MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 65 Walton Street

Known as: Meredith Building

Architectural Style: Walton Street Heritage District

Date Built: Circa 1871

Date Designated: October 6, 1997 to By-Law No. 44/97

Lot Description: PT PARK 54



Architectural Description

This is a brick commercial building with commercial and/or residential space above. In a single unit it stands two storeys high, but originally was three storeys high, as shown by early photographs from the Cal Clayton collection. Also, it was the original corner block to the railway tracks before 67 Walton Street was built. The brick is of a stretcher bond design and there is a plain brick parapet to the flat roof. The second storey has three bays to the main facade, including one on the rounded corner. The windows are segmentally headed with projecting brick labels and are supported by lugsills.

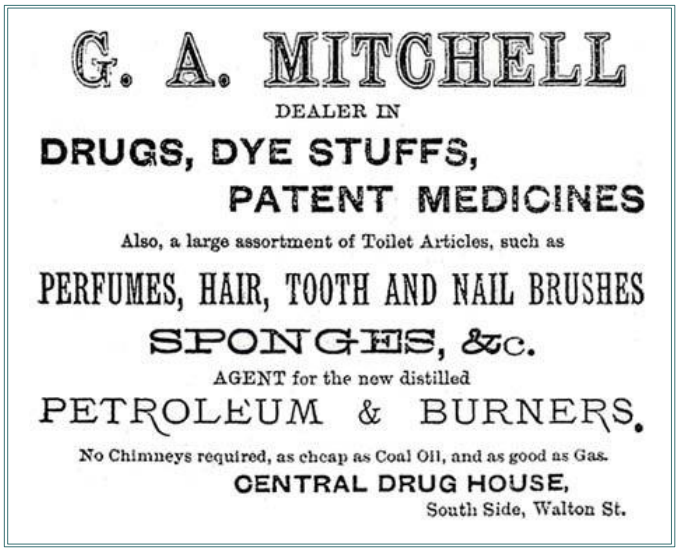
Historical Abstract

As in the Pringle Building, neighbour to the west (67 Walton Street), the Midland Railway Company sold the land to H.H. Meredith in 1871. Meredith built this building in 1871 for use as a pool room. Whether or not it was used for this purpose is undetermined, because in January of 1872, George A. and John R. Mitchell purchased the building for use as a drug store. Prior to this, their business had been located at 63 Walton Street.

The Mitchell family (their residence was 8 King Street) including brothers George A. and John R. operated a drug store on Walton Street under several names: R. Mitchell & Co, Chemists and Druggists (1865), and G.A. Mitchell and the Central Drug House (1880). In 1883, John Mitchell moved across the street to the Tempest Block establishing the Brent to the Tempest Block establishing the Brent Drugstore and later selling to T. George Watson. In 1908, after the death of his brother George, John Mitchell sold 65 Walton to William J. Bert Davison. Davison continued on as a druggist until 1945, when he sold the building to the Plummer family who continued to operate a drugstore at this location.

In 1876, J. Irwin and George Cox, agents for the Canada Life Assurance Company, occupied an office over the Central Drug House at Irwin's photograph parlour. In 1881, the office of R.A. Corbett, M.D. and coroner for Durham County, was located in the south half of Mitchell's Drug Store, with an entrance from the Midland Railway platform.

Historical Directory Ad



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