Belfast NZ
a walk through time

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Christchurch City Council

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Legend

- Planned Road
- Cycle & Walk way
- Walk paths
- Railway
- Railway Crossing
- Restaurant
- Cafe
- First aid
- Toilet
- B Bowling Club
- C Community Hub
- P Playcentre
- R Rugby & Football Club

Ōtukaikino Wetlands
Western Belfast Bypass Motorway
Dickeys Road
Main North Road
SH74
Christchurch Northern Corridor Shared Path
Stonehurst Sawmill
Ōtukaikino Tk
Ōtukaikino Track
Darroch Reserve
Ōtukaikino Creek
Waimairi walk & cycleway
Darroch Street
Anglican Church
Factory Road
Kaputone Creek
Elim Church
Richill St
Tyrone St
Third St
Salvation Army
Donegal St
Tyrone Reserve
Meadow View Park
Pitau-Allenvale School
Pūtahi Belfast School
Gypsolite Reserve
Ballymena Reserve
Belfast Road
Station Road
Blakes Road
Belfast Cemetery
Johns Road
Castile Reserve
Swift Street
Lagan Street
Belfast School
Belfast Pool
Sheldon Park
Spring Grove Lifestyle Village
Kaputone Creek
Bill Hammond Drive
Doris Lusk St
Seven Mile Drive
Frank Cox Road
Serton Street
Englefield Drainage Reserve
Englefield Road
Englefield Reserve
Foley Reserve
Shenley Reserve
Ferntail Drive
Northwood Blvd
Northwood Supa Centa
Radcliffe Road
Ryman Northwood Retirement Village
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1. **First Belfast School Master's House, School's 2nd location & Belfast Museum**

a. **School Master's House:** Built in 1877, the year before Belfast School opened to the rear of the dwelling in February 1878. The school moved to its current site in 1938 however the Schoolmasters house continued to provide accommodation to school staff until 1972.



b. First School in Belfast built 1878



b. **Belfast Museum:** Built in 1985 by Lewis McFadden. This contains a collection of memorabilia dear to the residents of Belfast and those who have raised their families here.



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2. **Tysons Corner Shop** – 1923-1940. Photographed is Bill Williams outside the Tyson Corner Shop with a milk can in front where he would ladle the milk out into the jugs residents would put out for it.



Tyson Family lived at 59 Radcliffe Road, Belfast. Image taken early 1900



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3. **War Memorial:** Sheldon Park. The memorial was erected by Silvester and Co. who designed a tapered stone pillar constructed from brown Glentunnel stone mounted on a concrete base with three steps. This was unveiled on 5 June 1921. The unveiling ceremony was attended by several hundred individuals including veterans and members of the Belfast Boy Scouts. As E. J. Wotton unveiled the memorial, the Last Post was performed by the bugle band of the Christchurch Cadets.

   There are seven plaques in total dedicated to the memory of the servicemen *from the Belfast, Styx and Ouruhia Districts who gave their lives in the Great War 1914–1918 and* in *World War II 1939-1945*.



World War 1 returned soldiers:

Back Row: Charlie Potten, Ted Englefield, Jim Carringrton, Unknown Tim Kay; - Anderson.

Middle row: Chris Arps; Percy Brown, Urie Anderson; Ernie Rudkin, Alex Rogers.

Front Row: George Anderson, Sam Wilson, Unknown.



A place where Anzac Day service is held annually "***Lest we forget"***.



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4. **Belfast Motor Garage**: 1920's photo is the exterior of Cannon & Son Belfast Motor Garage on Main North Road. Source: www.canterburystories.nz collection.



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5. **Heslington Store:** Opened in 1891, it is believed to have also served as a telegraph office and telephone bureau. The entire block of 43 hectares from Main North Road, Johns Road and included Sefton & Lagan Street was named Heslington. The photo taken in the 1900’s if of the Heslington General Store with the Heslington family standing outside. Source: Dennis A Hills in memory of his late wife Helen.





The site was where the Shell service station was later built in the 1990's on the corner of Main North Rd and Johns Road, photos were taken on 7 October 1996 by Stephen Goodenough. The station was held up at gunpoint which unphased the night attendant Mike King The service station rebranded to Shell "Select" and the Burger King was added in 2002, then rebranded to "Z" in the 2020's.



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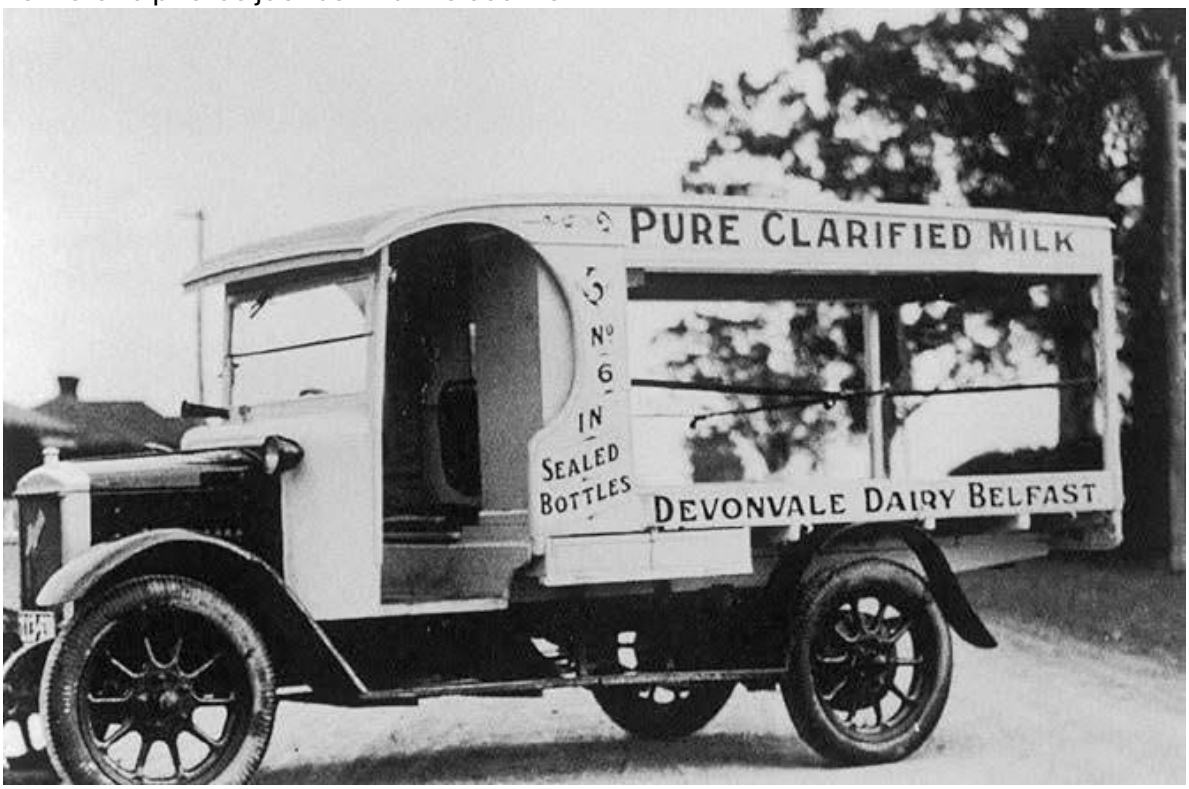
6. **Devonvale Dairy:** Established in 1908 it was owned and operated by brothers Andrew and James Johns and at one stage there were nearly 200 cows on the farm and they had a milk round in Merivale area of 600 gallons. Source: Star 28 July 1977. The Belfast Museum has on display one of the original branded milk bottled from Devonvale Dairy.

   Not only was Belfast known for its Freezing Works & Soap Factory but also its Dairy processing factory.

   The factory was located on Johns Road just west of 2 Johns Road (corner of Johns & Main North Rd). It is unclear when the factory was built we assume it was in the early 1900's and was demolished in the 1980's to make way for the apple orchard (now Belfast Village area).

   According to the memoirs of Trevor Mundy "I know the John's family Devonvale, they supplied the city with milk, and they used to have milk deliveries. They were the first ones, I believe, in New Zealand to pasteurize milk, so that it would keep, because there was no refrigeration or anything like that in those days."

   If you happen to pop into the Unichem Belfast Pharmacy at 8/812 Main North Rd check out the historic photos just behind the counter.



Devonvale Dairy Trust accident 1947





NOTICE.

ALL MILK from the Devonvale Dairy is sold and delivered in SEALED BOTTLES ONLY. Moulded into the bottles themselves is our name and address,

DEVONVALE DAIRY,
JOHNS and FORBES,
BELFAST.

Any milk offered to you in any other container does NOT come from Devonvale Dairy. This notice is published in the interests of the public, many of whom have been misled into accepting other milk, believing it came from Devonvale Dairy. ONLY SEALED BOTTLES ARE CARRIED IN OUR VANS. No milk whatever is sold by us from Cans.

JOHNS and FORBES,
Belfast.

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Can you find the Devonvale Dairy Bottle in our Museum?



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7. **Pepperell's Emporium:** Photos taken approx. 1902 with Florence Pepperell standing outside. The store sold a variety of goods including tobacco. Source: www.canterburystories.nz



Later a balcony was formerly added to the premises and it was renamed Pepperells Creameries



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8. **Brown Bros. Four Square Store:** Corner Main North Rd and Richill St, established in 1882 by Mr William E Brown who was a native of Lancashire, England. He arrived in New Zealand with his wife in 1879 and after Mr Brown passed away in 1891, Mrs Annie Brown continued the business which included a complete stock of groceries, iron monger, glassware and they did the largest general store trade in Belfast.

   Our Belfast Museum hosts the 1918-1920 Order and Accounting Book used by Brown Bro's Grocery store.

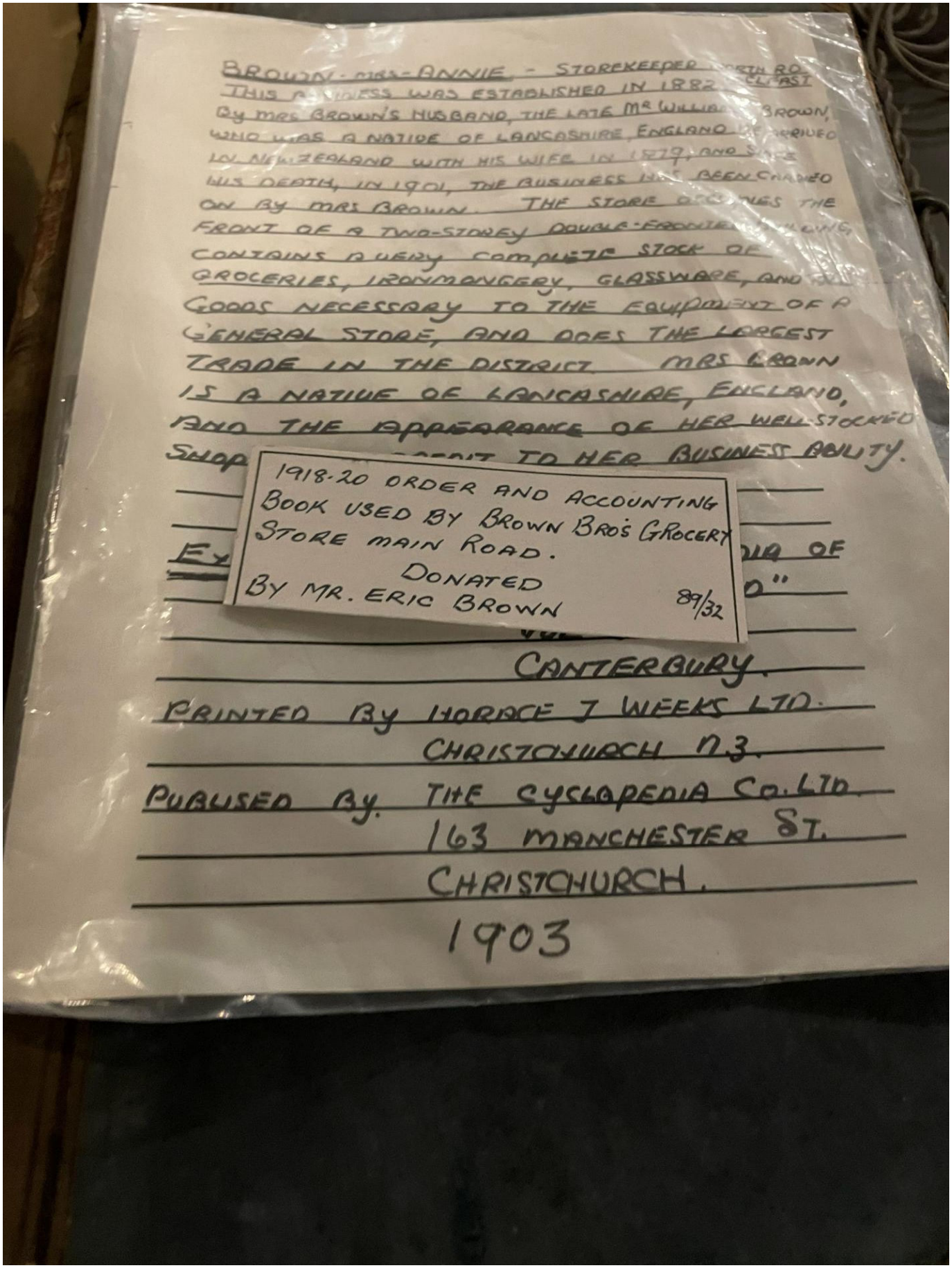
   The Browns supermarket in Belfast, Christchurch called Brown Bros, opened in 1967. It was a partnership between Ken Brown and his cousin Eric. A series of photos shows a side of lamb for $2.99, a full leg for $1.80, and loin chops for 45c a pound.




MEATS
FROZEN FOODS
FRUIT
53
2/
USE NO HOOKS


4/
25
9¢

Can you find the 1918 – 1920 Order and Accounting Book used by Brown Bros Grocery Store: Donated by Mr Eric Brown.



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9. **E White Bootmakers.** Built in 1911 by Mr Earnest White who served his apprenticeship with Du Fee bootmakers in Christchurch. A clock was set in the window with the clear message "No Tick Here" meaning that there was no Credit available to customers – a cash only business.

Can you find the clock in our museum?



In 1992 the building was moved to Ferrymead and added to the historic collection.







PHOTO: DON SCOTT

Ferrymead rebuilds bootmaker's shop as working exhibit

Alfred White and Kathleen White, the son and daughter of bootmaker Mr E. White, were present at the opening of their father's restored shop at Ferrymead on Saturday. Originally sited on the Main North Road, the 84-year-old shop was rebuilt at the Ferrymead township and is equipped as a working exhibit.

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BELFAST NEWS NORTH WEST HERALD, 21-1-95

Opening of historic bootmaker's shop afoot

Belfast's loss has proved to be Ferrymead's gain with the relocation of the area's historic bootmakers shop, due to be officially opened at the city's historic park in the middle of February.

In response to a report to the Shirley/Papanui community board in June 1992 regarding the suggested siting of White's bootmakers at the Kapuatohe Historic Reserve, the board decided that Ferrymead was the more appropriate location. Ferrymead Historic Park had earlier indicated it would gladly welcome the little building to its collection.

Ferrymead was subsequently granted $1750 by the community board, towards the relocation and restoration of the building.

The shop was built in 1911 on its original site at 822 Main North Road, after Earnest White had served his apprenticeship with Du Feu bootmakers in Christchurch.

Mr White's daughter, Kathleen, still lives at the Belfast site, and she well remembers being permitted by her father to climb in and clean the encased window.

"I was allowed to decorate it with paper as long as things were put back in the right place."

A clock was set in the window with the clear message: No Tick Here.

Alfred White, the bootmaker's son now lives closer to Christchurch but still on the Main North Road. He says that his father carried on the business on his own, right until the time of his retirement; the children were not allowed to help in the shop.

"But we often used to get a sixpence for cleaning up a pair of boots when some old 'cocky' brought his dirty boots in to be mended. He couldn't mend the boots when they were mucky, and he always liked to give the kids sixpence."

Alfred remembers with a chuckle the first penny ever taken over the counter of the shop.

"It was hammered above the little window through to the room at the back. I think we've got it tucked away safely now somewhere."

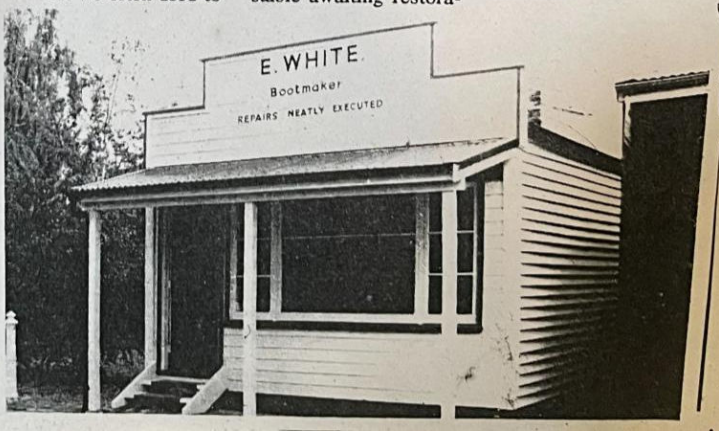
Deborah Westlake, resource teacher at Ferrymead, has been working on the bootmaker's shop over the last two months, prior to which it had been in the livery stable awaiting restoration.

The old shop as it is rests now at Ferrymead is mainly in original condition, Deborah says.

"Except for the windows. There used to be iron covers over the front of the window which can be seen in some of the old photographs."

For Deborah, the final part of the job is in sight. The bootmaker's old boxes await her keen eye, which she will search for original relevant pieces to add to the display.

White's bootmakers shop will be officially opened at Ferrymead on Saturday February 18 at 10.30am.



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10. St David’s Anglican Church. The church, designed in 1902, and officially opened in 1903, replaced an earlier structure built in c1855. The church has significance as the site of one of the city’s earliest places of worship; as a site of Anglican worship in the present church for over a century, as a fine early Arts and Crafts church, and one of the few churches designed by prominent architect Samuel Hurst Seager.





Can you find the church organ played by Frank Miller for 67 years in our Museum?



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10. **The Peg Tavern**: Originally called the Belfast Bridge Inn photographed in the 1870's with owner Mr Samuel Treleaven serving a customer. It is named "The Peg" due to its location being 7 miles from the Christchurch Central Post Office.
    A Full history in a book in the Rangiora Public Library called: The seven mile peg: the history of Robert & Margaret Wilson and their descendants.





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12. **CFM (Canterbury Frozen Meat) Works & Engine House**. Completed in 1883, it was the first to export meat from Canterbury. The Belfast Freezing Works has further significance because it’s the first works the engineer Frank Coxon was involved in from the beginning. Coxon was involved as early as site selection and, subsequently, worked on the design of many freezing works. It appears that JC Maddison was the architect of the works at Belfast.



In December 1888 a fire at the works put the freezers out of action. In order to continue production the well-known hulk, the Edwin Fox, was fitted out as a freezer, and hastily towed from Dunedin to Lyttelton to freeze the output from Belfast until the freezers at the works could be replaced.

In the late 20th Century the plant belonged to the Primary Producers Cooperative Society, who became Silver Fern Farms.

The community is currently investigating the heritage aspects of the original Engine House on the property with a view to its preservation long term.



THE WORKS, BELFAST, PRESENT DAY.



Can you find the wooden boot that workers would wear in the factory – in our museum?





BELFAST FREEZING WORKS.

THE NEW FELLMONGERY.

In March last the fellmongery attached to the works of the Canterbury Frozen Meat Company, at Belfast, was destroyed by fire. The company, however, with that enterprise and foresight which has characterised it, has now replaced it with a large and substantial brick building, with concrete floors, sliding iron doors, and every preventive against fire, making the new department of the extensive works of the company practically fireproof. The building is the finest equipped, as it is the largest, fellmongery in New Zealand, and is the only one in which the special fittings are employed. As it is now, the company will be able most expeditiously to deal with the skins of the farmers who send their sheep to be frozen.

Before speaking of the new fellmongery, which was the special cause of the visit paid by a member of the staff of the Press, reference may be made to one or two other improvements. Fronting the northern road a new office is in course of erection. A large library and reading room for the men, together with a five-stall stable and blacksmith's shop, has just been erected, and will be in occupation very shortly. A new double loop siding has been put in, so as to enable the three sides of the building to be worked at once. As the visitors struggled across the yard in the teeth of a more than ordinarily vicious nor'-wester, Mr Waymouth called attention to a heap of rusty iron. "That," said he, "was our Haslam standing machine when we first started. We now turn out 20 times more than we did then. We had then two Haslams, capable of freezing 300 sheep per diem. Now we have two Hercules refrigerators, one of which is capable of freezing 2750 carcases daily, or, say, 5000 for the two. Then we have a Hall machine capable of doing 2000, and a compound Haslam, 750 per diem; or a grand total of 7750 carcases a day. This, it may be noted, is in addition to the storage of 90,000 carcases.

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Otago Witness, Issue 2390, 21 December 1899, Page 15

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BELFAST FREEZING WORKS

There was a picnic yesterday of about 1300 employees of the Belfast Freezing Works, who were conveyed by two trains, each drawn by two engines, via Addington, Sheffield and Waimakariri Gorge to Oxford. The excursionists enjoyed themselves greatly during the day in Pearson's Park, though a strong nor'-west wind made matters rather disagreeable. The two trains returned via Eyreton to Belfast, arriving about eight o'clock. The picnic was well managed by the committee, who had arranged for sports, &c. The excursionists were accompanied by Mr F. Waymouth, manager and secretary, Mr Glass, engineer, and other heads of the departments, who vied with each other in making the outing enjoyable.

BELFAST FREEZING WORKS.

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Belfast Freezing Works, Canterbury.

THE completion of the alterations and repairs to the Canterbury Frozen Meat and Diary Produce Export Company's Works, which were rendered necessary by the recent fire and the increase of business, was celebrated on December 17th by a luncheon in one of the new freezing chambers, at which about 150 gentlemen were present. Before the fire the works were capable of freezing 1050 sheep a day, and had storage capacity for 21,000 carcases. Now 1500 a day can be frozen, and 26,000 stored without encroaching on the freezing space; or, including the freezing space, there is room for 31,000 sheep in the buildings. In place of the rambling and to some extent inconvenient building that existed before the fire, there is now a compact structure, in which labour is economised to the utmost extent. The valuable plant of the Company now consists of four large and powerful refrigerating machines of the Haslam Bell-Coleman patent, worked by steam supplied by four boilers at a presure of 115lb. The two smaller of these boilers were supplied by Messrs Haslam and Co., of Derby, and the two larger were manufactured by Messrs Sparrow and Co., of Dunedin, and give every satisfaction, comparing favourably with the imported boilers.

A special feature of the luncheon was the frozen mutton cooked in every variety of form. Mr John Grigg, Chairman of the Directors, presided, and there were also present—Sir John Hall, the Hon. J. T. Peacock, the Mayor of Christchurch, Messrs W. Montgomery, J. Fergusson (President of the Agricultural and Pastoral Association). Booth (President of the Industrial

Belfast Freezing Works, Canterbury.

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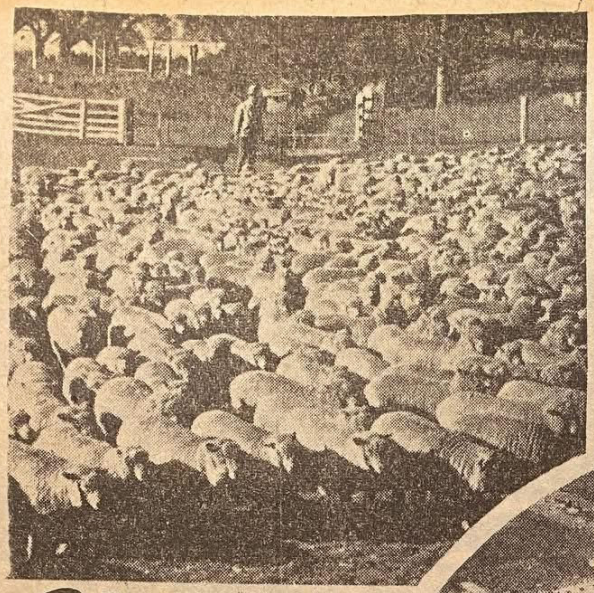
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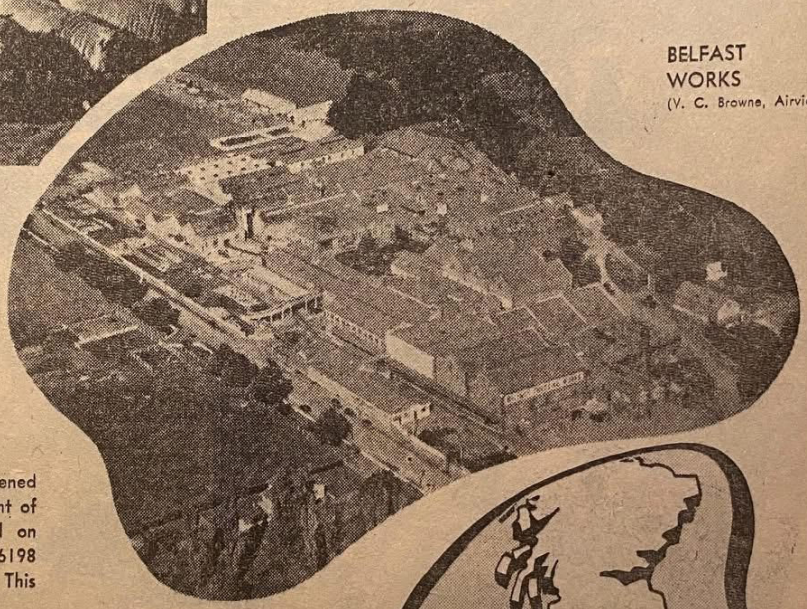
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C.F.M.C.



PRODUCER



BELFAST WORKS
(V. C. Browne, Airview.)

THIS Company was formed as a result of a meeting of stock owners held in Christchurch in December, 1881, following a circular convening a meeting and signed by Messrs John Grigg, of Longbeach, Ashburton; John Tinline, of Amuri, and John Macfarlane, of Coldstream, Rangiora.

The Belfast works were completed and opened on February 16, 1883, and the first shipment of frozen meat from Belfast was dispatched on the "British King," on April 8, 1883, when 6198 carcases were sent to the London market. This meat showed quite profitable returns.

The Fairfield works, near Ashburton, were erected in 1889 and the Pareora works, near Timaru, were built in 1904.

The paid-up capital of the Company in 1883 was £20,000; to-day it stands at £212,500, and up to this year close on 55,000,000 sheep and lambs have been through the three works.

The Company's famous C.F.M.C. brand is well known throughout New Zealand and on the London market — and is synonymous with the very highest quality produce of meat, wool, pelts, etc.

From its inception the Company has been guided by families who have been closely linked with the pastoral progress history of Canterbury.



CONSUMER

The CANTERBURY FROZEN MEAT and DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT COMPANY Ltd.

WORKS: BELFAST, FAIRFIELD, PAREORA.

HEAD OFFICE: 172 CASHEL STREET, CHRISTCHURCH, C.1.

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“A WALK THROUGH TIME”

13. Jones Bakers: Photographed in 1917, from left to right is Arnold Jones, Ted Harding and Algie Jones.



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"A WALK THROUGH TIME"

14. Belfast Railway Station. Opened in 1872 to 1986 it was reopened for passengers from September 1976 to December 1979. A stunning building with well manicured gardens that were attended to the master of the Station, Norm Chapple who kept them at an award winning standard. The building has subsequently been demolished.







In the Snow in 1978



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15. **Zealandia Soap & Candel Works.** Estimated to be established in the 1900's this soap works was a business that utilised the "by product" i.e. animal fat from the meat works. On 13 March 1938 there was a large fire onsite that was fuelled by the large vats of animal fat with flames up to 100 feet hight. It was quite spectacular causing a stream of cars and cycles up Main North Road to spectate. The entire factory was gutted causing thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Can you find the Zealandia Soap in our museum?

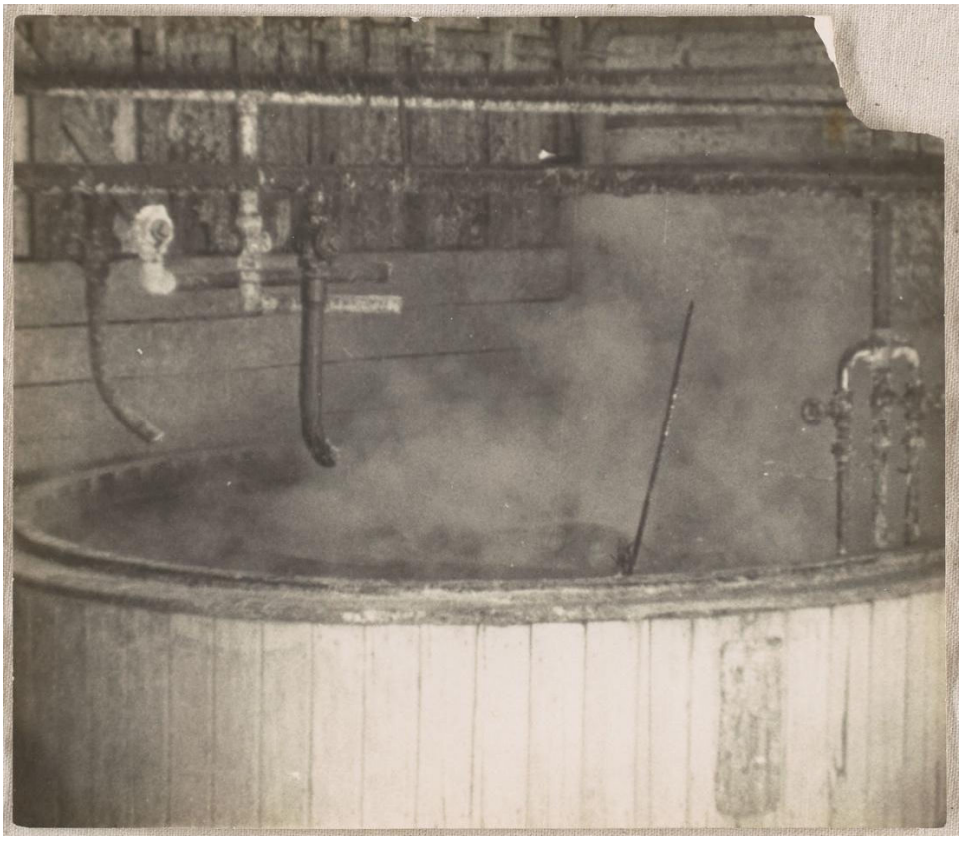


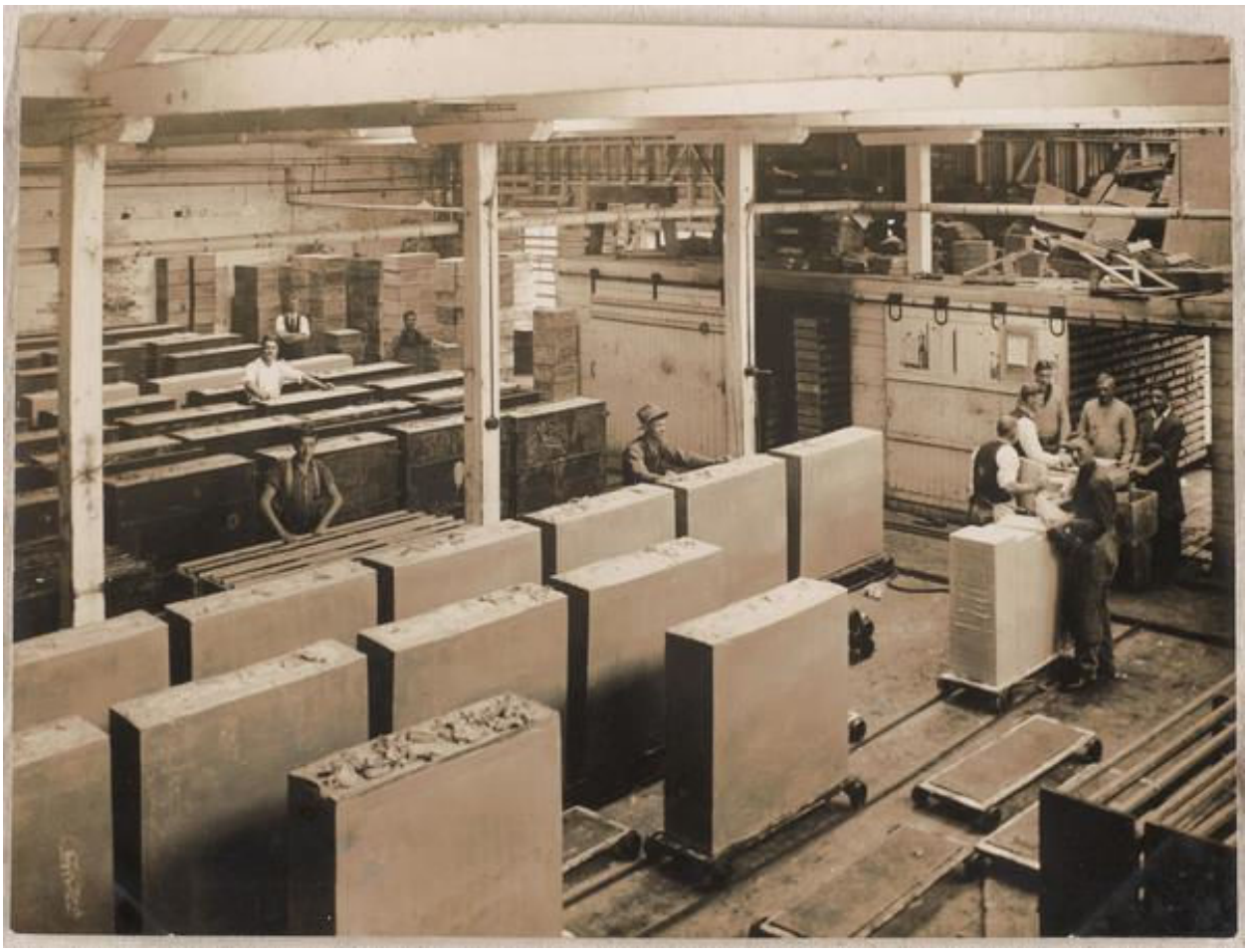














SOAP WORKS DESTROYED

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT CHRISTCHURCH

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT THOUSANDS OF POUNDS

(By Telegraph—Press Association)

CHRISTCHURCH, 13th March.

Thousands of pounds worth of damage was done at the works of the Zealandia Soap, Candle and Trading Company, Limited, at Belfast, on Saturday afternoon by a fire which started in the soap department, a brick building about 50 yards square. In a few minutes the block was a furnace.

The company has an agreement with the Christchurch Fire Board and, when the alarm was given, a pumping engine from the central fire station was sent to Belfast. Assisted by a north-east wind the fire burned merrily; it had a flying start, through breaking out in the soap department near the five huge vats of soap. When these caught fire, spectators at a distance of 100 yards were forced back by the heat.

The blaze broke out in the two-story portion of the brick building and its origin is unknown. As it was Saturday morning, there were no employees working in that particular department though another portion of the works was in use.

The works manager, Mr J. Rudkin said he could not estimate the damage beyond saying that it would total many thousands of pounds. The whole of the soap department had been gutted he remarked. Though the damage was not so great as that caused by a previous fire on the same site in 1933, there was no chance of the firemen doing anything with the burning building, and they concentrated their efforts on saving the adjoining tallow and candle departments and the sandsoap department. Water to fight the fire was brought through a quarter-mile lead of hose, from a big reservoir at Borthwick's Freezing Works, supplemented by a small supply in tanks at the soapworks.

In the first half-hour after the fire started, the sight was a most spectacular one and a stream of cars and cycles up the Main North road carried spectators to the scene. When the fire was at its peak the whole building was a mass of flames 100 feet high, capped by a huge pillar of smoke that was easily visible from Cathedral Square.

SOAP WORKS DESTROYED

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16. Kaputone Wool Scour. In 1903, the Kaputone Wool Scouring Company—part of the growing frozen meat industry in Belfast—employed around 70 workers. Wool was processed and air-dried by spreading it across nearby paddocks before being bundled and loaded onto trains for export.



Life at Kaputone wasn't all work. There were moments for community and celebration too. One such occasion was the **Wool Workers' Picnic** held on **4 February 1913**, where families gathered for a day of sports and festivities. The event's results were even published in the *Lyttelton Times*. Among the winners was a **Halligan**, who took first place in the 200 yards (182 metres) Visitors' Race.

A combined picnic of the employees from the Kaputone Wool Works, Belfast, the New Zealand Provision and Produce Company, Belfast, and Butchers' Wool Works, Kaiapoi, was held at Amberley on Saturday, and proved a great success, the weather being very fine. The picnickers, numbering about 400, left Belfast by special train at nine o'clock.

Sports were held, and resulted as follows:—

100yds Youths' Race—R. Clarke 1, F. Sellars 2, W. Joy 3. 100yds Youths' Race (open)—W. Musson 1, A. Musson 2, C. Wotton 3. 100yds Single Men's Race—R. Rodgers 1, C. Knowles 2, F. Heald 3. 100yds Married Men's Race—E. Morris 1, W. Wright 2, L. Neale 3. 100yds Boys' Race—W. Musson 1, M. Craig 2, G. Clauson 3. 50yds Married Women's Race—Mrs Webber 1, Mrs Harper 2, Mrs Bradley 3. 50yds Married Women's Race (visitors)—Mrs Willoughby 1, Mrs Oakley 2. 75yds Single Women's Race—Miss E. Wotton 1, Miss M. Wotton 2, Miss V. Fuller 3. 75yds Girls' Race (under eighteen)—R. Craig 1, M. Wotton 2, M. Halligan 3. 75yds Girls' Race (under fifteen)—M. Stirling 1, E. Miller 2, M. Columbus 3. No. 1 Free Draw (employees)—F. Sellars 1, E. J. Wotton 2, J. Craig 3. No. 2 Free Draw (employees' wives)—Mrs Harrison 1, Mrs Wyatt 2, Mrs Harper 3. No. 3 Free Draw (open)—Mrs King 1, Mrs Morris 2, Mrs Hadley 3. 75yds Men's Race (forty-five and over)—J. Neale 1, J. Hadley 2, S. A. Sprange 3. Two Miles Bicycle Race—E. Morris 1, W. Joy 2. 100yds Cigarette Race—Mrs H. Deans and G. Robinson 1, Miss I. Wotton and C. Knowles 2. 60yds Thread-the-Needle Race—Mrs Willoughby and G. Wilmer 1, Mrs Harper and B. Monk 2. 75yds Three-legged Race—C. Anderson and J. Musson, sen., 1, A. Russell and G. Robinson 2. 100yds Pick-a-back Race—G. Robinson and R. Rodgers 1, E. Morris and J. Miller 2. 75yds Sack Race—E. Morris 1, J. Miller 2. One-mile Bicycle Race—F. Heald 1, L. Neale 2. 75yds Egg-and-Spoon Race—E. Morris 1, C. Anderson 2. 200yds Visitors' Race—J. Musson, jun., 1, V. Neale 2, F. Halligan 3. 50yds Four-legged Race—C. Anderson, J. Miller and E. Morris 1. 200yds Open Race—A. Clarke 1, H. Wotton 2. 100yds Committee-men's Race—J. Musson, sen., 1, J. Maber 2, W. Wright 3.


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17. **Brick Villa**. This was Mr Anderson's House, who was an engineer for the Canterbury Frozen Meat Company. Anderson may have developed new techniques for freezing in 1906, and may have been a pioneer of vacuum freezing. The house may have been designed by Samuel Hurst Seager - a well-known Christchurch architect. The house is a good example of a square plan villa.

    (*Source: Belfast Area Plan Technical paper on Cultural Heritage, May 2005*).
    The sign on the property advised that the house is to be renovated - timing unknown. It is currently not listed as a Heritage building however it was recommended to "*Research with a view to add it to the Heritage List*" in 2005



BELFAST



“A WALK THROUGH TIME”

1. **Thomas Borthwick Freezing Works**. Thomas Borthwick was a butcher from Edinburgh. In 1872 he invested his savings in chartering one of the new ships that had refrigerated holds and sailed to New Zealand. At that time, all the meat that was imported to the UK from New Zealand was transported pickled in brine. Upon his arrival in New Zealand, Borthwick bought mutton and lamb for a knock-down price, filled the refrigerated hold with the meat, and set sail for home. During the return voyage, the refrigeration broke down and the meat perished and had to be thrown overboard. The ship turned around and returned to New Zealand where another cargo of meat was loaded into the now repaired refrigerated hold. On returning to the UK, Borthwick made a large profit on the fresh frozen meat. This was the start of Borthwick's company which he went on to develop into a large meat wholesale and distributing business.

   In 1892 Thomas Borthwick moved his company to London. In 1895 his sons became partners in the company, which took the name Thomas Borthwick & Sons Ltd. in 1904. The company went on to establish freezing works in New Zealand and Australia. Branch offices were established in Christchurch, Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane. Borthwicks also had several ranches in New Zealand and Australia and practically controlled the trade from the livestock market in Australia to Britain.

   Today Thomas Borthwick & Sons Ltd. continues in Australia as a leading meat processing company which exports its products worldwide.
   Source: https://cosgb.blogspot.com/2012/06/thomas-borthwick-sons-ltd.html
   Photo dated 1934








T.B.&S.



The Meat Works – Rugby Rivalry

There would be an annual rugby match between Thomas Borthwick & Sons and C.F.M. Freezing Works in Belfast. The Anniversary match, dated 1973 is recalled by Kevin Isherwood stating "*Coincidentally, the same year I started working on the Slaughterboard at T.B.& Sons, and here's the Kicker …. Ironically I'm still working at the old C.F.M. works, now Silver Fern Farms, across the road from the long closed, 2010, T.B.&S site.*

The two Works amalgamated in the 1974/5 season, the Canterbury site just doing Lamb/Mutton and Belfast doing Beef and Pigs, where before, both sites had done all three species."



Can you find the Tug of War Shield in our Museum?



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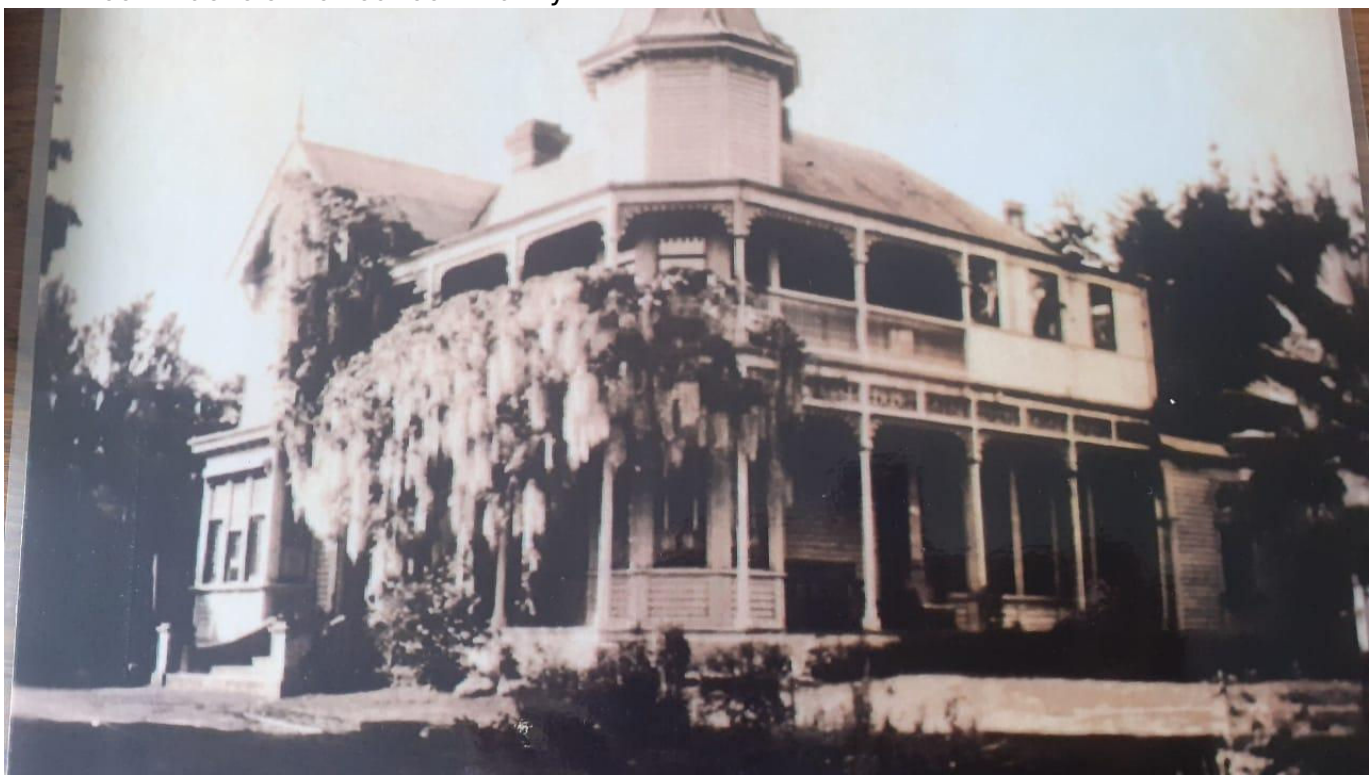


"A WALK THROUGH TIME"

19 Spring Grove: William Nichols, born in England in 1851, made his way to New Zealand aboard the *Warspirit* in 1863. In 1877, he started his journey in the wool trade in Belfast, eventually taking over the wool scouring business and renaming it *Kaputone Works*—a building that still stands on Station Road today.

In 1875, William married Sarah Sheldon Dixon and built a beautiful home called Spring Grove, once a sprawling 100-acre farm. But his legacy didn't stop there. After Sarah passed away in 1911, William generously donated 8 acres of his land for a public park, now known as *Sheldon Park*—named in honor of his beloved wife.

William Nichols passed away in 1920 at the age of 70, but his generosity and contributions continue to enrich our community.









William Nichols

EXTRA FOR EXPERTS: Care of Les McFadden (2026)

Belfast – Historical Places, Businesses and Landmarks

1. Pentlands – C.S. (Cecil) Donald Racing Stables and Track

The area now known as Pentlands was once the site of the very well-known C.S. (Cecil) Donald Racing Stables and Track. The property extended to the boundary of Thompsons Road.

2. Drapery Stores – Main North Road

Between Donegal Street and Belfast Road, beside Pepperell's Emporium, were two drapery stores:

- Scane's Drapery.
- Halligan's Drapery, situated on the corner of Cassidy Avenue.

3. Halligan Bros Coal & Wood Yard

Located on the north side of the corner of Main North Road and Belfast Road.

4. Presbyterian Church

Located on Main North Road, two properties north of Elim Church.

5. Elim Church – Former Rugby Club Rooms and Country Club Cabaret

The building now occupied by Elim Church was originally used as the Belfast Rugby Club Rooms and was also associated with the Country Club Cabaret.

6. Bacon Factory

A bacon factory operated between Elim Church and the Presbyterian Church, situated behind a residential house.

7. Johns Family Homestead

The large house on the opposite corner of Main North Road was the Johns family homestead.

8. Belfast Police Station and Lock-up

The Belfast Police Station was situated on the south side of Donegal Street, opposite the corner of Tyrone Street. A lock-up (jail) room was located behind the station.

9. Belfast Town Hall and Library

The former Belfast Town Hall and Library stood on the site now occupied by the Salvation Army housing units on Tyrone Street.

10. Belfast Post Office

Located on the north side of the corner of Main North Road and Third Street.

11. Belfast RSA and Orange Hall

The Belfast RSA was situated on Darroch Street, with the Orange Hall opposite, approximately halfway down the street.

12. Belfast Foulmongery

Located on Station Road, between the Kaputone Wool Scour and the Zealandia Soap & Candle Works.

Key to Street Names – over time.

North Road – now Main North Road

Wilson's Road – now Darroch St

Bedford Street – now Richill St

York Street – now Third Street.

Howard Street – now Tyrone Rd

Flemming street – now Lagan St.

Browns Groceries – Cnr Main North Rd & Richill St (after the grocery store it was a supermarket and now the Belfast Centre).

Creamery on Lagan St and another on Main North Rd.

Bakery was on the corner of Third and Tyrone.