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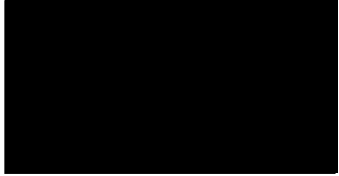
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND  
531 PARLIAMENT STREET  
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

MAY 23 1995

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To:



✓ Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 24th day of April, 1995 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 531 Parliament Street (Winchester Hotel).

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The property at 531 Parliament Street is identified for architectural and historical reasons. By the turn of the 20th Century, the property, consisting of two interconnected buildings, was considered a popular Toronto hotel which boasted "modern" conveniences. Winchester Hall, constructed in 1866, fronts onto Winchester Street. The Winchester Hotel, fronting onto Parliament Street, was erected in 1888 according to the design of the Barrie based architectural firm of Kennedy and Holland.

The Winchester Hotel features elements of the Second Empire style, including a slate-clad mansard roof with gabled dormers and a truncated corner tower. Constructed in red brick, now partially painted, the 3½-storey building has a southern 2½-storey extension, also facing Parliament Street. At the ground storey, the southern three bays contain shopfronts, while the northern bays are clad in Granox. Brick pilasters, flat-headed window openings with stone sills and lintels and decorative brickwork distinguish the building. At the northwest corner of the building is a 2-storey vertical sign erected during renovations undertaken in 1941, according to the design of architect Benjamin Swartz. Situated in the north facade, the Art Moderne entrance with its fluted metal pilasters and canopy was part of the 1941 alterations. The north elevation also features a two-storey bay window and decorative metal balconies with a fire escape.

**Short Statement of Reasons (continued)**

Winchester Hall has a red brick upper storey containing six segmentally arched openings with brick voussoirs. A gabled roof with bracketed eaves covers the building. The ground storey was clad in Granox in 1955, according to the design of DeSpirit Mosaic and Marble Company Limited.


Interior features of note include the pressed metal ceiling in the front portion of the Winchester Hotel, the terrazzo lobby and staircase in Winchester Hall, the Laurentian Room, and the remaining portions of an interior wall which formed the exterior south wall of the 1866 Winchester Hall (formerly the Lake View House Hotel).

Prominently located on the southeast corner of Winchester and Parliament Streets, the Winchester Hotel and Winchester Hall are important reminders of the historical and architectural development of the Cabbagetown neighbourhood.

The Toronto Historical Board's Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation) respecting the property is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Department at City Hall and the offices of the Toronto Historical Board.

Notice of the objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of the 16th day of May, 1995, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 16th day of May, 1995.

  
Barbara G. Caplan  
City Clerk