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One of the most beloved of all buildings in Stratford was the old Post Office built in 1883. Located downtown where the United Way thermometer hangs every fall. It suffered serious damage in 1894 when the top half was burned off. The new top was designed by Thomas Fuller who had designed the original Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. The roof line pyramids of the new design became the unifying architectural feature of many future buildings in Stratford. Then in 1961, the Federal Government tore down what has been called the finest post office in Canada. Some residents say they still look up for the old clock. The pyramid towers influenced by the old Post office can be seen in the roofline of the Festival Square building right across the street from where the old post office once stood.