

THE POOL HALL::: NIAGARA BLVD. east side. lot # 1893 as pool hall
was machine shop
for RR 12 ROAD

It was in 1892 that N.Y. State closed all it's tracks, and betting establishments. Mr. J.C. Howard of Buffalo, who owned such a betting business in the city, closed the place and took up residence in village of Fort Erie. It was not long before he opened a new place of business in a building on the east side of Niagara St. belonging to Ed. Hawkins.

Although the clergy and a number of the villagers objected, he did a considerable business, with many coming from the Welland area as well as those from N.Y. state. He managed to stay within the law, and although a preliminary trial came about over his "POOL HALL" he never came to trial, and operated till almost the time the Fort Erie track opened..

The track on Gilmore Rd., one mile in length was built by Messrs. Hood and Wm. German. They lost control of it, and it went to the Fort Erie Jockey Club Feb. 21st., 1906. The company was composed of Messrs. John Condon: D.A. Stewart: S.W. Adler: John Madigan: and Lewis A. Cella.

On Mar. 21, 1906 the track was leased by the Highland Park Club of Detroit; under George M. Hendrie of Detroit, and Walter O. Parmer of Nashville Tennessee. Again in 1906 it was incorporated as the Niagara Racing Association.

With the opening of the Fort Erie Track, there was no thurther need of the "Pool Hall" and the betting establishment folded. From then on the building was in continous use. The front section of the place was devided in two, and a billiards room , or POOL HALL occupied the section to the rear.

The front sections were often rented as grocery stores and lunch rooms.

Lots 4.5 East side of river rd.

IN THE !*%%"S Wm. rainsford resided on this land, where he had a store post office and home. He had a family of 2 sons and two daughter. The family eventually moved across the road to the west, and continued in the sale of merchandice.

1887 The property went to Ed Hawkins. The old machine shop on the east side was turned into a pool Hall (Betting establishment) as it was prohibited in the U.S.A.::: 1893.

Next to the pool Hall was a small building used as a Bake Shop. (Now site) of Camm's, run by John Paulis.

1887. Ed Hawkins and his brother operated Bake Shop.

1897. Wm. Shisler.

1911 J.C. Gilbert.

Mr. Everingham.

The one story building was evetually added to, with an upper floor.

1877. Lot 4 William Rainsford; small building South border.
lot # 4. east side of Niagara St.: known as Pool Hall site.
containing one building, divided equally down
the centre. The north portion a butcher shop
south side the Pool Hall.

May 5. 1875. Crown to John Paulus.

Dec. 13. 1883. Will of John Paulus # 754. 1884 exts. to Corp. Fort Erie.

Apr. 20. 1887. Exts. of John Paulus & Plaintiffs to Edward
Hawkins of the village.

Dec. 21. 1927. Edward Hawkins & wife to Maria & George Trimmer.

Dec. 21. 1927. Edward Hawkins & wife to Isabella Laux wife
of Phillip Laux.

etc. etc.

Dec. 1. 1946. Maria & George Trimmer to William C. Richardson
& Luella B. Richardson : J.T.

Apr. 21. 1955. Wm. C. Richardson & wife to Steven Parazajder.

Dec. 23. 1968. Lucy Parazajder adm. of S. Parazajder. to Lucy Par.

Mar. 1971, Lucy Parazajder to Calagera Grisafi.

etc. etc.

July 7. 1980. Shirley Beck to Pasquale & Anna Grisafi: J.T.

09. 04. 1987. Penny Zanatta & Kathy Fairgrave: Damelio Invests.
Ltd. to Kalyna Investments. \$ 100,000.00.

POOL HALL: NIAGARA BLVD. east side; ; ; ;

1890's -1896: J.C. Howard: Betting establishment.

1890: Mr. Stone Druggist. *home # 80 NIAGARA BLVD.*
- 1904. Albert Elliot: Druggist.

1890's- William Ross Groceries: N.end.
1900's- Alec Ross: Groceries ; Sterling Bank South Cr.

1927- Fred Wolfe: Butcher: North end.

1927- Charles W. Sinden: lunch room:south side.
billiards: back section.

193 Mabel's Lunch : Mabel(Douglas)Jameson:

Murriel Sinden: Restaurant.

Arthur Nolan: Rest. & Pool Hall.

1947. Veteran's Lunch;

Mr. Richardson: Rest.

1957. Harry Stevens.

1970. MR. Parazander; Niagara Billiards.
Building completely remodelled: inside and out.

KAR- MEL SHOP: Bus Station Papers: souvenirs.