

**291 BANNATYNE – OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY  
SANFORD BLOCK (ALSO 109 PRINCESS STREET)**

*C.H. Wheeler (1890)*

**MAW'S GARAGE (ALSO 114 KING STREET)**

*W.H. Stone (1906)*



Although joined to form a single structure, the Old Spaghetti Factory is actually two buildings which each have separate histories.

**The Sanford Building** was the warehouse of Sanford and Company, a large factory established in Hamilton, Ontario in 1862. It was a wholesale clothing house which grew to become a leading Canadian supplier. When the west began to boom in 1882, Sanford and Company expanded to Winnipeg and the business grew apace with developing western markets. In 1890, Sanford and Company built the Sanford Building in the heart of the warehouse district, at the corner of Princess Street and Bannatyne Avenue. By 1912, this structure contained twenty-five employees, and eight traveling salesmen sold the products to retail stores throughout the entire north-west.

This brick building was originally three storeys, with a fourth added in 1903. It was designed by C.H. Wheeler, a British architect who achieved prestige in Winnipeg with his design of Holy Trinity Church on Donald Street, and Dalnavert, the Victorian mansion of Sir Hugh John Macdonald, which has been restored as a museum.

The top three floors of the Sanford Building were removed when the Maw Company Garage purchased it and added it to the garage.

**Maw and Company Garage** was constructed in 1906 for the interests of Joseph Maw. Maw was a businessman from Ontario who came to Winnipeg as an agent for the Massey Manufacturing Company. In 1882, he entered into a partnership in a carriage firm with J.M. Ross, but this dissolved in 1896 and the business carried on as Joseph Maw and Company. As a logical extension of the carriage business, Maw became interested in the new motor vehicles. With remarkable foresight, Maw built his garage to service and store 145 cars at a time when there were probably fewer than that in all of Winnipeg. Maw himself was an enthusiastic motorist and, in 1905, he won the Winnipeg Industrial Exposition five-mile race with a time of eight minutes and twenty-one seconds!

His garage was something of a technological feat in that it contained no post to create a large interior space. This was achieved through the use of steel girders and trusses. The exterior walls were made of concrete with a facing of brick, and the front on King Street was finished with a large amount of plate glass. The garage floor had the most modern repair equipment, and there were attractive offices and waiting rooms for the customers.

Maw's expanded into the Sanford Building and together these form Brandy's and the Old Spaghetti Factory. This restaurant was one of the first businesses to revitalize the old warehouse district.