

R.A. LAND: DRUGGIST:::

1896- 1928.

BRIDGEBURG ONT.

Mr. Land graduated from the school of Pharmacy in 1896, and shortly thereafter came to Bridgeburg. He bought the only Drugstore in the village owned by J.T. James, a frame building on the north side of Jarvis St., that stood on the lot now occupied by the Murph Teal building. This he purchased with the help of his fathers money.

As well as a Druggist, Mr. Land was Town Auditor, member of the Council, Town Clerk, Agent for the Bell Telephone, and the Provincial Gas Company; and originator of the Public Library in the village; and also a member of the Cemetery Board.

SITE of MURPH TEAL BUILDING

Mr. Land manufactured his own icecream almost from the start. In 1899, he opened the first soda fountain in Bridgeburg. He ran the Library from his store, and once a week had a dentist and a watchmaker come over from Buffalo. Later at his new store, the telephone company operated their business. Among the subscribers in 1927, were J.T. James: GEneral Store: Hoskin's Butcher Shop: The Barnea House: Ardeley's Hotel(later Merview then New Drake) and Ferguson's Store in the village of Fort Erie.

In 1910 the old Drug Store of Mr. Land was extensively burned; and he went into partnership with Dr. Mencke, and they had the red brick block built, on the north side of Jarvis just up from the corner of Central Ave. Loss in the fire was \$2,000.00. The new building was completed in 1912.

In 1920 Earle Cornell was working with Mr. Land as an apprentice. In 1928, after serving in the Drug business for 32 years, Mr. Land sold the store to Mr. Cornell; and he then took over the running of the new Ont. Liquor Store on Gilmore Road.

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