

**Part of the Grand Central Hotel still stands today.
Can you find it? (Hint: look for “T. Collins”)**



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This three-storey building was originally opened in 1876 as the Central Hotel by Thomas Collins. By 1895 its name had changed to the Grand Central Hotel. Living up to its name, the hotel was a popular place for residents and visitors alike offering “courteous treatment and excellent entertainment.”

While the majority of the hotel was torn down in April 1918, a portion of the original building remains at 83 Hurontario Street—the present location of Coriander. If you look to the upper level, you will see the words “T. Collins” remains stencilled on the bricks, a nod to the original hotel owner.

This photograph captures the “Klondike Party” as they prepared to travel by land, rail and steamer to the Yukon from Collingwood on January 31, 1898. Lured by the discovery of gold Collingwood residents F.A. Johnson, C.H. Fair, C.E. Nourse, and G.F. Watts joined thousands of prospectors from across North America in what became known as the Klondike Gold Rush.