

# *A Historical Site Sketch*

## *Of the*

### *The Beaty & Armstrong Row House 1830*

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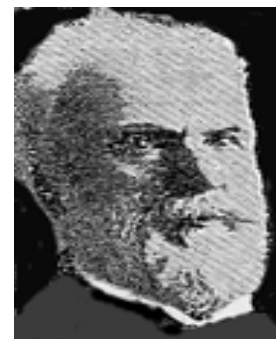


*Situated on land of Toronto's former Government Park reserve the current 461 King Street East was first purchased by James Beaty and William Armstrong on October 5, 1830 with money from their partnership.*

*James Beaty was born in 1798 in Ireland. He learned his trade in New York City and in 1818 moved to Toronto. He started a boot and shoemaking business partnership with William Armstrong and in 1822 married Sarah Anne Armstrong, William's sister.*

*James Beaty established the Leader Newspaper in 1852 (building located on King and Leader Lane) which is known to have netted him as much as \$10,000 a year in the 1860's. He lived to be ninety-four years of age and through it all lead a very active life both in business and in politics including being a member of the first Federal Parliament of Canada for East Toronto.*

*1856 - Purchased by Emerson Coatsworth.  
Foreman for the building of the Don Bridge on King Street,  
School Trustee for St. David's Ward and  
Toronto City Commissioner.*



*November 1, 1907 ~ 1910 under the direction of Samuel Honderich the Mennonite Home Mission operated from this location. The word 'Home' meant that the missions help extended to the local community. Sunday school was held at this location.*