

Occupations In Kenora

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Civil Administration

Federal

[Cecil Leroi Parrott 1893-1958](#) Agent for the Department of Transport Maintenance and Navigation

Customs Officer Richards, assistant Sandy Sanderson

[Captain Frank Edwards 1877 - 1945](#) Indian Agent

[Charles Wiggins Belyea 1857-1919](#), Marine and Fisheries Agent

Provincial

[Francis "Frank" Joseph Apjohn 1853-1905](#) b. September 26th, 1853 Montreal Quebec m. Agnes Stackhouse, practiced as a conveyer and Notary Public until 1885. Registrar of Rainy River, Local Master of Titles, Registrar of the High Court and Clerk of the District Court

[Christopher Hugh Mckinnon 1889 - 1976](#) Mining Recorder for District of Kenora

[Ernest Appleton 1869 - 1944](#) Local Registrar of the Supreme Court of Ontario, Clerk of the Division Court and Clerk of the Subjugate Court of Ontario.

Municipal

Jim Hooper Town Clerk 1932

[Samuel Charles McGimsie Jr 1887 - 1970](#) Town Assessor in 1932

[Elizabeth Marion Courtney 1873-1942](#) Head of Town Office staff, retired Oct 1 1934

[Donald Thomas Mcleod 1924 - 2009](#) Town Clerk at least by 1984

[Buck Matowski 1936 - 2014](#) Special Events Co-ordinator

Judges, Magistrates and Justices of the Peace

Before the incorporation of Rat Portage and the election of Mayors and Councils the affairs of the Community was handled by Magistrates appointed by the Crown.

The first Magistrate was Manitoba Police Magistrate [James Westropp Brereton 1830-1911](#).

In 1897 [William Young 1848-1920](#) was appointed Police Magistrate. He left in 1908.

[William Durie Lyon 1825 - 1893](#)

[Thomas William Chapple 1853-1926](#)

[James Robinson 1848 - 1910](#)

[Harding Theodore Rideout 1853 - 1932](#)

Police

[Chief Arthur Woods 1851 - 1915](#) 1897 Members: E Pinch, R.B. Donkin, E. Johnson, W, Greenwood (Throughout the Kenora Gateway)

Chief Andrew Gordon first decade of 1900 Stuart King lists the following officers: Sgt. Charlie Nord, Constable Fred White, Constable Ball, and Constable Charlie Engstrom, others Bill Bodger

Chief John A. Pike 1905-1970 Chief of Police 1939 to 1970

Chief Webb Engstrom 1970-

[George Robert Curtis 1945 - 2017](#)

Don Munro

Bob Marchant

Chief Farager
Walter Joseph Mychalyszyn Deputy Chief

Sheriff

Sherriff MacCallum
Sheriff Dave Bruce and
Phil Spalton
Deputy Sheriff Keith Myles

Crown

P.E. Mackenzie
[John Farquhar MacGillivray 1870 - 1942](#)
[Edward "Ted" Cherry Burton 1931 - 2004](#)
Ross, Ruppert

Jails

According to Through The Kenora Gateway, a jail was built from logs in Rat Portage as early as 1871. This jail was built on the east side of Main St. South of Second St South. One operated by the Province of Manitoba was built across the street on the west side of Main St. By 1890 a firehall, police station jail and municipal offices was built on the West Side of Manitoba on the site of the latter day library. A combination court and provincial jail was built on the north-east corner of Matheson St. and First Street North by the same 1890. This building subsequent became the Armoury (at least by 1984).subsequently the current Provincial jail was built by the shore of Laurenson's Lake.

Superintendents

[Lewis William Goss 1919 - 2008](#) 1948- 1982
Steve Wilson – 1914

Legal Community

The Law is an abstract concept until it made concrete by judges, magistrates and justices of the peace who interpret the Law and apply the law to facts presented to them. In criminal matters the alleged facts are presented by Crown Prosecutors following investigation by police and having found a reasonable with criminal offences are defended by defence lawyers. In civil matters lawyers represent clients holding contested positions. In the criminal justice systems, if individuals are found guilty and sentence by judges, magistrates and justice to terms of imprisonment then they are incarcerated in provincial jails if the term of the sentence is two years less a day or a federal penitentiary if the term exceeds that period. The local legal community is covered by the following sites, The Law, Lawyers, Crown and Police and Jails. In the early years, the jurisdiction of Kenora was in doubt and the town was actually incorporated as part of the Province of Manitoba. The decision of the Privy Council in London placed Rat Portage in Ontario 1886. Many of the early lawyers that served residence of Rat Portage had offices in Winnipeg. Thereafter the focus shifted away from Winnipeg.

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Samuel Clarke Biggs, b. 8 October 1851 Born in Ancaster, Wentworth County, Canada West d. 27 September 1911) He moved to Winnipeg in 1875 and became the head of the law firm of Biggs, Dawson and Curran. He advertised in local Kenora Papers.

Other lawyers in early years included [Francis "Frank" Joseph Apjohn 1853-1905](#) , Ewart, Bodwell & Wilson; Fisher, Sutherland & Curran; Glass & Glass, Macmahon & Cameron; Morice & Allan; Ross Killam & Haggart, [William Baldwin Thibadeau 1844-1923](#). [Arthur Cyril Boyce 1867 - 1942](#), [John Farquhar MacGillivray 1870 - 1942](#), [George Herbert Draper 1873-1922](#), [Henry Porter Cooke 1884-1936](#), [Harry John "Jack" Donley -1948](#), [James Arthur Kinney 1877-1944](#), [Henry Langford henry 1867 - 1901](#), J. F. MacGillivray, [Colonel Harold Arthur Clement Machin 1875. - 1931](#), [Earle Cameron Popham 1882-1959](#).

[Arthur Cyril Boyce 1867 - 1942](#)

[William Moore "Bill" Benedickson 1911 -1985](#)

Later lawyers included,
McDonnell retired
E. James T Hook retired
Pieter Joubert become judge
Peter Kirby retired
Bernd M. Richardt retired
Leonard Compton, retired
Tom Carton retired

Sayer S Down, David Elliott, Aaron Grupp, Greg Iwasiw, Tyler E. Johnson, Doug Keshen
Stephen R. Lundin, Bruce A.J. Ormiston, Shane Pearce, Cheryl C.M. Siran, Kylee M. Ronning
W. Randall F. Seller, Rod W.W. Shewchuk, Robert Sinding, Beth A. White

Medical Community

Earliest Doctors

The earliest "doctors" in the Kenora area were members of various First Nations who are often described by the English term "Medicine man" used to describe traditional healers and spiritual leaders. Other terms include "shaman," a specific term for a spiritual mediator. The primary function of these "medicine elders" was to secure the help of the spirit world for the benefit of the entire community. Sometimes the help sought was for the sake of healing disease, sometimes for the sake of healing the psyche, sometimes for promoting harmony between humans or between humans and nature. Herbal remedies were employed according to the knowledge acquired and passed from one such elder to another.

According to Marcel Dubroy in "A History of the General Practitioner 1879-1957", the first permanent Doctor in Kenora was Thomas Hansen in 1879 (believed to have been [Doctor Thomas Hanson \(1846-1913\)](#))

[Doctor Simmons Southmayd Stuart Scovil](#), arrived in the early in 1882.

[Other early Doctors would include,](#)

[Dr Thomas Hanson 1846-1913](#)

[Dr Irwin Baker 1850 - 1939](#) In Partnership with Dr. W.J. Beatty

[Dr William James Gunne 1859 - 1950](#)

[Albert Henry Edmison 1860 - 1934,](#)

[John Robert Gunne 1870 - 1935,](#)
[Dr Daniel MacTavish Baker 1886 - 1956](#)
[Dr James Paterson Paton 1886. - 1968,](#)
[Dr Duncan John Mason 1897 - 1954](#)
[Dr Albert A Laidlaw \(Partner of Dr Edmison\)](#)
[Samuel Martin Burris 1904-1991](#)

Other Doctors, mentioned by Horan: Doctor William J. Chapman, and Doctor Chambers, Gillespie and Doctor A. D. Ferguson, F.W. Cane and A.S. Macdonnel around 1895, A. David, A.H. Laudeau, Aylesworth

Later Doctors included

Dr William Cameron retired
Dr. Bruce G. Daly, 524 1st Ave S Kenora Ontario P9N
Dr. Peter Harland, retired
Dr. Hristo Hristov: M.D., FRCS(C) Specialty: General Surgery Medical Office: • Dr. Spielman & Dr. Hristov
Year of Graduation: 1994 School(s): Medical School - Sofia, Queen's University - Kingston
Dr. Jack Spielman, surgeon retired, M.D., FRCS(C), FACS Specialty: Dr Spielman & Dr. Hristov, Year of Graduation 1979 University of Wisconsin

[Dr. Roodal Ramchandar \(Practice in Kenora ended 2010\)](#)
[Dr. David Halliwell 1922 -2007](#)
[Dr. James Beveridge](#)
[Dr. John Hammett 1989-](#)
[Dr. Brian Bowerman](#)
[Dr. Rhonda Diamond](#)
[Dr. Jillie Retson](#)
[Dr. Clayton Hammett 2007-](#)

Other Doctors:

Dr. Cynthia Czajka-Fedirchuck, Joel Kroeker, Rowena Lass, Laura Noack , Sven Pedersen, Sandra Sas, V.W. Sawatzky, C.R. Scaife, Robert Scatliff, Laural Snyder, Dr. Carol Spread M.D. surgeon, Michelle Thomas, John Vaudry, Frances Vettergreen, Tim Wehner, Shannon Weibe, Dr. Murray Workman,

Midwife

[Margaret Begg Mitchell 1848 -1944](#)
[Helen Collins Charbonneau 1848 - 1918](#)

Optometrist

[Henry Douglas Tansley 1913 - 1965](#)
[Donald Bruce](#)
Maurice Gerard

Pharmacy

[Ronald Hunter Gilchrist 1866 - 1918](#) Chemist and Druggist in Keewatin from about 1895 to 1909 or 10. He sold his business to [Arnold Griffith Schooley 1866 - 1955](#) Schooley sold the business to Harold Martin Johnson. Johnson later built a new store on the corner of Main and Ottawa St.

Wood's Drug Store owned by W. Johnston in 1902 in the King Edward Hotel in a building erected in 1893 by William Henry McVeigh and Thomas Walsh. It occupied the site that in 2013 was occupied by the Ho Ho Restaurant and the Kenora Telephone Company. It burned down in 1917.

Johnson's Pharmacy – Joseph Johnson- [James Lowry Johnson 1907- 1961](#), [Lawrence "Larry" Phillips Johnson 1912 - 2003](#)

Jim Rice

Ian Johnson

Dentists

[C. Nelson Schnarr 1868 - 1952](#)

[Dr. Gerald Whitaker 1903](#)

[Dr. Roy Wesley James Whitaker 1897 -](#)

[Dr. John D Dean](#)

Dr Conny Athanasopoulos

Dr. Mike Christianson

Dr Colin F. Foster

Dr. N.R. Hoshwan

Dr. Dean Kozak

Dr. Marcia Little

Dr. David McDermit

Dr. E. McKenzie

Dr. Elizabeth Montero

Richard Parrott

Practiced for a period in Partnership with Dave Reidiger

[Dr. David John Reidiger](#)

Veterinarians

Dr. David Sutherland Craig In practice at least by 1921

Dr. Celia Christians

Roseann Bushuk

Darah Himmelhoch

Spiritual Advisors, Clergy etc.

Anglican

[Rev Alfred W.A. Stunden 1855](#)

[Rev John Walter. Bowden Page](#)

Baptist

W. Davidson Baptist

Gordon Day-Jantz

United

Rev. Macquarrie

Bob Stiven

Roman Catholic

Father Albert Lacombe

Salvation Army
R.A. Oldford
Clinton Stagg

Bethesda
Rev A.C. Helander

Fire Fighters

Fire Chiefs

George Barnes an early fire chief

Chief F.A. Hudson from 1912-1917.

Chief Baxter from January 1917 to September 1917.

Chief Frederick Alfred Dubois 1880-1946 was assistant chief of the Fire Department in Sault Sainte Marie. He arrived in Kenora in October 1917 to become Kenora's first paid fire chief from 1917 to 1946. Eventually he was appointed assistant Fire Marshall for the Province of Ontario.

Chief R. Davis 1946-1965

Chief L. Whiting 1965-1969

Chief "Buster" (Frederick James Bernard) Dubois, first son of the first paid chief Fed Dubois, 1969 to 1978.

Chief G. Neale 1978-

Chief Warren F. Brinkman -2013

As well there have been Chief Cowie Engstrom and Chief Ed White whose dates are as yet unknown to me.

As in any small community fire fighters were first volunteers who eventually organized themselves in brigades in each of the three constituent towns, Rat Portage, Keewatin, and Jeffray Mellick.

Fire Station 1 (Administration Headquarters)

100 14th Street North, P9N 4M9

Business Calls: 807-467-2090

One is the only station that is staffed by career fire fighting personnel twenty-four hours per day, three hundred and sixty-five days per year.

Fire Station 2

214 Eighth Street South (Keewatin)

Business Calls: 807-547-2905

Two is staffed by volunteer firefighters on an on-call basis.

Fire Station 3

100 14th Street North, P9N 4M9

Business Calls: 807-467-2090

Three is staffed by volunteer firefighters on an on-call basis.

Fire Station 4

2866 Highway 17 East

Business Calls: 807-548-5801

Four is staffed by volunteer firefighters on an on-call basis. This Station is located on Highway 17 East, approximately 8 kilometres from the center of the City of Kenora.

Separate Schools

the first school in Rat Portage was a Separate school at the south end of Main St which served as both a Church and school. By 1881 there were already three teachers, Mr. Bale, Miss Garret and Miss Gadbois. In 1882 the church left for another site. In 1884 the school moved to First St South (currently 324 Third St. South. Seven teachers served at this site. In 1890 when another Notre Dame Catholic Church was built on 1st N, the Mount Carmel School moved into the vacated church building next door. The order of the Faithful Companions of Jesus ran the school.

From 1902 to 1906 lay teachers were employed and from 1906 to 1926 the Sisters of the Presentation were the staff. In 1928 a convent was built for their residence. In 1954 the old Mount Carmel school was replaced with a modern building. The school staff changed to lay teachers during the 1970s.

Public Schools

The first school in Rat Portage was located on Hennepin Lane behind what was later to be the Salvation Army. The funds for this 50 foot one room school house was raised by donations gathered by standing on street corners and collecting from those who passed by.

The first school teacher was 18 year old Miss Janet Clarissa Crooks, daughter of Allan McAuley Crooks and Jane Johnson born November 10 1865 in Dover, Ontario. She came to Rat Portage at least by 1883. She was the first public school teacher in Rat Portage. She married Pierce "Pirrie" Thompson at Rat Portage on April 5th 1886. Her first child was born in Rat Portage. She moved to St Cloud Minnesota in 1887 or 1888.

The funds for the first school were raised by standing on busy street corners and collecting donations. The funds collected were used to build a one room 50 foot log school house on Hennepin Lane at the rear of the present day (2013) Salvation Army. The children used land presently occupied by Ristorante Italian in 2013. She taught single handed until 1886 when she was joined by 18 year old Melvin Seegmillar. She moved first to St Cloud Minnesota and in the early 1900's she and her family followed her husband to Everett, Washington. She died in Everett, Washington on September 24 1951.

Melvin Seegmiller at age 18 became the second teacher and first Principal in Rat Portage from 1886 to 1895. In the spring of 1886, they had 70 students in eight classes. His salary in 1886 was \$600. Seegmiller was elementary principal from 1886 to 1895. The two had 70 students in the spring of 1886 divided in 8 classes.

In the spring of 1889, the site of the Central school was purchased from the Hudson Bay Company for the sum of \$1387.59 and in the fall of that year a three storey brick veneer building was erected at a cost of \$5500. In 1894 an addition was added to the school with 105 students taught in two shifts. Mr. Seegmiller took over the senior class at this time but only lasted one year as he only had a class 1 certificate. In 1896 an additional four rooms were added to the Central school to give a total of 10 rooms at a cost of \$17,000. Commencing in September 1896 a high school department was set up and Mr. Roberts, a university took over the reins from Mr. Seegmiller. Two additional teachers joined the school at this time were Miss McFarlane and Mr. Preston. In 1898 the central School was totally destroyed by fire.

A North Ward School was built in 1892. The original stood until a fire destroyed until it burned in the 1980s. A South Ward School was also built in 1892 and expanded into a two room school in 1924 and completely rebuilt in 1924. The building was subsequently used by Confederation College.

Elsie Cowie, Eileen Foloan, Mary Cornfield, Laura Clark came in 1904.

Public School Principals

[Melvin E. Seegmiller 1868 - 1948](#) April 15 1886 -June 30 1895

R. E. Preston Sept. 1 1895 - Mar 31 1903

J. For ham Sept. 1 1903 - Dec. 31 1906

G.M. James Jan 1 1907 - June 30 1908

Gilbert Summers Sept. 1 1908 Jun 30 1912

T.C. Keenan Sept. 1 1912 - Oct. `1941

[Gerald Brimble Jan 1 1942](#) - When King George School was open he was appointed principle of King George School

High School Principles

T.H. Roberts Sept. 1 1895 - June 30 1907

W.A. Wilson Sept. 1 1907 - Feb. 28 1910

H.P. Berlanquet March 1 1910- June 30 1910

T.E. Elliott Sept. 1 1910 - June 30 1914

J. L. Cornwall Sept. 1 1914 -June 30 1920

S. Shannon Sept. 1920 - March 1922

H.S. Rosevear March 1922 - June 30 1930

F.A.D. Anderson Sept. 1 1930 - June 30 1931

T. Hobbs Sept. 1 1931 - June 30 1933

E.D. Manning Sept. 1 1935

[Frank Litt 1926 - 1998](#) Served before Bart Bergman

Bart Bergman-

Chris Frank

Bob Wray

Sean Monteith

Tracy Benoit

Other Teachers

2001 Beaver Brae Teachers

Debora Allan, Kelly Alcock, Carla Baird, Trevor Belrose, Sheri Blake, Joyce Blyth, Denise Bradley , Bill Broten, Alison Brule, Wendy Champion, Dave Cornish, Shannon Creedon, Brett Crowe, Jennifer Doig, Deanna Dokuchie, Janice England, Elmer Fisher, Paula Francis, Don Gabryluk, Deana Hintz, Sue Hovi, Bill Isfeld, Wayne Julia, Rhonda Kantola, Sherry King, Ruth Laidlaw, Gary Lovett, Gerry Lukianchuk, Don MacIver, Barb Madden, Rob Madden, Barb Marchant, Laura Markham, Karen Martin, Pauline Martin, Willie Mathis

Transportation Services

CPR Employees

[Harry Townsend Agar 1875 - 1942](#) Freight and Passenger agent until 1940

Adolfson, Eric "Ole", b. 14-Jul-1885, Bjurholm, Vasterbotten, Sweden, d. 14-Oct-73, End 14-Jul-50

Wiper\Fireman

[Angood Ernest Frederick 1889 - 1970](#) Engineer

Bailey, John David b. 16-Nov-1874 Renfrew, Ontario, d. 25-May-1940 Start 1900 Survey Axeman 1902 Trainman, 1924 Conductor End 1 Dec 1939

[Ronald Baker 1930 - 2017](#) Conductor on Via

[Charles Wiggins Belyea 1857-1919](#), Telegrapher Inspector, Linesman

[William George Cameron 1863 - 1940](#)

[Eddie Devins 1935 - 2015](#)

[John M. Denton Fraine 1881 - 1951](#) Superintendent in Kenora

[Peter Heenan 1875- 1948](#)

Gamble, John Henry, b. 05 May 1864, Watertown, Wisconsin, d. 02-Jan-1941 Conductor

Hargrave, Alfred Edward, b. 24 Jan 1869 Melbourne, Quebec, d. 29-Jun-60 Start 1889 End 1934

[Horn, James, Jackson 1873-1954](#) b. 26 Nov 1873 Carleton Place, Ontario, d. 16 Jan 1954 Vancouver, British Columbia, Start 1901 End 1938

[William Glenfield Kendall 1853 - 1931](#)

Love, George, b. 02 May 1847 Gortivea, Northern Ireland - 09 May 1899 Springfield, Manitoba, Section man

Love, George Potter b. 22-May-1871 Meadowville, Ontario, d. 09-Apr-1908 Kenora, Ontario

Love, Victor (son of George brother of George P started to work 10-Jun-1893) b. 07 Jun 1873 Peel County, Ontario d. 14-Dec-1944 Kenora, Ontario

[Harding Theodore Rideout 1853 - 1932](#)

Wilson, Thomas Grainger b. 06-May-1863 Pembroke, Ontario d. 24-Oct-1946, start 1890 end June 1928

Turcotte, Roland "Sky, b. 03-Feb-1828 – d. ? Start 27-May-1943 End 31-Jan-90 Engineer

Air Transportation

Cartage

Kron Transport [Kron Rudolph Ernest 1868 -1978](#)

Taxi Owners

Garage, Automobile Dealers

Kenora Motor Products (Across from Old Post Office Town office on Main Street – Carters

Dingwall's present location of Restaurante

Durance Motors, General Motors dealers

Reg Seller Oldsmobile dealer, Jack Reid manager, Jack Hyslop, Jimmy Reid

Utility Services

Telephone

Rick Felsted

McCaffrey

David Lillico

Hilda Bull chief Operator in 1932

Hydro

Ken Hall

Alex Coates

Ken Hall

Manufacturing

Boat Builders

[Herbert Thomas Cossey 1871 - 1947](#)

[George Nelson Brunsel 1873 -1947](#)

Pulp and Paper

[Ralph Bateman 1880 - 1947](#) Manager of Paper Company

[Donald "Dan" McLeod 1923-1924](#)

[Raymond George Baker 1931 -2016](#) 32 years

Ralph Mosher engineer

Flour Mill

Lake of the Woods Milling Company [John Goldie 1870 -1945](#)

[Robert Armour Fisher 1880-1959](#)

Professional Services

Architect: [Earl Arthur Nelson 1962-1963](#)

Accountants [Thomas Arthur Saul 1952-53](#) Don Parfitt Harry Green

Real Estate

[Ernest Appleton 1869 - 1944](#)

[Charles Walter Chadwick 1853 - 1925](#)

Paul Landry

Insurance

[Charles Walter Chadwick 1853 - 1925](#) One of the first Insurance and Real Estate Companies in Rat Portage

[Melvin E. Seegmiller 1868 - 1948](#)

Standard Insurance [George Archer Toole 1874 - 1947](#) Founder, [Laurence Archer Toole 1905 - 1982](#) , John Berringer,

Sutcliff: Sutcliff, Charles Strachan

Media

[Joseph Pattulo Earngey 1870 - 1939](#) "The News", forerunner of the Kenora Daily Miner in 1904 and owned paper until his death in May 1939.

[Donald Stuart King 1914 2007](#) owner of 1942-1947, 1960- owner of Kenora Miner & News 1951 -1973, Owner Kenora Radio Station CJRL 1955

Clarence Dusang 1947-1960

[Ruth Bowiec](#) Social Columnist

Hotels, Motels, Camps and Hospitality

1879 [Edward Manning Rideout 1844](#) - Rideout House AKA Construction Hotel – destroyed by fire 1886

1883 Russel House enlarged in 1890 - destroyed in 1938 for a gas station
1883 Hilliard House – [Louis Hilliard 1851 -1914](#) - enlarged in 1889 burned in 1902
1885 Queens Hotel [William George Cameron 1863 - 1940](#) from 1888 to 1898– burned in 1902
1888 Central Hotel on McClellan Ave burned in 1917
1890 Ottawa Hotel on Matherson Street later Northland
1891 Sauerbrie House later renamed Dalmore
1896 Albion Hotel Renamed Lake of the Woods Hotel in 1934
1899 Commercial Hotel William Shaw -purchased by William McVeigh resold in 1912 to Abraham (Izzy) Katz in 1952 renovated by son Zen Katz and reopened as Kenwood Hotel (Chipman Street)
1902 King Edward Hotel Thomas Walsh – Wood’s Drug Store owned by W. Johnson located in building- burned in 1917
[John Allan Craig 1859 - 1929](#) Operated Norman Hotel at least from 1905 to 1909-10
1910 Tourist Hotel 1933 renamed Kenricia
Chaloner Cottages, Birchwood Terrace [Arthur Reginald Chaloner 1893 - 1971](#) James L. Powers ([Leslie Earl Hutchinson 1888](#))
1969 Holiday Inn Holiday Inn later renamed Inn of the Woods,, and Clarion Hotel Best Western

Restaurants

Plaza
Kenwood
Dino’s
Boathouse
Chinese: Choo’s Chop Suey, Ho Ho, Bamboo Gardens
A&W
McDonalds
Boston Pizza

Business Community

Banks and Bankers

Banks or near Banks which have located in Kenora included of Bank of Montreal, Imperial Bank, Bank of Ottawa, Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotia Bank), Canadian Imperial Bank of Canada (CIBC), Copperfin Credit Union,

Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), [Harry Hartshorne Tate 1883 - 1966](#)

Toronto Dominion Bank

Wholesalers

Cameron and Heap [William George Cameron 1863 - 1940](#)

Retail General All Departments Stores

John Gardner & Co [Frank Gardner 1848 - 1937](#)
The One Price Cash Store [William LeBaron Baker 1848 - 1888](#)

Retail Furniture

Rideout Furniture, [Harding Theodore Rideout 1853 - 1932](#) Rideout and Davidson– Northern Development
burned 1934
Barnes

Horn and Taylor – Taylor and Tackaberry, Town & Country Furniture - Delamire and Tilly

Retail Hardware

Rat Portage Hardware Co business [Howard Fenwick Holmes 1857 - 1917](#)
Fife's Hardware -[Ashton Thomas Fife 1871 -1957](#) -Harold Fife-William "Bill" Fife
Hose Hardware [Jacob Hose 1853 -1907](#)
Lindstrom and Neilson
Home Hardware
McDermitt - Mun and Yates
Canadian Tire
[Eddie Devins 1935 - 2015](#) Devins Building supplies

Wholesale

Flour and Feed [John Thomas Brett 1866 - 1941](#)

Retail Grocery

[Ernest Appleton 1869 - 1944](#) King Cash Grocery
Eaton Bob Jordon (Once only served Meats and groceries
Safeway George Cooper Steven Borden [John Dahl](#)
Neale's
Shop Easy
No Frills Loblaw
John Gardner & Company 1897 First Groceries (subsequent Dry Goods and Clothing) [Frank Gardner 1848 - 1937](#)

Retail Clothing

Rice's Clothing Store: [James Edward Rice 1862 - 1950](#)
[Alexander Shragge 1865 - 1933](#)
McTaggart's
Gardner
Pitt's Clothing employees Mr. Ard, Tom Hinton, Margaret Rose

Tailors

Andrew Saunders Cuthbert 1897 1903 Tailor shop first at Oddfellow's Block, then Bryden Building
Bennet. Levinson, Tailor

Retail Jewelry

Ferguson
Rioch's Jewellers [George Mccheyne Rioch 1869 - 1944](#)
Newman's Jewellers [Earnest Maitland Newman 1899 - 1986](#)
Penner's Jewellers' [John H. "Jack" Penner 1907 - 1994](#)

Brennan's

Butchers, Meat Purveyors

Consumers Frosted Foods [Douglas Johnson 1997-1998](#)

A Gibson's Meat Market

Bakeries

Jackson Brothers - [Charles Wilbur Jackson 1879 - 1936](#)

Philbin

Irish Confectionery

Alcohols Distributors

Specialty & Gift

Blue Heron [James Alan Johansen 1995-96](#)

Farmers

[George Henry Alcock 1862 -1930](#) Farmer and Dairy businessman in Jaffray and Mellick 1895 to 1930

[Louis Hilliard 1851 - 1914](#) Jeffrey Mellick farmer

Fishing

Boucha family