



HARROGATE APARTMENTS

1203 Beach Drive

Owner: John Moxam

Built 1929 - 1930

Architect: Percy Fox

This apartment house was built by John Moxam, building contractor, and in 1931 president of Western Apts. Ltd., just as the depression hit. The building was nearly empty (except for apartment #5) during 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Moxam came to Victoria in 1928 and in 1930 were living in the house at 2737 Satellite Street, backing on to the Harrogate Apartments. The building is the last early apartment building left on Beach Drive, the others of the period--the Talbot, the Dorchester and Seaview have all been demolished and their sites redeveloped. The Harrogate is a fine symmetrical composition which terminates the vista up Margate Street and its prominent corner location continues and enhances the Tudor Revival style of Architecture on this section of Beach Drive. Detailing is particularly fine, with leaded glass in the entry, good half-timbering and decorative cartouches on the facade.