

# Memory Lane

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## 117 to 121 King St. East

117 to 121 King Street East is a related commercial row constructed in the 1860s. The building housed the warehouse and counting rooms of D. Moore & Company Limited, a tinware and stone merchant, as early as 1867. D. Moore & Company Limited dates back to the end of the War of 1812 when Edward Jackson started his tinsmith business. Dennis Moore was taken on as an apprentice at the age of fourteen and by 1833 Moore became a partner in the firm. The company built a warehouse at the corner of Catharine Street North and Robert Street in 1821 and established their retail facilities and warehouse on King Street East near Catharine in the mid-19th century at 98-100 King Street East (now 117-121 King Street East). The building was enlarged and improved in the early 1880s, housing the head office in the upper storeys, the store in the ground floor and a tinsmith shop in the rear. The company became D. Moore & Company by 1885 and continued to occupy the building until 1910.

The ground floor of 117 and 119 King Street East have housed a variety of other business including J.E. Alston's Dry Goods Store (1880s), a series of piano businesses and shoe stores throughout the 20th century. In 2012, 117 King Street East was vacant.



A crowd gathers outside The Hamilton Spectator building on King Street East, waiting for the results of the election. A Federal election was held on June 10, 1957. A victory by the Progressive Conservative Party, led by John Diefenbaker, brought an end to 22 years of Liberal government in Canada. Shoe Clinic can be seen at 117 King St. E.

121 King Street East has housed a number of other business such as jeweller A. G. Gaul (1929-1933) and a variety of shoe and clothing stores throughout the 20th century, including Allen Stores Limited (1937-1956). Allen Stores Limited significantly altered the front façade of the building by 1946, including the construction of a second storey of display windows flanking either side of the central entrance. In 2012, 121 King Street East housed Power Drug Mart, which had occupied the building since the 1990s.