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19 and 21 John St. North

21 John Street North was the site of a series of tinsmiths throughout the 19th century including a facility for the Copp Brothers in the 1860s, Spencer & Sweeney tin and copper smiths in the 1870s, and Wallace & Sons in the 1880s. The building, originally two storeys in height, became a three-storey brick building with a one-storey rear brick wing by the late 1890s. In the early-20th century 19 and 21 John Street North housed Robinson & Company undertakers. Since the mid-20th century, 21 John Street North has housed a series of restaurants, including Bambu which currently occupies the space, and 19 John Street houses Downtown Bike Hounds.



In this 1960s photo of John Street North, 21 John Street was home to Luck Inn Chop Suey House and 19 John Street housed Bob Moody's Record Bar.