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EXPLORE THE PAST OF DOWNTOWN HAMILTON

44 Hughson St. South (LIUNA Building)

44 Hughson Street South was built in 1890 for the Bell Telephone Company and was the first Bell Telephone owned office in Hamilton. The building was designed by prominent architect James Balfour. In 1878, Hamilton became the first city in the British Empire to establish a telephone exchange, which was originally located in a building on Main Street that has since been demolished. The Bell Telephone Company moved into the Hamilton Provident and Load Company's building at King and Hughson Streets 1881 before constructing their own building at 44 Hughson Street South in 1890. The Bell Telephone Company used the building until 1914 when it moved into a four-storey building erected in 1913 at 8-14 Main Street East.

The Bell Telephone Company leased the building to Canada Business College from 1916 to 1920, and sold it to Dominion Canners Limited in 1919. Dominion Canners Limited occupied the building until 1925, followed by Canada Canners Limited from 1925 to the late 20th century. 44 Hughson Street South currently houses offices for the Labourers International Union of North America (LIUNA).

Canadian Canners Ltd served for 80 years as the Hamilton headquarters for a network of dozens of canneries across Canada that produced brand powerhouses Aylmer and Del Monte. The group tried canned product items as varied as pigs' feet, lambs' tongue, parsnips and turnips, but the staple would become Aylmer canned goods.



44 Hughson St. when it was Canada Business College.

By the 1930s, CCL was the largest canning operation in the British Commonwealth. Tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds, maker of Camel cigarettes, bought Del Monte, Nabisco and CCL, and the combined Canadian operations forced CCL to move its Hamilton office to Toronto in 1987.

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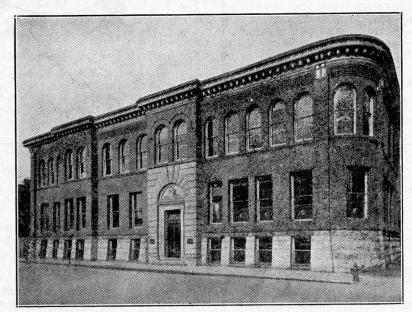
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