

# Smith Block & Flatiron Building

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Location: Turnberry St., Brussels, Ontario  
Year built: 1889

THE TWO-STOREY SMITH BLOCK was built in 1889 by a Mr. Smith. It exhibits the simple decorative brickwork in buff and red brick seen in other blocks along main street. Note the banding below the eave with the “sawtooth” sections in red brick and the stepped lower edge. The bands of red brick and the red bricks forming the window arches accent the windows. The symmetrical façade is emphasized by the slightly projected centre bay topped by a small triangular pediment under which is the date stone.

The Smith Block is part of the west side of Turnberry Street between Mill and Thomas Streets. To the north is what used to be The American Hotel, operated in the 1890s by John Ament, brother and one-time partner of Philip Ament (*see the story about Ament House*). The building now stands vacant.



The Flatiron building fits neatly on its corner lot. The building has an Italianate style with its sets of Palladian windows, some with stained glass sections and accented by the dichromatic brickwork. Also of note is the decorative brickwork of the frieze on the Turnberry Street façade and the corbelling of the Mill Street facade.

