

290 Stephen Street - Marathon Pizza



This building, erected in 1898, is a very good example of the Romanesque Style. Note the rounded arches, the details in the brick. If you walk to the side of the building you will see the Diaper Style pattern in the bricks at the top of the building.

John Hobbs had this building constructed to house his pharmacy. Successors in the pharmacy operation at this site included the Pulford Leonard Drug Co.; Bruce Hamlyn Drug Co. and Ven Allen in 1914. Mr. Allen operated at this location until 1952, when he sold the pharmacy to Ivan Ridley, who then moved to new premises.

In 1906, Dr. H. Bray set up his dental office on the second floor and continued his practice at this location until July, 1949. He was succeeded by Dr. L.H. Kahane, Dr. B. Friesen, Dr. Fred Ollinik and Dr. Stan Jenkins. The Clinic, a musical instruments repair shop operated from the second floor for some time.

At the back of the building, where living quarters are now located, Fred Turner had a barber shop and Betty Larke operated a hair dressing shop for many years.

After Ivan Ridley moved the pharmacy from this site, a succession of businesses were established at this location including: Atkins Hardware (1955); Morden Greenhouses (1964); Morden Florists (1972), Wolfe's Florist Shop and Decock Craft Shop. Since 1983, the main floor has been occupied by Marathon Pizza.