

**The Bell Block**

**MH News, Jun. 11, 1908:**

" Mort Fulton has secured the contract for the erection of J.T. Bell & Sons two storey brick block on Main St., recently purchased by them from Judge Mitchell. Excavating began yesterday". 1908 tax records indicate that the owner is JT Bell and Sons

JT Bell had another meat market located at 539 Maple Avenue. He also owned other properties in the Old Town Site. "Sons" were ranchers Thomas and John H. Bell

Occupancy:	Per Henderson Directories		<b>Bell Block-JT Bell and Sons</b>
1908-1912	Universal Land Securities Co. Ltd		JT Bell & Sons, meats
1911-1912 (AGT)	Oakes & Everard, contractors		JT Bell & Sons, meats
1913	Bell & Barret Real Estate		JT Bell & Sons, meats
1914-1915 #626	Nimmo Bros. tailers, Thos. Bell	#628	JT Bell & Sons, meats
1917 #626	John H. Bell, apt.	#628	JT Bell & Sons, meats
1919 #626	Bell Block , Peter Plypck, apt.,meat cutter	#628	Bell Bros., meats
1923 #626	Bell Block	#628	Vacant-Bros are ranching, JT retired
1925 #626	Bell Block, AAH Reilly, customs brokers	#628	SC Wales, meats
1927 #626	Bell Block	#628	Vacant
1929-1932 #626	Bell Block-2 apts	#628	Central Meat
1934-1936 #626	Fred Dulmage CPR; Chas Baker, Medalta	#628	Empire Meat Market
1937 #626	Fred Dulmage (Verna),Chas. Baker (Alice)	#628	Darling Dress Shop, prop Max Rabinovitch
1938-1950 #626	Dulmage & Baker families	#628	Darling Dress Shop
1952-1953 #626	Bell Block-Alvina Steinley, apt.	#628	Darling Dress Shop
1958-1960 #626	Bell Block-Olga Veres, apt.	#628	Darling Dress Shop
1962 #626	Bell Block David Bell	#628	Cypress Bus Equip.
1964 #626	Bell Block name no longer used	#628	Cypress Bus Equip.
1966-1980 #626	Fandrich's Dressmaking	#628	McCorkle Studios, photography
1981-1987	No listings in H.Directories	#628	McCorkle Studios, photography
1988-1994	No listings in H.Directories	#628	Impact Photography, Tom Trombley
1995-2007		#628	Wedding Belles & Beaus Ltd-Chris Deering & Michelle Hope
<b>2016</b>			<b>Current occupant Framing &amp; Art Centre</b>

John Thomas Bell - Oct 1852-Feb. 28, 1929, Irish descent. Came to Med. Hat Nov. 7, 1897 as a rancher. Wife Hannah Patterson Bell. Mgr. and Elder at St. John's Presbyterian Church. Residence 359-4 St. S.E.

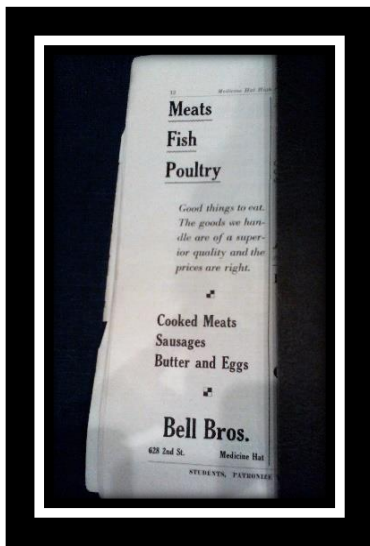


2016 - Framing & Art Centre (left)

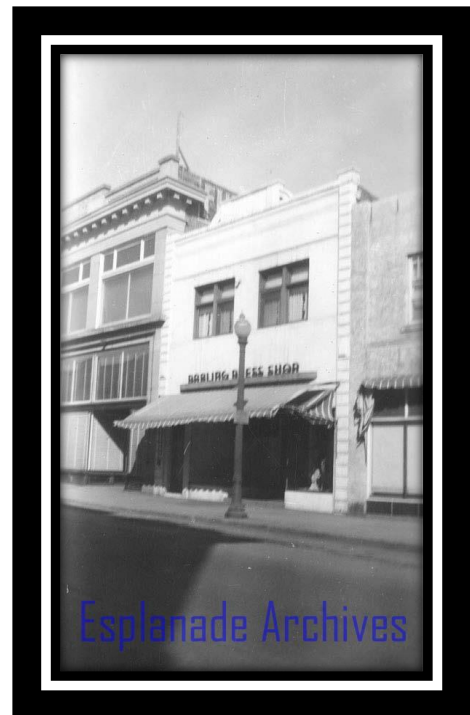
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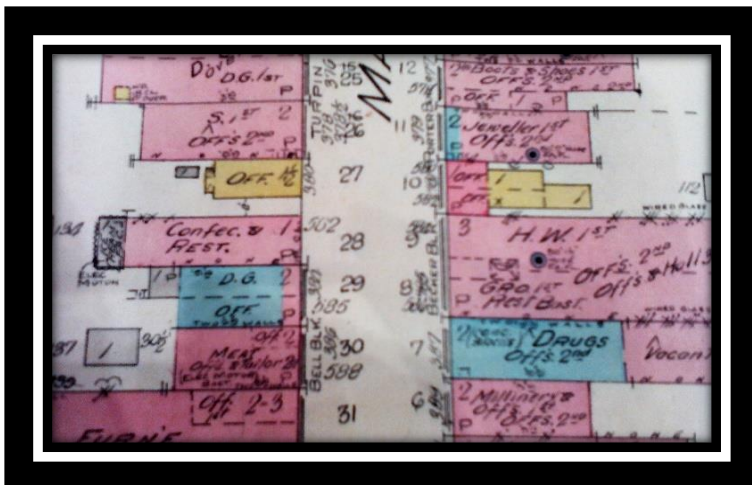
Merchants Bank under const. far left  
 Bell Block to the left  
 R. Dunn store to the right  
 Electric Star Theatre far right  
 1909 0488-0006



1918 Bell Bros. ad  
 in Alexandra School  
 Yearbook.



As the Darling Dress Shop (1937-1960)  
 0034.0005



Bell Block 1913 Map

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