

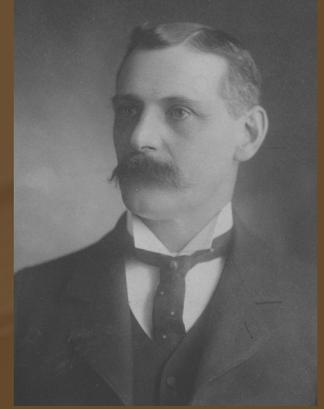
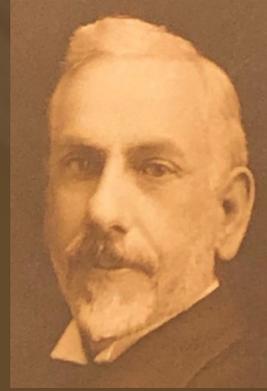
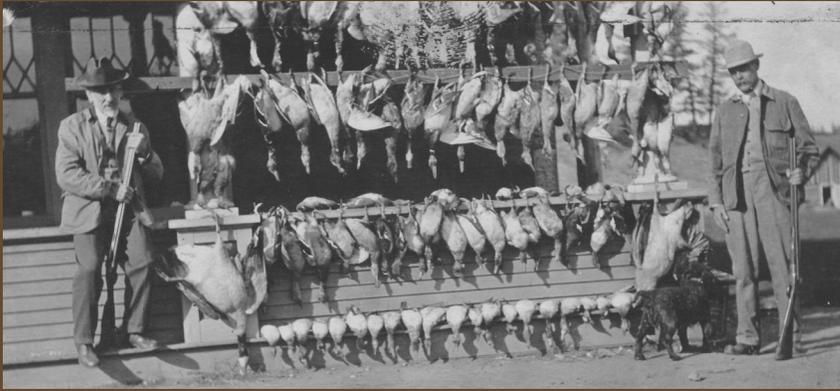
Museum Corner: A Page From History

July 2019 Newsletter— The Harvey Bailey Store

The Harvey Bailey Store was established in 1886, and was organized by William B. Bailey and Oliver Harvey both of whom had been book keepers for the CPR.

The men had first opened a store in Enderby BC, however, it did not have the promise that was anticipated, so they set out to look for a better location. As a result, they came to Ashcroft and bought a store operated by Tom Kirkpatrick. In 1900, they tore down the original store and constructed a new brick building. The Enderby store was then sold, and all their attention was focused on the store in Ashcroft.

This was the beginnings of the most well known store in Ashcroft history, the Harvey Bailey.



Oliver Harvey (left) and William Bailey (right) outside the Harvey Bailey Store (1914)

Oliver Harvey

William Bailey



1904



The Harvey Bailey Store in 1900

Above: Harvey Bailey Store Warehouse.

The Harvey Bailey Store sold a variety of merchandise, including: clothing, shoes, canned and fresh food, watches and jewelry, holiday decorations, hunting and traveling gear, and much more! The Harvey Bailey Store was the place to go for all your needs and wants.

In 1910, both Oliver Harvey and William Bailey retired, and sold the store to Marcus and George Bailey, and J. A. Sutherland who continued to run the business.

HARVEY BAILEY COMPANY	
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On July 5th, 1916, a large fire ripped through Ashcroft destroying much of the business section, including the Harvey Bailey Store.

It did not take long for businesses to rebuild their store, and before long, the Harvey Bailey was rebuilt and in full working order.

NOTICE

We saved from fire our warehouse and contents, and have opened up for business in a large warehouse opposite the old stand.

We have a complete stock of Groceries, Provisions, FLOUR and FEED, Heavy Hardware, Building paper and Roofing, Harvester tools, Motor and Lubricating Oils, Windows and Laces, and many other lines, and are prepared to fill all orders intrusted to us, with our usual care and despatch.

We are now arranging to rebuild and will soon be established in our new premises, with a larger and more up to date stock than ever.

We take this opportunity of thanking our many friends for their liberal patronage in the past, and hope to have the same support in the future.

Harvey, Bailey, Ltd.
—The Store of Quality—



Harvey Bailey Store after the 1916 fire

Below: Inside the Harvey Bailey Store— post 1916



The store was continued to be managed by the Bailey family until the 1940s, then it was sold to Pete Russell.

The Harvey Bailey Store went through some renovations on the inside over the years, but the out has kept its original appearance.

In the 1960s the Harvey Bailey Store was converted into a grocery store which was owned by Pat Parsons.

In later years, the building with new owners was sectioned into little shops, which included: shoe store, ice-cream parlor. Clothing store, and a restaurant with live music.

In 2001, the Harvey Bailey was destroyed by fire and all that remains on that lot is the old Harvey Bailey safe.

The Ashcroft Museum is open from Monday to Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Come on down and learn some fascinating history about the area.

Located at 151 and 4th Street.

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1943



1950s



Old Harvey Bailey Store Safe