

Address: 10 Downie Street, at the corner of Ontario Street



Legal Description: Lot E and Part of Lot H, Plan 20

Designation By-law: 107-84

By-Law Designation Date: August 13, 1984

Date of Construction: 1893-1894

Architectural Style: Late Victorian Commercial Building known as the Gordon Block

Architectural Description: Ontario Street elevation; red brick three storey building; first floor; large shop windows on Ontario Street and Downie Street; second floor; two prominent square towers one either side of the building with hip roofs; second floor; large multi paned rectangular windows on both facades; third floor; a mix of large semicircular and segmentally arched windows with brick voussoirs on the Ontario Street façade; semicircular windows on the Downie Street façade; the cornice on both facades has corbelled and patterned brick work.

Downie Street elevation; first floor; large shop windows; four rectangular one over one windows in the first section on the left; three identical windows on the middle section and four windows in the section on the right side; the sections are separated by brick pilasters; the windows have a stone pedimented lintel above them with a carved flower in the centre and scroll work at the sides; there is a band of decorative brick work between the second and third floor; the window placement and number of windows in each section is the same as on the second floor; each window has a slightly segmentally arched decorative stone lintel above them. There is a decorative tin frieze at the cornice of the roof.

The building was erected by William Gordon, a former mayor of Stratford.