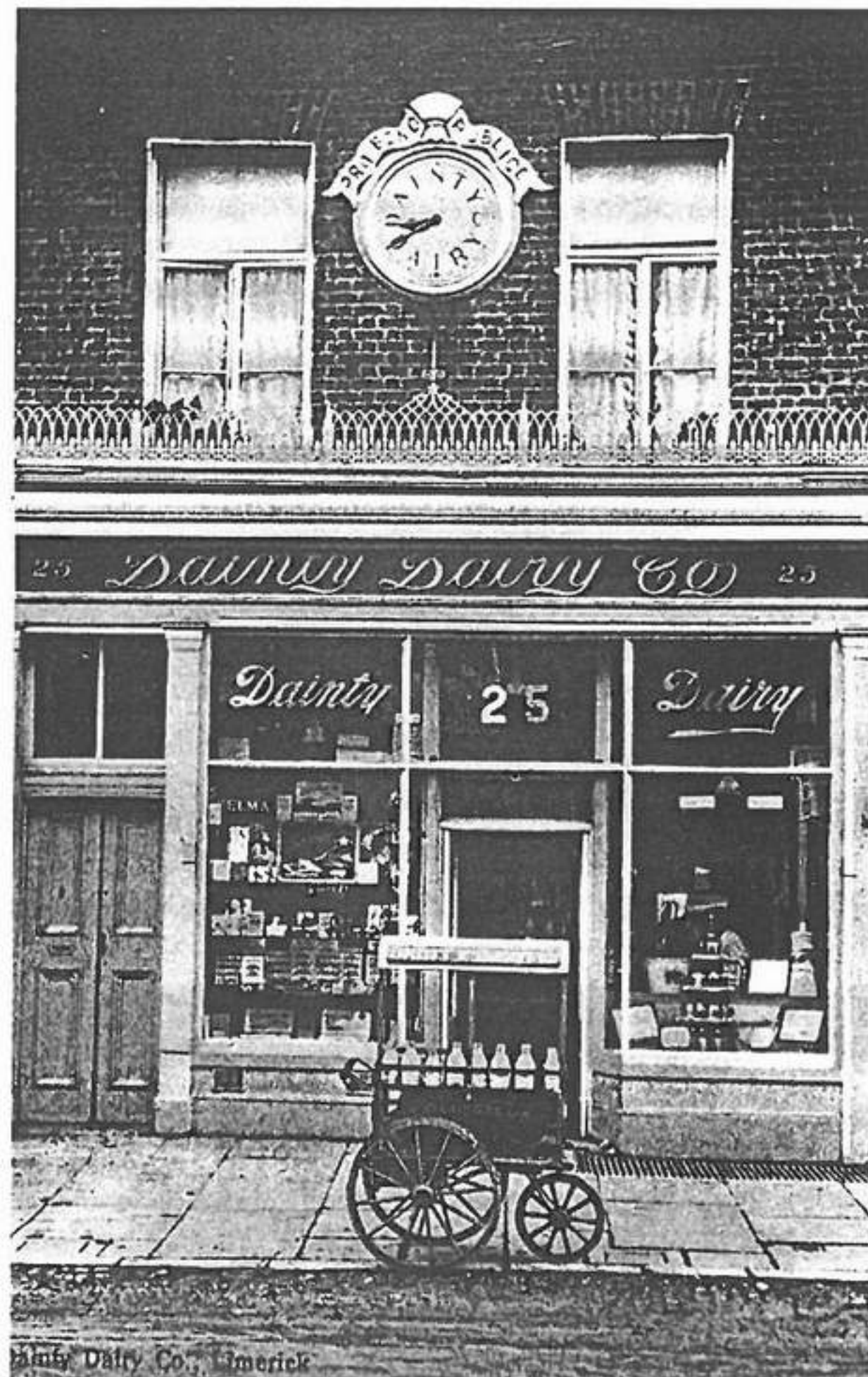


77 As the capital of the Golden Vale, the fertile pastures of the surrounding countryside provided Limerick with an abundant supply of milk. Shops and industries based on dairy products were plentiful throughout the city. The Condensed Milk Company was established at Lansdowne on the North Strand in the late 1880s and it was backed up by a network of creameries in counties Clare and Limerick. Other suppliers sold their milk directly to the shops. Smaller farmers, including many families from Park, brought the milk in large cans from door-to-door throughout various parts of the city. The Dainty Dairy, at 25 O'Connell Street, was one of the premier shops in Limerick. The dairy was owned by James Dooley, who with the dedicated assistance of his sister, gained a wide reputation for the excellence of his products. The name and the business continued to be part of the commercial life of the city until recent times.



Dainty Dairy Co., Limerick