



**Address:** 203 William Street, Stratford

**Legal Description:**  
Lt 104, Pl 68

**Designation By-law:**  
8-2006

**By-Law Designation Date:** January 9, 2006

**Date of Construction:** 1875

**Architectural Style:**  
Italianate

**Architectural Description:** Two-storey, L-shaped frame house with two front facing gables, one large and one small. House features ornate, wooden bargeboard, decorative friezeboard, and matching ornate wooden brackets. The windows on the first floor are rectangular and on the second floor are semielliptical. Decorative wooden surrounds frame four pane windows on both storeys. The house has a storm porch and an adjoining verandah.

In 1875 the contractor, David Nicol, built the house for John Ballantyne as a rental property. David McLennan, a produce dealer, initially rented the house in 1883. He later purchased the house and was recorded as the owner by 1888. His son, Sir John Cunningham McLennan, became a world famous scientist. The McLennan family owned the house till 1950.