

## 339 Stephen Street - Morden Realty



Built in 1901, this building was originally known as the Heckels Block, with the Alexander Hall on the second floor and the law offices of Piggot and Bowen in the rear. The Bank of Hamilton moved to this location c. 1922. The second storey was removed in the early 1940s. Other businesses operating in this building include Mrs. Herron's Millinery (1901-1918), Dack's Pharmacy (1943-1960), the Bank of Montreal (1960-1972), the Municipal Assessment Branch (in the rear), Jack Dunbar Agencies and Morden Agencies/Morden Realty.

Chronicle, May 23, 1901, "Mr. CF Heckels has purchased the 25' lot on the corner of Stephen and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets next to T E McGirr's store and intends proceeding at once with the erection of a three storey building, the upper flat of which will be used for lodge purchases. The lot was purchased from Mr. Henry McKay and the price paid was \$1,700. The site was cleared for building on Monday by removal of Mr. W. Hall's small fruit store building to a vacant place across the street.

Chronicle July 11, 1901 "The foundation of Mr. Heckels' building (on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Stephen) is completed and will be permitted to season for a short time before going on with the superstructure"

Chronicle, July 31, 1902 " Mr. C F Heckels handsome block is now almost completed. The metal cornice put on by T T Thompson Co. is certainly a fine piece of work and sets off the building perfectly. The masons, Bryden and Richardson, have finished pointing and now all that remains is the painting and it will be finished.

The most impressive feature of this building is the entrance. An ornate datestone combines with Romanesque arches and a rare polished granite pillar to invite the customer.