

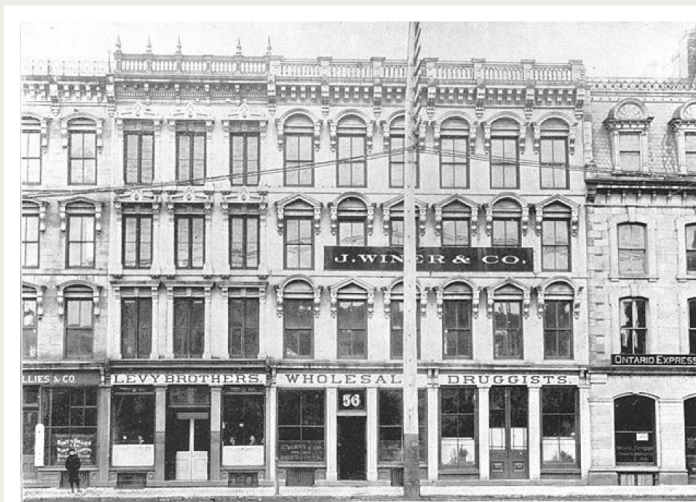
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Embassy (Bank of Nova Scotia)

54 King Street East was designed by architects Bond & Smith (Toronto) and constructed in 1913-14 for the Bank of Nova Scotia. Formerly the site of the J. Winer & Co. building, the Bank of Nova Scotia purchased the space in 1910.



LEVY BROTHERS, WHOLESALE JEWELERS.

The J. Winer building pictured before the construction of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

54 King Street East is one of only two known examples in Hamilton of the work of Toronto architects Bond & Smith, who also designed the MacKay Building at 66 King Street East. The Bank of Nova Scotia was incorporated in 1832 and the first branch opened in Hamilton in 1902 on the corner of King and John Streets. In 1914, the bank moved to 54 King Street East, which it occupied until 1954 when the main branch moved to 12 King Street East.



54 King St E as the Bank of Nova Scotia.

54 King Street East housed the Royal Trust Company (1956-1964), a real estate office (1970s) and The 54 nightclub (1980s). It has been most recently known as The Embassy nightclub.



The Royal Trust Company.