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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

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AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN PT OF PARK LT 17
IN LT 13 CON 13 (NORTH MONAGHAN) & PT OF LTS 42, 43 & 44 AND PT OF
PETERBOROUGH CREEK PL 34 AND LTS 17, 18, 19, 20, BLK A AND PT OF
BLK B, PT OF CORDACH AVENUE, PT OF CAMBRIDGE AVENUE CLOSED
BY M38972 AND PT OF PETERBOROUGH CREEK PL 121;

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Peterborough Housing Corporation
Attn: Darlene Cook

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of
Peterborough intends to designate the property, including land and
building, known municipally as 526 McDonnel Street, as a property
of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part IV of The
Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of 526
McDonnel Street is attached.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the
Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 1st of
December, 2007.

Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk
The City of Peterborough
500 George St. N
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

October 30th, 2007

Heritage Designation Brief



Bonner-Worth Mill Factory Building

526 McDonnel Street

Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee

August 2007

HERITAGE DESIGNATION STATUS SHEET

Street Address: 526 McDonnell Street

Roll Number: 030010105000000

PIN Number: 280860113

Short Legal Description: PT OF PARK LT 17 IN LT 13 CON 13 (NORTH MONAGHAN) & PT OF LTS 42, 43 & 44 AND PT OF PETERBOROUGH CREEK PL 34 AND LTS 17, 18, 19, 20, BLK A AND PT OF BLK B, PT OF CORDACH AVENUE, PT OF CAMBRIDGE AVENUE CLOSED BY M38972 AND PT OF PETERBOROUGH CREEK PL 121;

Names of Owners: Peterborough Housing Corporation

Owners' Mailing Address: 380 Armour Rd, Ste 101
Peterborough, ON K9H 7L7
T: 705-742-4499 F: 705-742-1404

Owners' Concurrence: Yes

PACAC Application Review Date: August 13, 2007

On Site Evaluation Date:

Evaluation Category: A

Evaluators: Susan Schappert

Heritage Type: Built Structure

Designation Type: Ontario Heritage Act – Part IV

Designation Brief Completion Date: August 2007

PACAC Application Approval Date: August 14, 2007

Designation Brief Completed by: Susan Schappert, based on report by
Jon Oldham, Jim Leonard, Michelle
Townsend

Submission Date: September 2007

Objections Noted: N/A

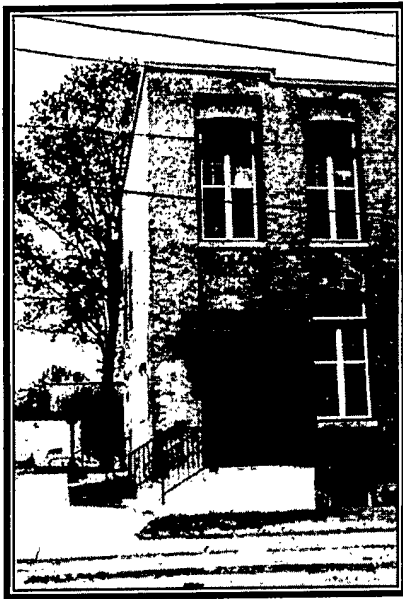
Comments: N/A

"The short statement of the reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the Heritage Designation Report constitute the "Reasons for the Designation" required under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Heritage Designation Report is available for viewing in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours."

SHORT STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Heritage Evaluation Criteria Note:

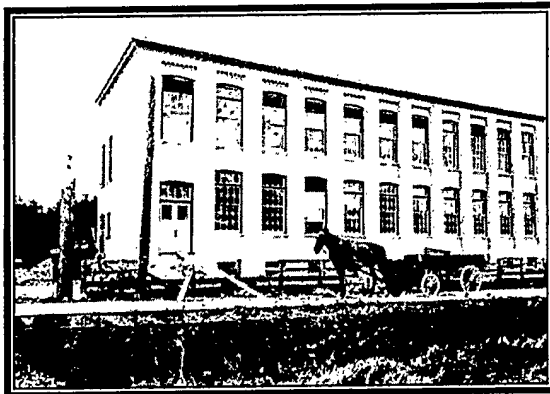
Category A: The properties in this category are individually outstanding and have the broadest heritage significance in the City by virtue of architectural, historical, and environmental criteria along with overall integrity of design and construction. "Category A" properties generally hold provincial and/or national significance.



The Bonner-Worth Mill Factory Building has important connections to labour, political and industrial history, as well as excellent architectural and landmark value.

The Bonner-Worth Mill Factory Building was the site of one of Peterborough's most violent labour disputes, which itself had provincial and national repercussions. Labour organization began in Peterborough at both the Bonner Worth and Auburn Woollen Mills, and the strike of 1937 was the first of its kind in Peterborough leading to violent confrontations and division within the community.

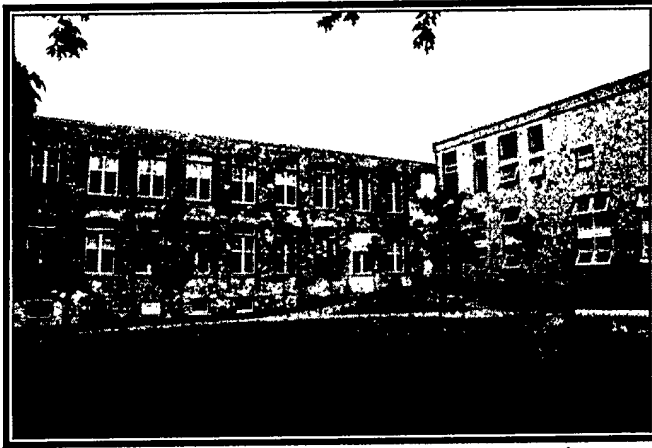
Within the context of Ontario labour history, the Peterborough strike of 1937 resulted in an inquest into wages and working conditions, ordered by Premier Mitchell Hepburn. The inquest produced Special Order No. 1, which set minimum wages for men and women in the textile industries. This was the first legislation of its kind, and made under the provisions of the Minimum Wage Act of 1937.



Historic Roy Studio Photo, 1911

The strike had political ramifications as well. The day after Peterborough workers returned to work, Premier Hepburn called an early election. Riding on the success in Peterborough, Hepburn condemned the Congress of Industrial

Organizations (CIO), and successfully portrayed them as communist sympathizers. He won a landslide victory over Conservative candidate Earl Rowe.

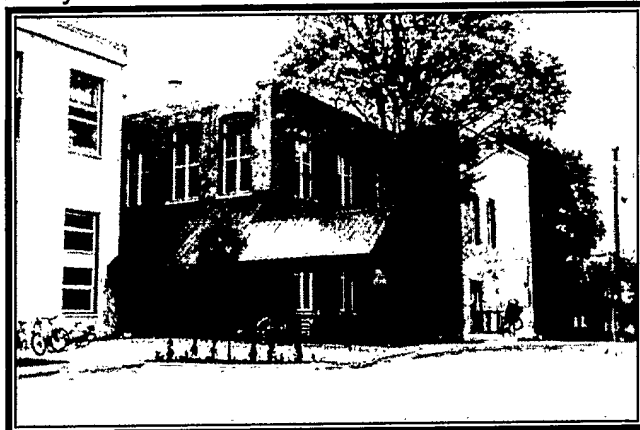


Within a national context, the involvement of the CIO struck fear into the hearts of Canadian industrialists. Although individuals involved in the Peterborough strike denounced any connection to the organization, both the media and the government played on public fears. Local papers announced the forthcoming involvement of

textile workers across the nation, but such support never materialized. Linked with violence and communism, the CIO was viewed with suspicion across Canada.

Examined within the framework of industrial activity in Peterborough, the Bonner-Worth Mill Factory Building is a testament to Peterborough's industrial success. Constructed during the peak of industrial expansion in early twentieth century Peterborough, the Bonner-Worth Mill company (later Canadian Woollens, and then Dominion Woollens and Worsteds) flourished and contributed to the overseas war efforts during World War I. The buildings continued to be used for industrial purposes for many years after Dominion Woollens and Worsteds left Peterborough. In the 1960's they became the first campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College and have recently been renovated into affordable housing apartments.

The Bonner-Worth Mill Factory Building is an interesting and largely intact example of early 20th century industrial architecture. Constructed in three phases, the two later additions (1913 & 1916) to the Mill complex were designed by William Blackwell, one of Peterborough's most



prominent architects. The low horizontal lines of the building contrast with the vertical 2 storey recessed panels that frame the large windows; these were designed to maximize daylight during working hours.

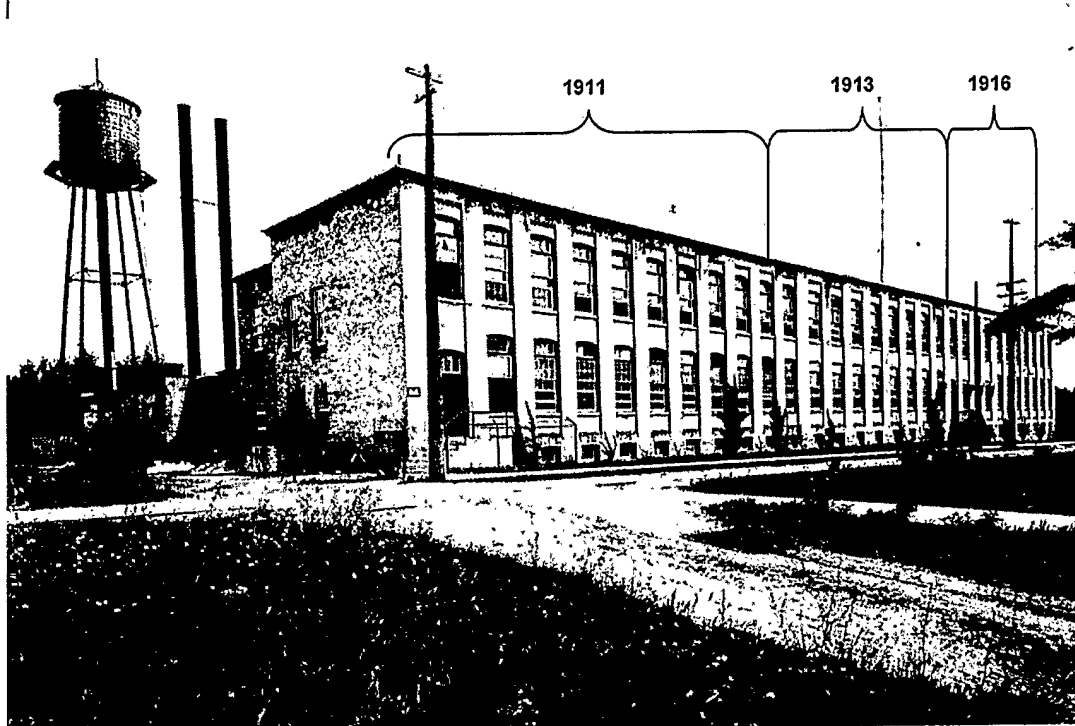
The building remains a landmark on the streetscape, because of its substantial size and massing, as well as its well-known historical associations. While a



number of additions and outbuildings to the rear of the main building have been removed in recent renovations, the Bonner - Worth Mill Factory Building retains much of its original appearance from the street, complimenting the other extant Mill buildings that were severed from the property years ago.

CURRENT OWNER: The Peterborough Housing Corporation

Historic Roy Studio photo, 1911



ORIGINAL OWNER: Bonner-Worth Mill Company

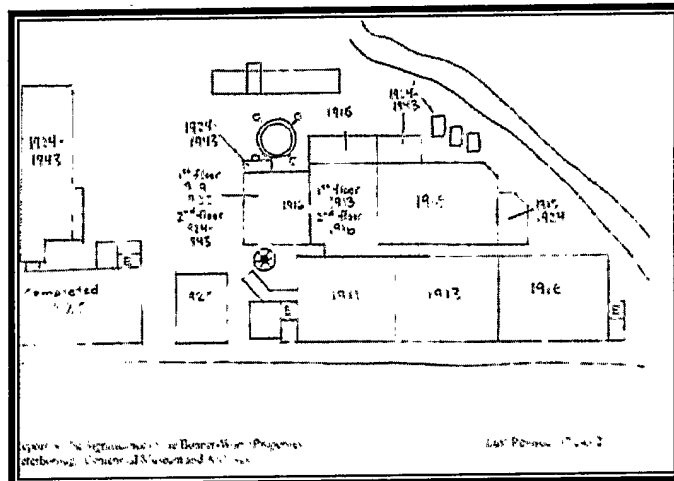
ARCHITECT: 1911: unknown, 1913 & 1916: William Blackwell

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1911, 1913 & 1916

BUILDER: Unknown

CONTEXT- SITE AND SETTING:

Situated on the north side of McDonnell Street, the Bonner-Worth Mill Factory Building is flanked on the west by the 1920's Administration building and Jackson Creek to the east. To the south is an early 20th century residential neighborhood, much of which was factory worker housing.



SUMMARY OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof including all facades, entrances, windows, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, brick, stone, plaster parging, metal and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features:

Exterior Elements:

- Long, horizontal massing of the 2 storey buff brick structure with square brick rear addition
- Rubble stone foundation
- Flat roof
- 2 storey recessed brick panels framing fenestration
- Brick voussoirs, transoms and limestone and cast stone sills surrounding windows
- Any remaining original entrances

