

FORMER WAREHOUSE
29 Gipps Street

History and Description

The first documentary evidence of the appearance of this building is the 1896 plan of Richmond prepared by the Board of Works. The rectangular shaped brick building is constructed to the property line on the corner of Gipps Street and Little Clifton Street (now Waverley Street), and was probably constructed in c. 1880. The building is an important Victorian commercial building, and one of the few of its type in Richmond constructed with four floors. The building is simply conceived and decorated, and is a representative of the classical revival style.

Flat headed window openings are emphasized by applied architraves, sills and brackets. Horizontal banding, string coursing and intermediate cornices unify the building horizontally.

Building entrances are recessed beneath prominent architraves accentuating the building openings. The original roof structure has been replaced by a saw tooth roof.

Statement of Significance

This prominent commercial building was most probably constructed as a Warehouse, and is a fine example of the restrained classical revival style. A building of this type is rare in Richmond.

References

M.M.B.W. Plan of Richmond 1896.