

**Name of the Historic Place:** Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building  
**Other names:** Cameron & Heap Warehouse

**Date of Origin:** 1912

**Current Use:** Commercial

**Municipality:** Regina

**Street Address:** 1938 Dewdney Avenue

**Architect:** Storey and Van Egmond

### **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE HISTORIC PLACE:**

The Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building is property located on five commercial lots in the City of Regina's historic warehouse district. The property features a four-story, red brick building constructed in 1912 for the cost of \$45,000.00.

#### **HERITAGE VALUE:**

The heritage value of the Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery building resides in its contribution to the historic integrity of Regina's Warehouse District. Constructed and prominently situated along the historic Dewdney Avenue streetscape during the pre-First World War period, the property is one of the oldest remaining warehouse buildings in Regina's Old Warehouse District. Regina was one of the "instant towns" created by the railroad. Businessmen first erected false fronted wooden stores to serve local customers. At the turn of the twentieth century, Regina established itself as the major shipping and distribution centre for southern Saskatchewan and permanent distribution warehouses like Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building replaced the wooden stores. It is estimated that over 1000 people worked in these Dewdney Avenue warehouses.

The heritage value of the Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery building also lies in its architecture. Constructed in an era when the Old Warehouse District symbolized economic optimism, rapid population growth and prosperity, the building is a representative example of the pre-First World War warehouse design of the time. Built for the Cameron & Heap wholesale grocery firm by Storey and Van Egmond, one of Regina's most prolific architectural firms, the warehouse was efficient and functional while conveying an image of stability and strength. The building was designed in one of Story and Van Egmond's favorite pre-First World War architectural styles -Chicago and Stripped classic- which is expressed through the property's flat roof, vertical lines of the façade, rectangular window pattern and conservative decoration patterns. Storey and Van Egmond designed more than 17 of the warehouses in the Old Warehouse District.

## CHARACTER-DEFINING ELEMENTS:

The heritage value of the Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building resides in the following character-defining elements:

- those elements which reflect its contribution to defining the character of the Old Warehouse district such as its four-storey height and prominent location on its original site along the historic Dewdney Avenue streetscape;
- those elements which contribute to its contribution to the historic integrity of Regina's Old Warehouse District such as the building's construction date which establishes it as one of the oldest remaining warehouse buildings in the district and also includes historic building materials such as brick and Tyndall Stone;
- those elements which reflect the Chicago and Stripped Classic architectural style, such as the flat roof, vertical lines of the façade, rectangular window pattern and conservative decorative patterns.

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