

Building:	Former Shop	Significance:	B
Address:	211 Langridge Street, Abbotsford	Melway Map Ref:	2C J12
Building Type:	Shop and Residence	Construction Date:	1876
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[]	Victorian Heritage Register	[]
Register of the National Estate	[]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

History

In 1875, Elizabeth Newell, a draper, owned land on the south-west corner of Park and Langridge Streets, on which she built a brick shop in 1876.

By 1879, John McAlpine, a baker, had purchased the property, for use as a bakery. By 1884, McAlpine was leasing the shop to Edward Kimpton, a grocer. Kimpton had purchased the property by 1891 and continued as owner and occupant in 1900, at which time he was described as a cordial maker.¹

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

Description

The building at 211 Langridge Street, Abbotsford, is a two-storey Italianate brick corner shop and residence. The ground floor has an entrance door on the splayed corner, flanked by large shop window openings. The east elevation, to Park Street, has a smaller bricked-up window opening, whilst to Langridge Street, there is an entrance door, presumably to the residence above, and a window. The first floor elevations are divided into four bays by unusual pilasters, which are paired at the corner. The pilasters rise from the first floor moulded string course through a cornice and panelled parapet, which is decorated with moulded rendered panels. None of the urns which once surmounted the parapet remains. The roof is penetrated by two chimneys: one, to the west, has a typical moulded caps, whilst the eastern chimney has an unusual curved moulded cap with additional rosette decoration. To the west of the north elevation is a single-storey wing.

The shopfronts have been completely altered, and a cantilevered verandah has been added.

Significance

The former shop at 211 Langridge Street is of local historical interest and local architectural significance. It is an unusually detailed Victorian shop which remains substantially intact at first floor level. The building is associated with John McAlpine, who operated the nearby McAlpine's Model Bakery complex (now demolished) for much of the early 20th century.

Original Source

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

1 Collingwood Rate Books 1875, 1876, 1879, 1888, 1891, 1901.