

S. J. McKee Archives



Block Brothers

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11698>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B136b
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1967
Physical Description: 1.5" x 1" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of a Block Brother employee in consultation with a customer.

Name Access: CKX Television
Block Brothers
Subject Access: income tax services
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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Nation & Shewan block

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6448>

Part Of: Alf Fowler collection
Creator: Davidson & Gowen
Description Level: Item

Item Number: 6-1999.23
Accession Number: 6-1999
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1912
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.25" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Erected in 1889, at 806 Rosser Avenue (the southeast corner of Rosser Avenue and 7th Street), the building was designed by Brandon architect W.H. Shillinglaw. At the time of its construction the structure housed the Nation Department Store, which became Nation & Shewan Department Store in 1894. One of Brandon's largest and most successful drygoods businesses, the venture was owned and operated by Fred Nation and Alexander Shewan.

Built adjacent to an existing three storey brick building known as the A.D. Rankin Block (built sometime between 1885 and 1888), this smaller building was eventually absorbed by the Nation and Shewan Block after 1897, when Rankin Drygoods moved into the newly constructed Syndicate Block located farther east down Rosser Ave. Later, the Rankin Block became known as Nation Chambers. These two structures comprised what was known as the Nation and Shewan Block.

Major improvements were made to the store and an annex was added in 1910. Some of the renovation additions included, but were not limited to: an updated frontage with new copper sash windows and prismatic glass tops, plate glass windows, new fixtures and carpet. With the renovations the floor space of the business was almost doubled. The stock of the business also increased, with the Brandon Weekly Sun reporting that when finished, Nation & Shewan would be a "store of which the citizens of Brandon will be justly proud."

The drygoods firm operated until Nation's death 1926, when it became known as A. Shewan Limited. From 1933 to 1944, the business was known as Shewan and Son. Shortly thereafter, the Metropolitan Stores Ltd began operating out of the Nation & Shewan Block.

In 2000, the Town Centre prepared to knock down what was then known as the Red Apple Building, the former Nation & Shewan Block. The demolition was to make way for the new atrium and entrance for the mall, and begin a new period of redevelopment at the downtown shopping centre.

Custodial History:

See fonds level description of the Alf Fowler collection for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photo shows the front of the Nation & Shewan Block, which was located in the 800 block of Rosser Avenue on the southside.

Storage Range: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript collection - photograph storage drawer

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Block Brothers exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11697>

Part Of: CKX fonds
 Creator: CKX
 Description Level: Item
 Item Number: 11-2010.B136a
 Accession Number: 11-2010
 GMD: graphic
 Date Range: 1967
 Physical Description: 1.5" x 1" (b/w)
 Material Details: Negative
 Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of the exterior of Block Brothers. The entrance to Empress Courts is next door.

Name Access: CKX Television
 Block Brothers
 Subject Access: commercial buildings
 Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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Brandon streets - Rosser Avenue looking east from the 1100 block

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11554>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B103c
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of Rosser Avenue looking east from the 1100 block.

Name Access: CKX
Brandon, Manitoba
Subject Access: streetscapes
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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