George McLagan Furniture Company

In 1886, George McLagan and George Porteous leased a shop from the Scrimgeour Bros. on Mill (Douglas) Street to form Porteous & McLagan furniture makers. In 1897, McLagan was the sole owner.

171 Ballantyne Avenue (1915),

later at **312 Cobourg Street (1924)**
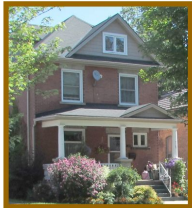
Frederick Kuch - Foreman/G. McLagan Furniture Co.

Frederick was trained as a carpenter. By the early 1900s he was a skilled cabinet maker. Around 1903 he moved to Stratford to work at **McLagan's**, eventually becoming the foreman of cabinet making operations.

171 Ballantyne Ave.   312 Cobourg St.

70 Caledonia Street, built (1915)

James (& Susan) Bolger - Cabinetmaker

James worked at **McLagan's**, starting as a cabinetmaker, and eventually designing chairs.

336 Cambria Street (1907)

Alfred (& Leola Vivian) Richards - McLagan Furniture Co.

Alfred first worked as a machinist in Wingham, then in Preston, and eventually in Stratford at the **McLagan Furniture Company**. He later worked as a mechanic at General Motors in Oshawa.

187 Cobourg Street (1905)

Louis Soehner - Trimmer/G.McLagan Furniture Co.

Louis worked for **McLagan's** for thirty seven years. During that time he perfected his skills as furniture maker and rose in the ranks from furniture trimmer to furniture finisher and ultimately to foreman of one of the shops.

97 Hibernia Street (1899)

Edward Grundenberger - Furniture Finisher

By the age of 18 Ed was employed as a cabinet finisher, working for the **Porteous & McLagan** Furniture Company. In 1906 he started a new career, buying a hotel in Atwood.

257 Ontario Street (1904)

William Henry Beadle - Machinist, McLagan Furniture Co

William worked at McLagan's, first as a wood machinist, and by 1909 as a stock clerk. In 1911 he was employed as a caretaker at the Stratford Collegiate Institute.