



## J.T. STOCK BUILDING

This building, virtually unchanged since its construction in the mid 19th century, has housed many businesses during its history. It was the site of the first telephone line in Waterdown, installed in John Stock's store in May of 1882. For the next twenty-three years, it was the only telephone in the village. Pictured above is when the building housed George Reid's harness repair business c. 1900.

The Trader's Bank occupied the main floor of the building from 1909, and was absorbed by The Royal Bank who bought the building in 1921. When the RBC moved to its current location in 1963, the safety deposit boxes were transferred between locations on a float. Men with revolvers and shotguns drawn escorted the float, and the transfer of assets took all day.



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