

BANK OF TORONTO 4201 PETROLIA LINE

**Year Current Building
Erected: 1909**

The TD-Canada Trust building was originally called the Bank of Toronto. The building was built in 1909 and now stands on the land that the Anderson House once stood over a century ago. The Anderson House, at one time, was Petrolia's finest hotel and was the favourite bar in town. Dennis O'Leary was the popular tender behind the bar and was dedicated to his job. So dedicated, that back in 1893, as several nearby businesses were ablaze and chaos ensued, O'Leary continued serving beverages as if nothing were happening. The Anderson House became a victim of fire itself in the early 1900s.



**FIREFIIGHTERS TRYING TO SAVE THE
ANDERSON HOUSE TO NO AVAIL
THE VICTORIA HALL BURNED.**

The Bank of Toronto also has a long history with Petrolia. In August of 1887, it succeeded the then bankrupt Bank of London and took over its offices in the Masonic Temple. That office is featured on the 1887 Bank of Toronto's \$5 bill! The Bank moved to its present location in 1909. The fire curse reappeared, in a way, in 1989. This time, however, the building served as a refuge for the Town Hall offices, needed after the Victoria Playhouse burned.



Current location occupant(s):

TD-Canada Trust Bank

Original building occupant(s):

Bank Of Toronto

Original location occupant(s):

Anderson Hotel

Previous occupants:

**Upstairs - Town Hall office after Victoria Hall
burned in 1989, Crown Life Insurance,
Moncrieff's Law Offices**



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