

THE SOWDEN ESTATE BLOCK

The Sowden Block was located on the west end of the row of buildings on the south side of the Crescent. It was built in 1899 and was a 3-story building with balconies on each floor. These balconies overlooked the very beautiful Victoria Park. The main floor housed many businesses and the store sizes changed as the businesses changed. The upper floors were residential. Beresford Lumber of Brandon eventually bought the building. At one time the building contained the Merchants Bank and the Post Office. In the 1950's it was a Marshall Wells Store and there was a Beauty Salon as well. In the 1970's the top two floors were removed as was the very west end of the building. Today it is a private home with the original tin ceiling.

