theater next door. Son Stan and wife operated the business with Bert Johnson as the projectionist.





Joseph Derry came with his parents, George and Louisa to Rat Portage in 1877. His father came to assist with the building of the CPR railway and for the first year was the only one who handled the new explosive nitroglycerine.

Bergman and Nelson bought the Palace Theater and renovated the building. The Building is now known as the Bergman Building. There have been many tenants over the years. In 2013 it was occupied by **Wind and Water Interiors** in the front.

### **330 2nd St. S.-Paramount Theater - Cinema 21**

Mr. Derry opened the Paramount on November 9 1950 next door to the Palace Theater which he closed down. The Paramount Theater was built at a cost of \$250,000 in 1950.

### **334 2nd Street South Women's Fitness Club.**



About 1900 **Harry Longley's Paint and Decorator Shop** was built. After many years, a small daily newspaper called the Daily Reminder was established by H. Hauck. This business was latter bought by the Miner and News & Publishing Company who moved their printing plant from 212 2nd St. S. The building was subsequent occupied by a Women's Fitness Club.

### **336 Second Street South Johnson's Surveyor**

The building at 336 Second St. South occupied by Ross Johnson Surveyor was once occupied by **Pirie Electric**, a barber shop, a novelty store and a **Fire and Safety Equipment Store**.

### **329 Second Street South**

Sharpe Block - E. A. Sharpe -Board Anyone

Ernest Augustus Sharpe built the Sharpe block around 1905. Tenants Machin Confectionery, Walter Squires Meat Market (1923-), Chardonet's Meat Market, Fleming Tin Shop, Stern





### 339 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South Centre Block



Keric Funk operated Funk Salon Spa & Boutique at least by 2014

### 339 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South Golden Chicken Tea Company,

This company was here at least by 2014. Other business that have occupied the space include: -John Stepnik, Unemployment Insurance Company War Time Prices and Trade Board, Campbell Bros // Perth's Cleaners lakeside Plumbing and Heating / Gillis and Waren / Bill Smith's Auto Parts / Powder Puff Beauty Salon

### 340 Second Street South: Copperfin

### Credit Union Building

A small building was located at the east end of what in 2013 was The Copperfin Credit Union. This small building was first used as Machin Confectionery and later as Max Altcherler 's Clothing Store. The building was torn down to make room for Kantola Motors Car Lot. Subsequently a large building was constructed which housed the Co-operative Insurance Business and the Lakeshore Credit



Union. The Lakeshore Credit Union was later amalgamated with the Notre Dame Credit Union and subsequently renamed Copperfin Credit Union.



### 345 2nd St. S. Westario Motors-Northern Tire

William Walker owned a small frame building built about 1900.

Years latter this building was removed and the Rolling Portage Garage was built. This building was rebuilt and named Westario Motors subsequently renamed Kantola Motors.

Much later it was purchased by Northern Tire

### 350 Second St. South Lake of the Woods Brewing Company Formerly Kenora Fire Hall

### 400 Second St S. KFC / Jackson Sunset Country Donuts / Second St. Bakery

Eric Lindstrom's house was first located beside 400 second Street South. Eric Ringstrom built a chicken Villa (KFC) beside the house at 400 Second Street



Eric Ringstrom moved his Kentucky Fried Chicken from its first location, the Hing Building on Matheson St. to 400 Second Street South where he operated the business before its moving to the East Highway. Mort Goss's Sure Thing operated in the house beside 400 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South

Eric Ringstrom operated a Donuts shop at 400 Second Street South for 6 months before May 1984.

Randy Jackson took over the business in May 1984 and added his name for the business to become Jackson's Sunset Country Donuts.

When he left the business in 1997 it became a lunch counter business and then Second Street Bakery.

In 2015 this business housed a Korean restaurant. It remained vacant for a time after the restaurant closed.

### **Perth's Dry Cleaner -Linen Service**

[picture required]  
Mitchell House

### **405 Second St S. Shell Station**

### **413 Second St. S. Masonic Lodge**



### **421 Second St. S: Martin R. Nelson**

Building renovated sometime after 2010



## 426-428 Second Street S Prelude Travel



### Double House-

Prelude Travel and UPS Store occupied the building for a period.

## 429 Second Street South: Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Centre Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Centre

Sandy Brown purchased the funeral business from Taylor and Tackaberry and built a modern funeral parlor at 429 Second St. South. This was subsequently taken over by Loewen Group.



## Corner of Second Street South

In 1925 when the Presbyterians wished divided across the country. Those who did not wish to join began to meet in the former Christian Reformed Church on the North East Corner of Second Street South and Fourth Avenue. In 1954 the congregation built a church at 200 Fifth Ave S, South West Corner of Second Street South and Fifth Ave.



## Presbyterian Church

two churches united nationally not all to unite and property was carefully

## Corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South & 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. South Knox United

The original building on this property was the Knox Presbyterian Church. In 1925 this became known as Knox United Church.



The Reverent James Robertson came to Rat Portage in 1882 and organized a mission for the Presbyterian Church. The mission arranged a student from the Manitoba college to conduct services during the winter months.

Two lots were purchased on the north side of First Street North and in 1884 the first Presbyterian Church in Rat Portage was built. In 1897, a Zion Methodist Church was built on the North West corner of Third Street South and Fourth Ave South.

In 1898 Knox Presbyterian Church was built on the North West corner of Second Street South and Fifth Ave South. In 1917 fire destroyed the Zion Methodist Church and as discussions were being carried on for the amalgamation of the two churches Knox Presbyterian Church invited the Methodist church to attend that Church.

*James Retson Photo 2017*

**Shragge's  
Street.  
Also, Delamere  
Department of  
Health Unit on**

Shragge's clothing was a small structure. A few years latter it was enlarged and remodeled and living quarters were build above it. After Mr. Shragge sold his business in the 1920's to his son-in-law, A. Coppleman.



SCHRAGGES', GENT'S FURNISHINGS.

**Clothing Store, 213 Main  
and Tilley furniture store  
Lands and Forrest - PGA  
Main St**

store was build about 1893. It



Inside of Shragge's Clothing store 1897  
([http://www.virtualreferencelibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMDC-SOUV\\_PIC-R-775&R=DC-SOUV\\_PIC-R-775&searchPageType=vrl](http://www.virtualreferencelibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMDC-SOUV_PIC-R-775&R=DC-SOUV_PIC-R-775&searchPageType=vrl)<http://www.virtualreferencelibrary.ca/vrl/> accessed September 10 2016 )

In 1921 Shragge's Clothing store is given as 313 Main Street South.

The building was sold to Delamere and Tilley and they operated a furniture store. When they moved to their location -Second Street- they rented it to the Department of Lands and Forests. It was also occupied by the I.G.A. Grocery store for a short time and the Health Unit. (Stuart (1976) Early Business in Downtown Kenora)

Shewchuk Ormiston Richardt & Johnson Barristers & Solicitors 214 Main Street South

**Shoppers Drug Mart:** (See 305 Main See above)

**Singer Block:** See 12 Main Street South



**Sixth Street South** Odd 202-1527, Even 110-1426, Begins off of First Ave. South and ends in cul-de-sac just beyond Seventh Avenue South.

### **206 Sixth Street South**

This was once the site of The South Ward School. It then became South Ward Villas a life lease Housing complex.

### **216 Kid's Zone /Sunshine Nursery**

This building has served as a funeral parlour a grocery store, the Life Skill's program of the Kenora Association for Community Living and a Day Nursery sponsored by the Kenora Association for Community Living.

### **Smitty's Auto Body Service** 9 Sutherland Road

### **O. G. Snyder**, 1<sup>st</sup> Street South and Corner of Main in 1920s

The Squash Club 8 Main St. South formerly  
Carter's Motor, Durance Motors, Kenora Motor Products)

**Walter Squire's Meat Market** : A tenant in the Sharpe Block at least by 1923

### **Smith Camps** 426 A Storm Bay Br 3

### **St Louis Roman Catholic Church** 912 Superior St.

### **Standard Insurance** 319 2nd Street South

### **Styles and Shoe Shop** 1920s, Opposite Kenora Post Office

### **Sunset Baits** 1407 Highway 17 East

### **Sunset Diving** 1421 Highway 17 East

### **Super 8 Motel** 240 Lakeview Drive

### **Sure Thing Kenora**, Beside 400 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, then 311 2<sup>nd</sup> St South, then Main Street South

### **Sutcliffe's Insurance Agency**

Founder Jim Sutcliffe , Location of first Office First Street South back end of what in 2015 is King's Furniture, Next Location Shoppers Mall present site of Northern Reflections, 1982 foot of Main St.

Other Significant Players over the years



Ches Scott, Tom Horsfall, Charles Strachan (1965-) , Gail (McCoy) Zrum (1865-1968), Jon Ouellette, Gary Forsythe

Business sold to Canada Broker Link, then Ing and then Standard Insurance

**C. J. Swanson** 217 Matheson Street South, advertisement appears April 14 1923 for this tailor shop opposite Ottawa Hotel

## **T**

**Tagg's Source for Sports** 313 Second Street South

**Taylor and Tackaberry: See 321 Second Street South**

**TD Bank**, See 108 Main Street South,

**Third Street North** This street which begins opposite the North Ward School (latter Seven Generations ) continues East to a set of stairs which joins it to the remainder of the Street which curves around joining on to Second Street North

**320 Third Street North See Kenora Bread**

**628 Third Street North** William Wyse Auto Livery in 1923. Believed to be William Wellington (Weiss) Wyse

**Tilley's Pharmasave** 201 Main St. South

**Tim's Paint & Trim** 4 801 Highway 17 East

Townscape Murals, Locations can be found by the following map,

[http://tourism.kenora.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/05/kenora\\_2013map\\_outsideedit.pdf](http://tourism.kenora.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/05/kenora_2013map_outsideedit.pdf)

**Town and Country** See 321 Second Street South, Proprietor Frank Townsend see

**Transmitter Road**

**101 Transmitter Road**, Lakeside Baptist Church

**Trio Motors Ltd** 17 Highway east Became Dingwall Ford

**Two Bears Marina** 105 Bay St.

**Tyrrell's Auto Glass** 79 A Street West

## **U**

**U-Hall Co.** 1401 Highway East

**United Rentals** 1898-A 17 Highway East

**Urban Shag** 209 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South

## V

**A Vick Taxi** in 1920s 611 Second Ave South

**Vacationland Dairy** on 9th St

**Valley Drive**, Odd 901 – 1529, Even 910- 1532, Begins at the end of 12 Ave North and ends at Airport Road

**1405 Valley Drive** C& C Service,

**1491 Valley Drive** Fix Auto Kenora

**Valleyview School** 1529 Valley Drive

**Verti-Shade** 150 Main Street South

### **Vereker Block**

Destroyed by fire (see Miner & News March 3 1917) located at the corner of Matheson and First Street (the Fort Street) across the street from Hing's Restaurant.

**Vet's Confectionery** Park St & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave South

## W

**Warehouse One 323 1st St. South (Renamed Thistle Drive in 2019)**

**Water Street**

**208 Water Street**, Kenora Fellowship Centre

**Waterview Inn** 630 Lakeview Inn

**Western Grocers:** Second Street South near Matherson, beside spur line in existence in 1933

**Wharf Street,**

**103 Wharf Street**, Lakeshore Hotel

**Wharf Power Sports** 1095 Railway Street

**Wholesale Club** 16 10<sup>th</sup> Ave South

**William Wyse Auto Livery** 628 Third Street North March advertised in March 1923. Believed to be William Wellington (Weiss) Wyse

**Window & Door Store** 601 Ottawa St.

**Wilson's Business Solutions** 212 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South



**Wind and Water Interiors** 326 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South

**Wolframe's World of Water** 712 Lakeside Dr

**Women's Fitness Club** 334 2<sup>nd</sup> St. South

## **X**

**Xtra Cash** 213 Main St. South

## **Y**

**Ye Olde Chip Truck at Market Square.** 306 2nd Street South

[Picture Required]

In 1957, John Hutchuk, a bush pilot from the Toronto, who flew seasonally for Parson's Airways in Kenora, bought an old delivery van and proceeded to refit it. He built the fryers and all the fittings, and installed the burners for the fryers himself. The Coleman burners used Naphtha gas to heat the grease. George Granger, the base manager at Parson's Airways, a good friend of John and helped him on a regular basis with peeling potatoes, cutting them up and working the truck. The vehicle would park on the street near its current location during the summer.

For at least one winter, the truck headed back to southern Ontario. In May, each year it would open beside what would become the Shop Easy grocery store. In 1964, Hutchuk took a job with the Seagram's company in Winnipeg. He sold the business to Mary Lukianchuk who became known as Chip Truck Mary. She would set up on Chipman street but move one step ahead of the town officials who would try and get her to take out a business license if she was parked too long in one spot. In 1967 she met with an unfortunate accident that claimed her life. Her husband sold the truck to Gus Sloboda in 1968. A year later in 1969 the business was sold to Jack Venus and partner Leo Dubroy. Within the year, Jack bought out his partner and operated the business with his wife, two full time employees and part time staff as required.

In 1969, Jack took the truck into Winnipeg and refitted the truck with two additional fryers, a potato peeler and had the Coleman burners converted to propane. He arranged with Western Grocers, the then owners of the lot to permanently set up the truck in their parking lot. This site is now Kenora Market Square.

In 1972, Jack's took on a partner, Buzz Haines, to help run the business. In 1973, they sold the chip truck to Herb Paul. He ran the truck on a seasonal basis until 1984 at which time it was sold to Tim and Deanna Treadway. During Treadway's ownership the truck was put up on permanent blocks and the burners converted to natural gas. The Treadway's kept the truck until 1991 when they sold it to Harry O'Hara of HOH Investments. He ran it with his brothers for a few years until they sold it to John Tresoor who in turn sold it to the Rob and Lisa Bell in 2001.

Research taken from <http://www.thechiptruck.com/history.html> May 22 2014

**Yesterday's Restaurant** 800 Highway 17 East

**Allan Young:** Advertisement appears in April 1923 for this clothing store next to Dalmore Hotel.

**YMCA**



## Z

### Uncertain Address

In 1892 White and Manahan of Winnipeg erected a building for their clothing store. The first telephone exchange Dr. Chapman's office and Dentist Dr. Marshall were located on the second floor.

George Beatty & Son subsequently had a clothing and shoe store and the block became known as the Beatty Block.

The store was bought by T. Eaton Co for their Mail Order Office.

Jack Watterson subsequently opened a men's clothing store. E.S. Linkletter had a Ladies clothing store.



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