

Revenue Canada Building
201 May Street North



Year Built: 1913-1916

Architect: H. E. Matthews

Added to Heritage Register: June 22, 2009

Description:

The Revenue Canada Building is associated with the federal government's expansion of services into smaller communities, and with its provision of well designed, up-to-date facilities. The building was built at a time when the former city of Fort William was one of the world's largest grain-handling ports and a major trade and transportation point and railway terminal. The construction of the building reflects the unprecedented prosperity and optimism of the early 20th century as well as the expansion of east-west trade and the economic importance of customs activities.

The Revenue Canada Building is a very good example of Beaux-Arts Classicism. This style was commonly used by the Department of Public Works for public institutions in the early 20th century. The building's good craftsmanship and materials are demonstrated in its use of pale limestone veneer and granite accents on the two principal elevations and in the masonry details.