

DOWNTOWN

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- 1001 (2)** Mitchell's landmark hotel, the Hicks House, was built in 1873. In 1883 George Davidson [1848-1920] bought the business, and it was owned and operated by him and his descendants for almost the next 60 years. Several members of the Davidson family are in this photo, thought to have been taken early in the 1900s. On the balcony, from left: Will Davidson, Nelson Davidson, George Davidson, Effie Davidson and Lillie (Mrs. C. S. Lancaster) Davidson. Two other Davidsons, George's wife Sarah Jane, and Martha [Mattie] (Mrs. W. R. Cole) Davidson, are peering from second-floor windows. Driving the Hicks House carriage [right] is Bob Davidson, with Abraham Davidson (George's father) his passenger. The carriage routinely ran to and from the Mitchell railway station. The rig on the left made daily trips north to Bornholm and Brodthagen each day.

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1002 The Hicks House stable in about 1900. It sat adjacent and ran parallel to Montreal Street, directly behind the hotel. Cousins Abe and Robert Davidson ran the hotel in those days. At left is the carriage and team they used to transport patrons to and from the train station. The other horses are Tim Alert (centre) and Nellie D. Their names are scribbled on the back of the original photo, which F. Adair Campbell bought for 25 cents in 1947. By then, Tom Scott and Wes Mahaffey were building a farm implement repair shop on the site. The stable and nearby ice house had burned in the winter of 1944-45.

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- 1003 (3)** The Hicks House stable and buggy yard “on a busy day.” The stable, the building to the right, sat adjacent and ran parallel to Montreal Street, directly behind the hotel, which anchored the north side of Mitchell’s business block. The other building in the photo, bearing the Sherwin Williams Paints sign, was part of the Hewitt furniture business.

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1005 The Hicks House and its horse-drawn coach in the early 1900s. Several times a day, the coach ferried hotel guests
(3) to and from the railway station.

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1006 A northerly view of the Hicks House in the early 1900s. At street level in the east end of the building, William R. Cole ran a grocery and shoe store. Farther east was Charlie Pollakowsky's barbershop.

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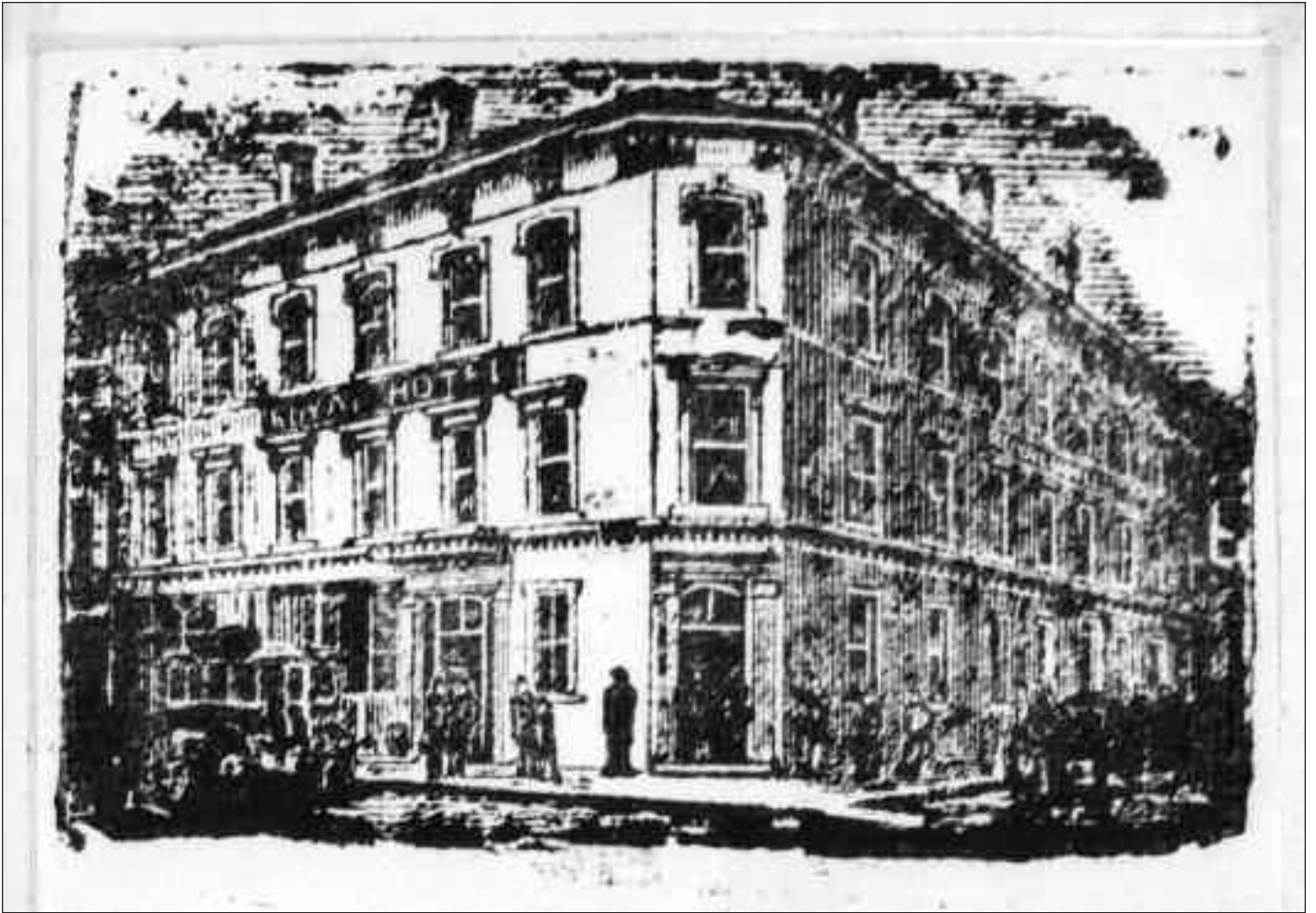
1007 The Hicks House bar, six metres of red cherry, ornate arches and inlaid carvings.

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1008 The Hicks House in 1950, with the retailers it housed posing in front of their respective businesses. From left: N. J. Norris and F. Parsons (A. W. Norris and Son, electrical sales and service); Dave Campbell and Norma Schearer (Dave's Sandwich Shop, lunches and fish and chips); Henry Lawrence, Fred Lawrence and James Anderson (the Hicks House); Norma Greene, Al Jervis, Verna East and Jack Forrest (Superior Food Market, formerly William R. Cole's grocery store); and Bob Gibson and Neil Witmer, (Neil Witmer's barbershop, formerly Charlie Pollakowsky's).

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1009 A sketch of the Royal Hotel in 1865. It is on the northwest corner of St. Andrew Street and Ontario Road.
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- 1010** An ad for the Commercial Hotel in Mitchell. It was the second of three hotels built by John Hicks, all on the north side of Ontario Road, between George and St. Andrews streets. The Commercial, the second of the three, was built in 1857. In August 1872, the Commercial burned, and in the following year, Hicks replaced it with the Hicks House. When Fred Lawrence was renovating the Hicks House in September 1964, he removed some wainscoting, under which he found scribbled on the wall: "First time plastered May 10, 1874. 2nd time decorated May 13, 1877." He also found, "S. H. Power," and "In this place John Frier received his death."

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- 1011** Approaching Mitchell on Ontario Road from the west in about 1920. The view is from the road's intersection with Nelson Street. At the bottom of the hill, just before the business section, is a bridge over the Thames River. On the bridge is a horse-drawn buggy. In the foreground are lines left on the road by the wheels of horse-drawn wagons and carriages.
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- 1012** A westerly look up Ontario Road from just west of its intersection with St. George Street. From the left: the Stuart Bros. feed mill, the Collison House hotel, and Thomas McLaren's blacksmith shop. On the north side of the road, from right: the Whyte packing company, the Hill foundry and bridge works and the powerhouse (mostly hidden by trees).

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- 1014** Looking west on Ontario Road from east of its intersection with St. Andrew Street. On the south side of the street, just before St. Andrew Street is the Campbell Hardware building. Across the street, the building with the turret was the Merchants Bank of Canada. Across St. Andrew Street from the bank is the Royal Hotel. The building closest to the camera on the north side of the street housed the Mitchell outlet for Mason and Risch pianos. Mason and Risch was a leading Canadian piano manufacturing firm, established in 1871 in Toronto.

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1015 The north side of Mitchell's main business block, beginning with the Royal Hotel on the corner of St. Andrew Street and Ontario Road. By the time this photo was taken, Sam Hodge was operating his drugstore out of ground-floor premises in the hotel. Running west from the drugstore was Fred Hord's stationery and decorating store; Newton Boyd's funeral and furniture business; the Corn Exchange; the Couch and Schneider general store; the J. and H. Field hardware store; and the Hicks House, the town's other prominent hotel.

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1016 This is a photo of what was called “Deering Day” at market square in Mitchell. It is thought to have been a day when long-awaited Deering implements and farm machinery were delivered to Mitchell. The goods likely came by train to the railway station, where they were picked up by dealers and customers. The buildings in the background with the towers were the town’s municipal hall and its fire hall. The municipal building (left, with the bell tower) was moved early in the 1900s to the northeast corner of Quebec and St. George streets. The tower atop the fire hall was for drying hoses. The fire hall was eventually relocated on the south side of the main business block. In the square-faced building near the top and centre of the photo was the Ryan Bros. Cooperage Works. In the two-storey multi-windowed building to the left was a private bank.

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1017 This is Mitchell's market square on a day when farm implements were shipped to town. The goods likely came by train to the railway station, where they were picked up by dealers and customers. The corner building to the right of the bandstand housed the Campbell hardware store. On the corner across the street was the Merchant's Bank of Canada. Near the top and centre of the photo was the Methodist church, now Main Street United Church.

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1018 A northerly view of the north side of Mitchell's business block, from just west of the Methodist church (now Main Street United Church) on Ontario Road. In the narrow building second from the right was Joe Lee's Hand Laundry. On the northeast corner of the intersection with St. Andrew Street is the Merchants Bank of Canada. On the other side of St. Andrew Street is the Royal Hotel.

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- 1019 (2)** A northerly view of the north side of Mitchell's business block, from east of the intersection of Ontario Road and St. Andrew Street in about 1900. From the right: the Mason and Risch Pianos store; the Star Laundry; George Richardson's butcher shop; J. L. Downey's musical instruments shop; and the Merchants Bank of Canada.

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- 1020** A northerly view of the north side of Mitchell's business block from the intersection of Ontario Road and St. Andrew Street in about 1900. From the right: the Royal Hotel (which housed Sam Hodge's drugstore); Fred C. Hord's stationery and decorating store; Newton Boyd's funeral home and furniture store; the corn exchange; the J. H. Coppin tailor shop; the Thorne Bros. boots and shoes store; the Couch and Schneider general store; the Bank of Hamilton; the J. and H. Field hardware store; and the Hicks House, the town's other prominent hotel.

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- 1021** Looking west on Mitchell's main street (Ontario Road) from east of the intersection of St. Andrew Street in the pre-automobile era. The turret on the right is atop the Merchants Bank of Canada building. West of it, across St. Andrew Street, is the Royal Hotel.
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1022 A northwesterly view of the west half of the main business block (Ontario Road) in Mitchell, well before the road (2) was paved. The man and boy closest to the horse and buggy are on the south side of the street.

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1023 Looking west on Mitchell's main business block (Ontario Road) from the intersection of St. Andrew Street. The Royal Hotel anchors the east end of the north side of the block, while Dr. Robert McGill had his dental office on the second floor of the most easterly building on the south side of the block, which was adjacent to market square.

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1024 A southwesterly view of the south side of Mitchell's main business block, between St. Andrew and George streets in about 1900. From the left: Isaac Hord's dry goods store, with Dr. Robert McGill's dental office; the T. S. Ford general merchandise store; the Middlemiss and Rankin hardware and tinsmith shop; a boot and shoe shop; Thomas Coppin's tailor shop; and the Burgess photography shop.

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1025 A southwesterly view of the south side of Mitchell's main business block, between St. Andrew and George streets in the early 1900s. From the left: John McCutcheon's confectionery shop; the Mitchell Restaurant and ice cream parlour; the T. S. Ford general merchandise store; Dr. Robert McGill's dental office; and a boots and shoes outlet.

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1026 Looking east from St. George Street on Mitchell's main business block (Ontario Road) in the early 1900s. The
(3) only street lights at this time were shielded bulbs hanging above the main intersections.

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1027 Looking east from St. George Street on Mitchell's main business block (Ontario Road) in the early 1900s. In the centre of the intersection is a turning post with the words "KEEP RIGHT" directing drivers coming from the west. There was another such post at the other end of the block, at the intersection of St. Andrew Street and Ontario Road. Motorists were allowed to park in the centre of the street.

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- 1028** A southeasterly view of the south side of Mitchell's main business block, between St. George and St. Andrew streets in the early 1900s. From the right: the second-floor opera house, above a furnace and appliance shop, a confectionery and ice cream store, a shoe repair shop, and a hat store; a full-service gas station and automotive repair garage; John Broderick's harness and saddlery shop and fire hall (directly behind the umbrella. The Campbell hardware store in the distance is on the southeast corner of the intersection of St. Andrew Street and Ontario Road.
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- 1029** A northeasterly view of the north side of Mitchell's main business block, between St. George and St. Andrew streets in about 1920. From the left: Mike Durkin's grocery store; Stoneman's ice cream parlour; Hewitt's furniture store; Dr. Dalton Smith's medical offices; the Odd Fellows block; Pat Hingst's tire repair shop; W. B. Barley's drugstore; William Hoflich's pool hall; a Ford garage and gas pump; and the Hicks House hotel.

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- 1030** A southern view of the south side of Mitchell's main business block, between St. George and St. Andrew streets.
(2) From the right: the opera house and its four street-level retail outlets; John Coppin's livery; and John Broderick's harness and saddlery shop.

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1031 Some of the retailers on the north side of Mitchell's main business block in the early 1900s. The first two businesses on the left, W. R. Cole's grocery and shoe store, and Charlie Pollakowsky's barbershop, are part of the Hick House hotel building. Farther to the right are the J. and H. Field hardware store; the Bank of Hamilton; and the Couch and Schneider general store.

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1032 A westerly view of Mitchell's main business block (Ontario Road), from its intersection with St. George Street. On the extreme left is Mike Durkin's grocery store. On the extreme right is the opera house that was built in the 1880s by Henry James. This photo appears to have been used as a poster or for the cover of a book or booklet.

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- 1033** A southerly view of the southeast corner of the intersection of Ontario Road and St. Andrew Street prior to 1900.
(4) On the corner was Osborne Sinclair's hardware store. On the top floor above the hardware store were the lodge rooms for the Mitchell branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To the east of the hardware store were the offices of William Clegg, a conveyancer and insurance agent.

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- 1034 (2)** By 1900, ownership of the hardware store operated by Osborne Sinclair on the southeast corner of the intersection of Ontario Road and St. Andrew Street belonged to Campbells. From H. Campbell, it passed to his son Frank Alexander Campbell (1864-1950). In this photo, taken at the westerly entrance to the hardware store, F. A. Campbell is second from the right. Third from the left is Harry Knight. Having married Harriet Knight, F. A. Campbell was a brother-in-law of Harry Knight.

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- 1035** A southerly view of the southeast corner of the intersection of Ontario Road and St. Andrew Street after 1900.
- (2) In the window of the most easterly of the street-level outlets in the Campbell building is a sign that reads: "M. Britton, Cash for Butter and Eggs." Two doors farther to the east is a Deering machinery shop. The wagons on the street are in front of a blacksmith shop. Beyond that shop is the Gordner House hotel, which was established in 1874 by Louis Gordner.

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- 1036** A southerly view of the southeast corner of the intersection of Ontario Road and St. Andrew Street after 1900.
- (2) Two doors to the east of the street-level outlets in the Campbell building is a Deering machinery shop. The wagons on the street are in front of a blacksmith shop. Beyond that shop is the Gordner House hotel, which was established in 1874 by Louis Gordner.

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- 1037** (2) A southerly look down St. Andrew Street from its intersection with Ontario Road in the early 1900s. On the left is the Campbell Hardware building. The rope at the right, hanging on a utility pole, was used to raise and lower a light fixture above the intersection. The light was lowered at dusk and raised at dawn. The frame building to the right of the bandshell is the town hall, which was moved early in the 1900s to the northeast corner of Quebec and St. George streets. In the background, to the right, is Trinity Anglican Church, which was built in 1897 on the southwest corner of St. Andrew and Quebec streets. It was destroyed by fire in March 1939.

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1038 A southerly look down St. Andrew Street from its intersection with Ontario Road in the early 1900s. On the left is the Campbell Hardware building. The frame building with the bell tower and wind vane is the town hall, which was moved early in the 1900s to the northeast corner of Quebec and St. George streets. The building with the rectangular tower is the fire hall. The tower was used for drying hoses. The first church in the background is Trinity Anglican Church, which was built in 1897 on the southwest corner of St. Andrew and Quebec streets. It was destroyed by fire in March 1939. The church farther down St. Andrew Street is Knox Presbyterian, on the northwest corner of St. Andrew and Adelaide streets.

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- 1039 (2)** A northerly view of market square and the east end of the north side of Mitchell's main business block in the early 1900s. The photographer was positioned on St. Andrew Street just south of its intersection with Ontario Road. To the left is Mitchell's town hall, which was moved early in the 1900s to the northeast corner of Quebec and St. George streets. The dominant building to the right is the Royal Hotel. In the most westerly of its street-level retain outlets was Sam Hodge's drugstore. Next along the street was Fred Hord's stationery and decorating store, then the Boyd funeral home and furniture business, and then the Corn Exchange, the Couch and Schneider store and the Bank of Hamilton.

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1040 The staff at Fred C. Hord's stationery and decorating store on the north side of Mitchell's main business block (2) (Ontario Road) prior to 1900. From left: James Eshelby, James Colquhoun, Fred Hord (1870-1949) and an unidentified employee.

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1041 A pre-1900 gathering in front of W. R. Cole's boots and shoes store in Mitchell's main business block (Ontario Road), between St. Andrew and St. George streets. W. R. Cole (1867-1954) is the man in the middle. The other four men are unidentified.

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1042 A southwesterly view of Mitchell's market square, on the southwest corner of Ontario Road and St. Andrew Street soon after construction of the town's new post office and customs building was completed, in 1911. To the right is the start of the south side of the town's main business block, between St. Andrew and St. George streets.

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- 1043** A southerly look down St. Andrew Street from its intersection with Ontario Road after construction was completed on Mitchell's new post office. The man in the doorway of the Campbell Hardware store is thought to be Lynde Mortson (1888-1975). The blur to the right was created by a moving pedestrian and a moving horse-drawn wagon. The tower in the distance belonged to Trinity Anglican Church, which was built in 1897 on the southwest corner of St. Andrew and Quebec streets. It was destroyed by fire in March 1939.

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1044 The interior of an office located on the east side of St. Andrew Street between the Ontario Road and Quebec Street. The view from the front window includes the Mitchell post office that was new in 1911 and the back part of the T. S. Ford department store, whose front entrance was on Ontario Road. The men are not identified. Nor is the nature of their work known. Their wall calendar is showing February 1914.

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1045 A northerly view of market square and the east end of the north side of Mitchell's main business block in the early 1900s. The photographer was positioned on St. Andrew Street just south of its intersection with Ontario Road. The picture was likely taken in 1921, soon after a curb, railing and lights were added to Mitchell's new war memorial, which was built in 1919.

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- 1046** In August 1919, the Porterfield and Colquhoun monument works began construction of an 18-foot war memorial in Mitchell's market square. The town took out a \$2,500 debenture to pay for its share of the cost. The Mitchell branch of the Canadian Legion contributed the same amount. The cenotaph was designed to honour the 67 people from Fullarton, Hibbert and Logan townships, as well as those from Mitchell, who died in the First World War. In 1921 the site was adorned with a curb, railing and lights. The lights were turned on for the first time on Nov. 11 of that year. At the end of the Second World War, 28 more names were added to the memorial.

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1047 Harold Dent Davis (1872-1965), age 21 in this photo, became editor of the Mitchell Advocate and print shop.

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1048 A gathering in William J. Rodgers' barbershop on the south side of Ontario Road, just east of St. Andrew Street. From the right: proprietor Bill Rodgers, customer Pete Smith, barber Fred McClocklin, customer Bill Buck, Jack Coppin (in tie and hat) and an unidentified man in a long coat. The shop and its hairdressing facilities for women were eventually taken over by his Bill's son William A. and daughter-in-law Opal (Wright). Both Williams died in 1946, after which Opal (1910-1975) carried on as a hairstylist for many years. The shop was later used by Reg Gatenby (1894-1965), then by Stan Sibthorpe.

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1049 The Wonderland Theatre was on the street level of the Hoflich building, 39-43 Ontario Rd., and featured silent films. Gathered in front of it on this occasion, early in the 1900s, were, from left: Marjorie Elliot, Edna King, Elmer Agar, Jean Campbell and Hume Moses.

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1050 Joseph Coppin and the staff of his tailor shop in about 1885. Sprawled on the artificial grass in the foreground are, from left: Sid Kidd, M. Hanlon and Brian Yorall. Middle row, from left: Rachael Pounder, Lanny Prindaville, Katie Scott, Mary Robinson and Maude Menzies. Back row, from left: Jimmie McLellan, Rebecca Blazer, Mrs. John Klein, Emma Smith, Mrs. Ronnenberg, ????, Helen McKenzie, Freda Bover and proprietor Joseph Coppin.

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1051 The staff at the T. S. Ford department store, which was on the south side of Ontario Road, just west of St. Andrew Street. Standing, from left: Charles Lancaster, William Morenz, J. Walkom, ????, and Ben Schneider. Sitting, from left: William Cantelon, Thomas Symons Ford (1858-1939), W. G. Murphy and Jack Ford.

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1052 Approaching Mitchell on Ontario Road from the west in about 1920. The view is from just east of the road's intersection with Nelson Street. At the bottom of the hill, just before the business section, is a bridge over the Thames River.

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1054 Looking westerly up Ontario Road from just east of Blanshard Street in about 1920. Blanshard Street to the right (north) was little more than a trail at this time. To the south, Blanshard Street became Highway 23. The building on the left was eventually replaced by a gas station. The property on the right, just east of the 2½-storey brick house became a car dealership and service centre.

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- 1055** W. W. Burgess (1882-1964), here in a 1914 photo, had a photography and art supplies business at what is now at 60 Ontario Rd. Pictorially, he recorded Mitchell's march into the 1900s. His business later became Fowler Brothers, then Fowler and Wassmann, and then Wassmann Photography.

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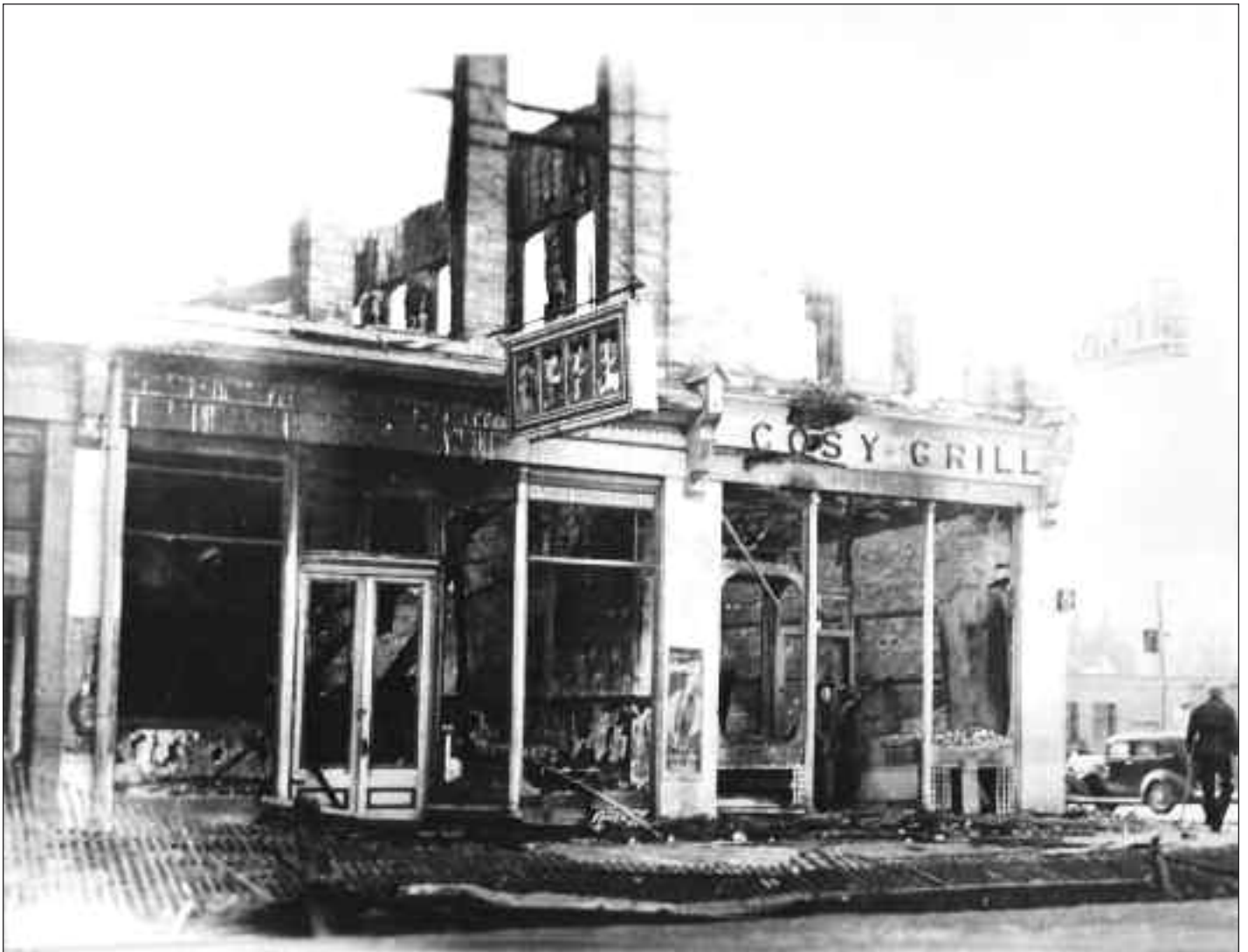


1056 Kingsley and Marie Salton bought this drugstore, at what is now 70 Ontario Rd., in 1942. This photo was taken in August 1945, after they had decorated it for the town's V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) celebrations. Above the store for some years were the dental offices of Dr. Robert McGill and his son Keith.

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1057 This photo was taken in the 1940s, when Herman Heckman owned this poolroom at what is now 62 Ontario Rd. In 1949 he sold it to Kingsley Robinson. To the right is the W. W. Burgess photography business, which by 1950 had become Fowler Bros. photography.

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1058 On the night of Dec. 27, 1943, a fire broke out in the kitchen of the Cosy Grill restaurant, which at that time was a street-level tenant in the opera house, on the southeast corner of Ontario Road and St. George Street. By then the opera house was owned by George Neilson of London. The Cosy Grill, the vacant premises formerly occupied by the Chinese Café, O. E. Webb's Mitchell Bakery, the Dominion Store and the Plaza Theatre sustained damages totalling \$40,000. This view is from Ontario Road, looking southwest.

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1064 A westerly view of Mitchell's main street (Ontario Road) in 1950. Centre-of-the-street parking was abolished in 1952.

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1065 A northwesterly view of Mitchell's main street (Ontario Road) in 1950. Centre-of-the-street parking was abolished in 1952. The photo was likely taken from atop the Rogers and Benson Hardware store on the southeast corner of St. Andrew Street and Ontario Road. The man near the fire hydrant in the left of the photo is Wilfrid C. (Dick) Thorne, who operated the shoe store on the north side of the street, at 79 Ontario Rd.

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1066 On the left, Soeder's grocery store, operated by Wilfred G. E. Soeder (1905-1955). On the right, Soeder's jewellery and gift shop, operated by E. Willard Soeder (1918-1983). On the right are Willard and his wife Aileen [Klein]. Willard later moved the jewellery business to 66 Ontario Rd. Beside them in this photo are George and Louisa Soeder, and to the left, Wilfred and his wife Laura Jean (Balfour). The woman and child are unidentified.

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1067 Wilfrid C. (Dick) Thorne in front of his family's shoe store at 79 Ontario Rd. in 1950.

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1068 The Edighoffer clothing (men's and ladies' wear) and grocery store at 75 Ontario Rd. in the 1930s or 1940s. George Edighoffer (1873-1959) bought the business of Couch and Schneider in 1924. George's son was Lloyd (1898-1980).

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1069 The Edighoffer clothing (men's and ladies' wear) and grocery store at 75 Ontario Rd. in 1950. Beginning with George Edighoffer, four generations of the family operated the business for about 50 years, beginning in 1924.

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1070 The Faust Bros. (Carl and Harold Faust) hardware store at 67 Ontario Rd. in 1950. The brothers bought the business from Lloyd Hawes in January 1947.

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1071 The Cosy Grill at 25 Ontario Rd. (northeast corner of Ontario Road and St. George Street) in the 1940s. The restaurant moved to this location after a fire destroyed its location across the street at 24 Ontario Rd. in December 1943. The waitresses in the entranceway are Gladys Miller (left) and Muriel Lease.

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- 1072** The Plaza movie theatre at 36 Ontario Rd. when its playbill featured the 1944 movie Hollywood Canteen, whose
(2) cast included Jack Benny, Bette Davis, Eddie Cantor, Joe E. Brown, Kitty Carlisle, Ida Lupino, Jane Wyman, Roy Rogers and Joan Crawford.

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1073 The staff at the Campbell insurance offices, at 38 Ontario Rd., in 1950. From left: Peter Campbell, Dorothy Ratz, Joyce Kells, Frank Campbell and Marjorie (Mrs. F. Adair) Campbell and F. Adair Campbell.

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1074 The Walther drugstore at 40 Ontario Rd. in the 1940s. The business was started by William F. Walther. It was moved to this location from the Royal Hotel in 1940. Previously, C. A. Jones had operated a drugstore at this address.

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1075 This is the Kyle and Barnett hardware and grocery business at what is 67 Ontario Rd., on the north side of Mitchell's main business block in the late 1800s. The business was started by Thomas McDonald, and it was during his ownership, in 1872, that fire swept through the business block from the Royal Hotel west to the Commercial Hotel. After the fire, McDonald built this double store, whose proprietors, after Kyle and Barnett, have included J. and H. Field, Lloyd Hawes and George McLean, and brothers Carl and Harold Faust.

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1076 The Mitchell fire hall when it was at 46 Ontario Rd. In the early 1960s the fire department was moved to the former Mitchell District High School on Wellington Street.

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1077 Jack Sorensen's egg grading store and staff at 52 Ontario Rd., on the south side of Mitchell's main business block in 1950. Back row, from left: Ernie Prior, Jack Sorensen and Bob Baillie. Front, from left: Vina Colquhoun, Anna Sorensen [Jack's mother], Hugh (Scotty) Gray, Marg Kemp and Betty Kemp.

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1078 The trucks and shed for Jack Sorensen's egg grading business on Quebec Street. To the right is the rear of the T. S. Ford Department Store building, whose front entrance was at 74 Ontario Rd. The Sorensen egg grading store was at 52 Ontario Rd. The man standing near the middle truck is Hugh (Scotty) Gray, a Sorensen employee.

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1079 A look at the central portion of the south side of Mitchell's main business block (Ontario Road) in the 1940s. Jack Sorensen's Perth Produce business was at 52 Ontario Rd.

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1080 Floyd Clarke with his 1950 Ford, with its metallic paint job and radio, which he bought from Harry Parnell for \$2,145. Actually, what he bought was Parnell's bus-taxi service. The phone number for Mitchell Taxi was 334-M. In this photo, Clarke and his cab are in front of Fowler Bros. photography shop (60 Ontario Rd.) and Kingsley Robinson's poolroom (62 Ontario Rd.).

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1081 Kingsley Salton and his wife Marie (Britton) in front of their drugstore at 70 Ontario Rd. in 1950. Above the store for some years were the dental offices of Dr. Robert McGill and his son Keith.

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1082 A southwesterly view in 1950 of the Levy block, which was just west of the cenotaph, at the easterly end of the south side of Mitchell's main business block. Brothers Ferg and Jake Levy operated two stores, groceries and fruit to the north, flour and feed to the south. They also had a feed mill on Georgina Street near the railway tracks.

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1083 Harvey Hannon's Chrysler-Plymouth dealership, 102 Ontario Rd., in 1950. The building later housed Sam's Cuthbertson's GM outlet, then Scotty Gray's Perth Produce. Bill Lockhart also had a furniture store at this address.

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1084 Harry Parnell and his B. F. Goodrich tire service at 107 St. Andrew St. in 1950.

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1085 Bob Keyes' West End Service station on the south side of Highway 8 at the westerly outskirts of Mitchell in 1950. The business included Sunoco gas and oil products, a small restaurant and the sale of English-built Morris and Oxford cars, as well as "better used cars."

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1086 Russel Litt's Reliance gas station on the east side of St. George Street, just north of Rowland Street in 1950. In addition to selling Reliance gas and oil products, Litt sold Firestone Tires and serviced Vanguard and Triumph cars.

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1087 Ed Ruston's garage and body shop at 77 Montreal St. in 1950. He was a dealer for International trucks and machinery and also sold and serviced Austin cars.

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1088 The Supertest gas station and garage owned and operated by George [Bill] Graham (1909-1964) and his wife M. Ethel [Woolacott] (1910-1962) in 1950. It was on the southwest corner of the intersection of Ontario Road and Blanshard Street (Highway 23 south).

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1089 Chris Cheoros (1891-1953) puts the final decorative touches on the Cosy Grill's donation to the Mitchell Lions Club's fundraising sale, Easter 1952. The Cheoros family's Cosy Grill restaurant (25 Ontario Rd.) was on the northeast corner of the intersection of Ontario Road and St. George St. (Highway 23 north).

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1090 The spring 1957 issue of the Lumbermens Casualty Insurance company's magazine carried a feature on the company's direct-mail campaign with Campbell Insurance. This photo is one of five that appeared with the story: LCI district manager Hasso Grasmuck (left) discusses a mailing list with Frank Campbell (centre) and F. Adair Campbell in the Campbell offices at 38 Ontario Rd.

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1097 In June 1965, William F. Walther (centre) of the Walther drugstore at 40 Ontario Rd. was honoured by the Ontario College of Pharmacy in recognition of his 50 years as a pharmacist. King Salton (left), proprietor of the other Mitchell pharmacy at the time, presented the framed OCP certificate to Bill Walther, who graduated from the college in 1915. At right is his son, Keith (Joe) Walther, who took over the Walther store, in which this photo was taken.

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1098 Frank Campbell in front of the family insurance offices at 38 Ontario Rd. Born Dec. 13, 1932, he was within 13 days of his 75th birthday when he died on Nov. 30, 2007.

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- 1099** In 1938, Miss Irene Walkom of Munro won the Mitchell Advocate's subscription campaign contest and for her efforts received a 1938 Chevrolet coach. In this photo, taken in front of the newspaper's building on the southwest corner of Ontario Road and St. Andrew Street, she receives the keys and ownership from Roy Kirby, an executive with General Motors. At left is Gordon V. Mounteer, publisher of the Advocate. At right are J. H. LeBlanc (next to Miss Walkom) and George Durham, managers of the campaign. Second prize in the contest, a return trip to Europe aboard a Cunard White Star steamer, went to Miss Jean Hicks of Mitchell. Then came four major cash prizes, which went to Miss Grace McLagan (3rd), Stanford Watson (4th), Kingsley Robinson (5th) and F. W. Casler (6th).

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1100 In 1938 the Mitchell Advocate had a subscription campaign contest, for which the top prize was a 1938 Chevrolet coach. In June, at the end of the contest, the Advocate held an appreciation dinner for those who took part in the contest. The winner of the car was Miss Irene Walkom of Munro. Second prize, a return trip to Europe aboard a Cunard White Star steamer, went to Miss Jean Hicks of Mitchell. Then came four major cash prizes, which went to Miss Grace McLagan [3rd], Stanford Watson [4th], Kingsley Robinson [5th] and F. W. Casler [6th]. The dinner was held in the Masonic Lodge hall, which at that time was in the Royal Hotel. Guest speaker was Roy Kirby, an executive with General Motors. Those identified in this photograph are Richard [Dick] Thorne Jr. (extreme left), Wilfrid C. [Dick] Thorne Sr. (third from left); Bill Pelling (fifth from left); Thelma [Mrs. Wilfrid C.] Thorne (seated on the left side at the far end of the first table from the left); Dorothy Leake and Kingsley Robinson (sixth and seventh from the front, left side of middle table); Grace McLagan and her father Harvey (far end, left side of middle table); Gordon Munteer and his wife Wanda, publishers of the Advocate (third and fourth from front on right side of middle table), and Ormond and Margaret MacDougald (fourth and fifth from front, right side of table on the right).

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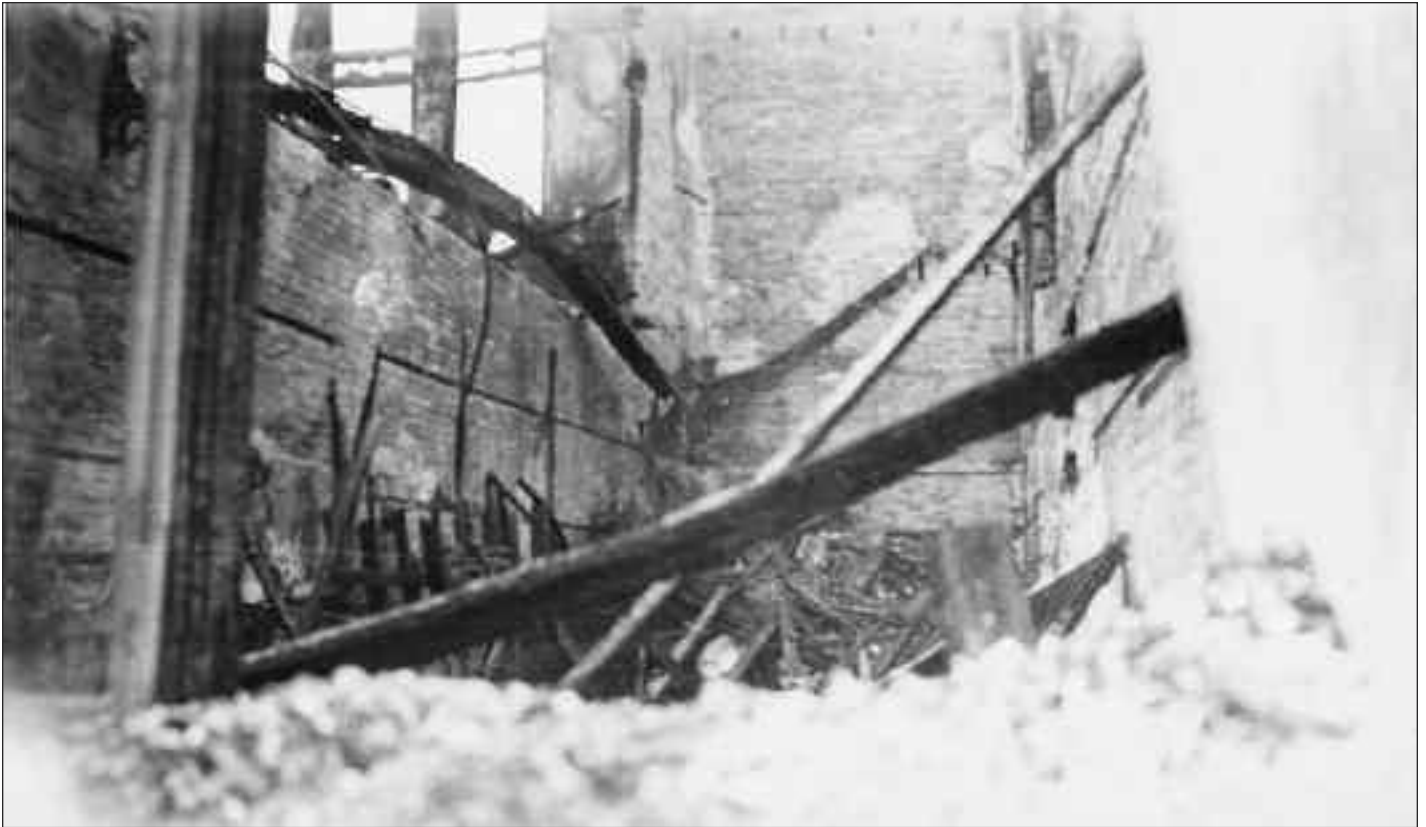
- 1101** A ground-level view of Mitchell's market square from just west of the Royal Hotel on Ontario Road. The storefront mortar and pestle to the left belonged to Sam Hodge, who was operating his drugstore out of ground-floor premises in the hotel. The Campbell Hardware building is on the southeast corner of the intersection of Ontario Road and St. Andrew Street. The dominant building at the rear of the square is the post office and customs building, whose construction was completed in 1911.

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1102 Directors of Mitchell's Chamber of Commerce in 1950. Back row from left: Ferg Levy (feed mill), Clarke Moses (PUC), Kingsley Robinson (poolroom), Jack Schinbein (bakery), Harold Cook (coal and lumber business, mayor), Oscar Rogers (hardware store), Rev. Harold Johnston (Main Street United Church), Gordon McDougall (Canadian Bank of Commerce) and Roy Boyd (radio, TV and appliance sales and service). Front from left: Lloyd Hawes (hardware store), Willard Soeder (jewellery store), William Carroll (principal at Mitchell District High School and C of C president), Bill Lockhart (furniture store and funeral director) and Lloyd Edighoffer (clothing and grocery store). The Chamber of Commerce in Mitchell was organized in 1879 but disbanded from 1929 through 1942. By 1950 its membership was up to 85.

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