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CONSERVATION REVIEW  
BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
SECTION 29, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

And in the matter of the lands and premises  
at the following municipal address in the  
City of Stratford in the Province of Ontario

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TO:



203 William Street  
Stratford, ON N5A 4Y2

AND TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Ministry of Culture  
Heritage & Libraries Branch  
400 University Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
TORONTO ON M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Corporation of the City of Stratford intends to designate the property at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Section 29, of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18*:

### **203 William Street, STRATFORD – REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

#### **ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS:**

Italianate Style house; an important example of restoration work with careful attention to replication and detail of its Italianate features; Italianate houses have large, ornate brackets under eaves, protruding bay windows and an irregular, asymmetrical shape. Early Italianate houses, such as this one, are L-shaped; similar to Ontario houses but the house is unbalanced and the bay window and brackets are key distinguishing details of the style; built originally as a frame house and is still a frame house; extremely pleasing aesthetic design; excellent craftsmanship and materials; excellent use of materials and well-maintained; building still quite conspicuous in the neighbourhood; very good example compared to other buildings in Stratford of similar style; functional design of building good; visual quality of building (proportion, scale, detail), very good; integrity of the historical relationship between the building and its associated landscape is changed but character of building retained; an established and influential building on the present character of the area with which it is associated; properly and very carefully reworked to maintain original detailing.

*Exterior Elements Worthy Of Designation:*

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Frame structure; any original windows, sills, and storm windows; all bargeboard, vergeboard and any other decorative elements in gables; Italianate L-shape of house as a whole; all original brackets; decorative wooden window surrounds all windows; bay window east side of house; brackets under bay window east side of house; decorative wooden frieze under eaves, also any original soffits and cornices.

#### *HISTORY OF HOUSE*

Built 1877 by David Nicol (contractor), for John Ballantyne; built on Lots 104 and 105 on land originally owned by Colonel William Frederick McCulloch, a large landowner and pioneer developer; research indicates that Ballantyne family had house built not as a residence but as a rental property; because the McLennan family lived in the house for 62 years and a member of their family became world famous in science, as well as being granted a knighthood, it seems reasonable to assume that the house would be a conspicuous landmark in the neighbourhood as well as in the city as a whole. Princess Juliana, of the Netherlands, was entertained in the house in the 1940's.

#### *OWNERS OF THE HOUSE*

John Ballantyne, had house built and was owner in 1877

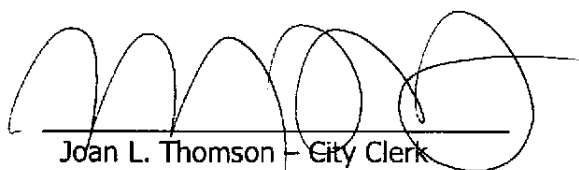
House rented by Ballantyne's to David McLennan (a produce dealer), in 1883. David McLennan was the father of the noted (and world famous) scientist, Sir John Cunningham McLennan, who grew up in the house.

David McLennan owned the house by 1888.

The McLennan family owned and lived in the house until 1950

If any person wishes to object to the proposed designation, a Notice of Objection, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, must be served on the Clerk of the City of Stratford NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. on January 3, 2006. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served on the Clerk, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the City of Stratford  
this 3rd day of December, 2005.



Joan L. Thomson - City Clerk