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2. Talbot Street sketch by R. A. Rochussen, c. 1863

Talbot Street, looking east into town from Church Street.

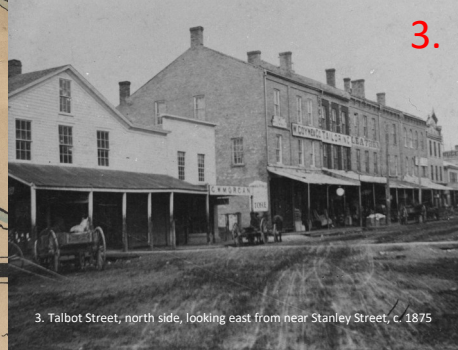
At the extreme right is the edge of the Emantinger Block c. 1850, and beyond it, is the side of the Hutchinson House Hotel and, above it, the Town Hall's rear belfry.

The store with the sign "Arkell's Cash (Store)" is on the corner of Stanley Street and Talbot.

On the left are a series of buildings set on the edge of the Kettle Creek ravine. The building marked "Moore - Leather" is where M. T. Moore, a tanner and first mayor of the town (1861), was once located.

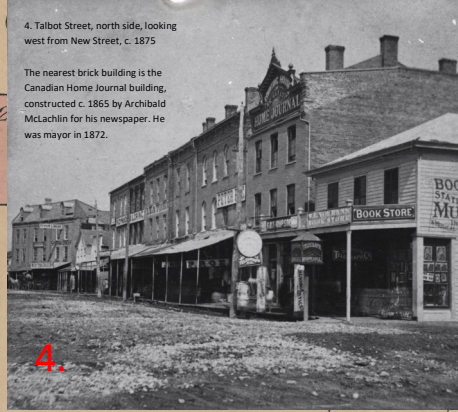
The two white frame buildings located where the street turns and the large brick block beyond them are visible in the adjacent photo.

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3. Talbot Street, north side, looking east from near Stanley Street, c. 1875

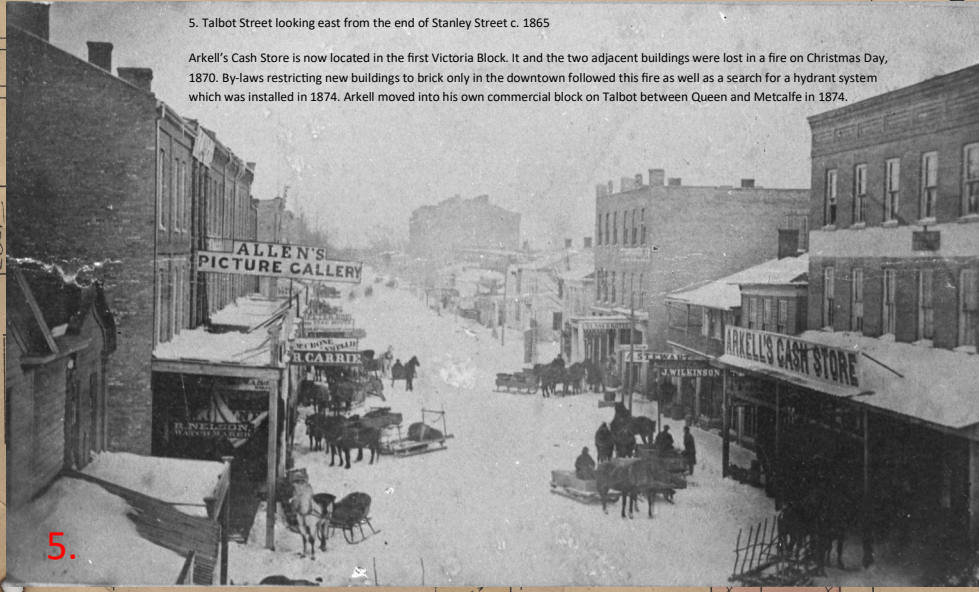
4. Talbot Street, north side, looking west from New Street, c. 1875



The nearest brick building is the Canadian Home Journal building, constructed c. 1865 by Archibald McLachlin for his newspaper. He was mayor in 1872.

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5. Talbot Street looking east from the end of Stanley Street c. 1865

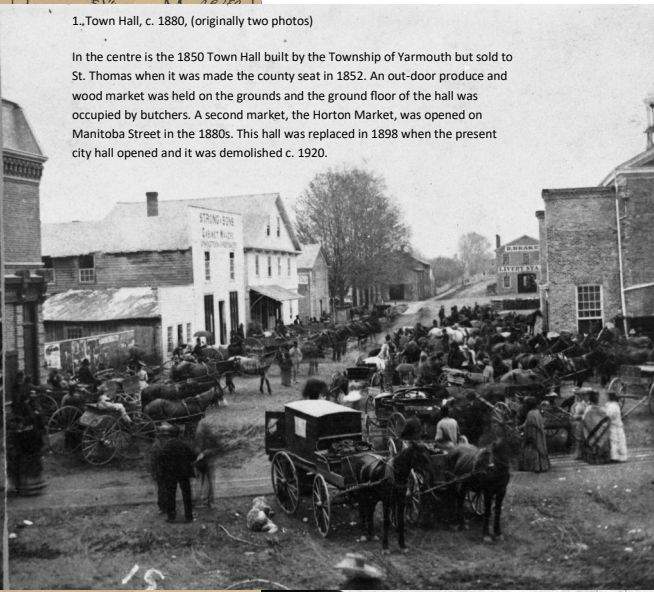
Arkell's Cash Store is now located in the first Victoria Block. It and the two adjacent buildings were lost in a fire on Christmas Day, 1870. By-laws restricting new buildings to brick only in the downtown followed this fire as well as a search for a hydrant system which was installed in 1874. Arkell moved into his own commercial block on Talbot between Queen and Metcalfe in 1874.

The Hutchinson House (at right), active 1855-1905, was the leading hotel of its day until the opening of the Grand Central in the 1880s. The building immediately to the west of the Hutchinson House housed the offices of Doctors Duncan and Colin McLarty, physicians and surgeons. At Stanley and Centre Streets is a brick livery stable owned by Daniel Drake who was mayor from 1873 to 1876. At left on Stanley Street is Strong and Sons cabinet makers and next to it the Bromell Hotel. A horse-drawn street car approaches from the right.

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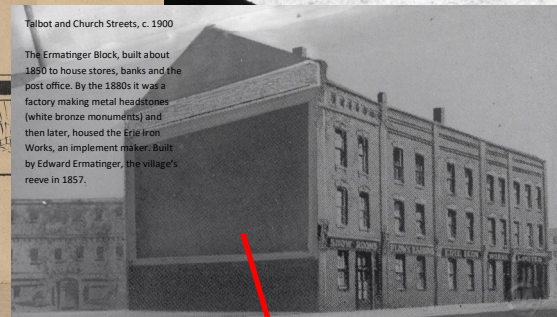
1., Town Hall, c. 1880, (originally two photos)

In the centre is the 1850 Town Hall built by the Township of Yarmouth but sold to St. Thomas when it was made the county seat in 1852. An out-door produce and wood market was held on the grounds and the ground floor of the hall was occupied by butchers. A second market, the Horton Market, was opened on Manitoba Street in the 1880s. This hall was replaced in 1898 when the present city hall opened and it was demolished c. 1920.

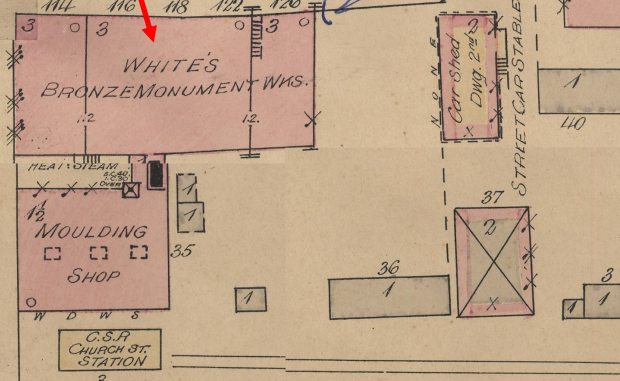


Talbot and Church Streets, c. 1900

The Emantinger Block, built about 1850 to house stores, banks and the post office. By the 1880s it was a factory making metal headstones (white bronze monuments) and then later, housed the Erie Iron Works, an implement maker. Built by Edward Emantinger, the village's reeve in 1857.



WHITE'S BRONZE MONUMENT WORKS



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6. Talbot Street, south side, looking east from near Stanley Street, c. 1875

A new Victoria Building has now appeared following the 1870 fire. At left is a present-day view. The red brick factory, built c. 1914, for Wright Shoes, is also known as the Victoria Building.



7. Talbot Street, south side, looking west from William Street, c. 1875

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