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IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario Heritage
Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands and
premises at the following municipal
address, in the Province of Ontario.

TO: The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City
of Hamilton intends to designate the property, including
lands and buildings, at the following municipal address, as
a property of architectural and historical value or in-
terest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O.
Chapter 122: 63-73 MacNab Street North, Hamilton, Ontario.

The reasons for the proposed designation are set out in schedule
"A" to this notice.

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of
this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk
of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton notice of his or her
objection to the proposed designation together with a statement
of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If
such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of The
Corporation of the City of Hamilton shall refer the matter to
the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED in the City of Hamilton,
on the 5th day of June 19 79.

Mr. E. A. Simpson,
City Clerk,
City Hall,
71 Main Street West,
Hamilton, Ontario.
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SCHEDULE "A"

TO NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

COMMERCIAL BLOCK - 63-73 MacNab Street North, Hamilton, Ontario

ARCHITECTURAL

This is the finest surviving Pre-Confederation commercial building in the City. The corner section was built in 1856 and the northern section in 1881. The architectural design, related to the Renaissance inspired styles fashionable in Europe, is of high quality. There is a central courtyard, slightly projecting three-bay corner sections, and stylistic features such as arched windows, pilasters, and brackets under the cornice. It exhibits the skill of Scots stonemasons. The two street facades are finished whirlpool stone and decorated with carved stone trim. The elaborate stone chimney is unusual. The large scale, well balanced proportions and massive stonework reveal the character of the building which reflected the optimism Hamilton experienced with the arrival of the railway in 1854.

HISTORICAL

Important commerce has been associated with the building throughout most of Hamilton's history. For almost a century, wholesale grocery and clothing manufacturing have operated here. The corner section was built in 1856 by John Young. He came to Hamilton in 1832 and opened one of the first general stores. He was a successful dry goods merchant, an early promoter of the cotton industry, the Canada Life Assurance Company, and the Great Western Railway. He contributed generously to the building of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. His son-in-law, R. A. Lucas, an important figure in the wholesale grocery business, built the northern section. He and two sons of John Young founded the Hamilton Cotton Company from which developed the Hamilton Group, still associated with the Young family. The company will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1980. Many other important Hamiltonians have been associated with the building, including a former mayor, George Coppley.