

Featured Home



We are happy to announce that Island View is one of the homes featured in this years Amherstburg's Holiday House Tours. located at 671 Front Road North. Recognized by the Ontario Heritage Foundation as a fine example of Second Empire Residential Style.

"...the finest country home in the province of Ontario..." - Detroit News, circa 1892

History of the Home

Originally named 'Island View', the house was built for Thomas Ouellette, a successful operator of a very large lumber mill in McGregor, Ontario and occupied offices in the Home Bank Building in Detroit, Michigan. Married twice with nine children, five surviving him, Mr. Ouellette died in 1913. A short time after, his second wife, Harriette Ralph returned to her family home in upstate New York and left Island View empty for a number of years.

Prior to Raymond & Francis Stone purchasing the home in 1947, the building was used as a seed farm residence and a boarding house.

Mr. & Mrs. Stone raised five children in the home and for economic reasons removed a large rear section of the house in the early 60's. This section was in a poor state compared to the main portion of the home. Mrs. Stone was active in the Amherstburg community as a volunteer until her passing in 1998. Mr. Stone maintained the house until 2000, wherein it was purchased by the David & Deanna McDowall.

The McDowalls purchased the main house in addition to the only remaining out-building, a carriage house on an adjoining, yet severed property. They are in the process of restoring the home to its original grandeur, including a new slate roof, extensive plaster repairs along with some modern, yet hidden, amenities.

