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Heritage Renfrew

January 2010 Edition

Message from the President

Members of Heritage Renfrew

Wishing you and your family a Blessed New Year.

May all the wishes of the past generations of your family be found granted.

The executive of Heritage Renfrew have been working at the Archives every Friday morning for the past three months learning how to operate the many machines we have and reading through the boxes of manuscripts.

I'm sure all our hard work has improved the operation of Heritage Renfrew. Thank you for your effort.

Plan to attend the Annual General Meeting. Watch the Renfrew paper for more details.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sincerely Mary Hass President.



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NOTICE

Heritage Renfrew's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Archives building 770 Gibbons Road on February 2, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Members are asked to attend this meeting to vote on changes to the bylaws and constitution amendments.

The updates have been made to update the constitution and bylaws as needed, and to replace some committees with other committees. Only paid up members for 2009 can vote on these amendments.

QUERIES:

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Queries are welcomed in our newsletter. They are free to any member who is searching for ancestors for their family tree.



Joyce and Clarence McBride getting the newsletter ready to be mailed out to members

DOWN MEMORY LANE:

REMEMBERING GODDA'S BOOTH: by Patricia Brydges

Its funny how just the thought of a place can bring back wonderful memories of the past. This week while talking about places that we remember that is what happened to me and why I feel that heritage is so important because of our memories and pictures of the past. The year was 1966 and I was a student with my first summer job at Godda's Booth, it was owned by Wilf and Florence Godda, and located between where Kentucky Fried Chicken and Giant Tiger now stands. At that time there was Foy's Supertest on the corner, then Godda's Booth, with Queen Street Taxi behind Godda's Booth.

Godda's was probably the smallest store on main street but what it lacked in size it made up for in charm. There were about four tables the size of trays and wooden benches along the walls. In the winter time there was an old cast iron stove for heat. The menu consisted of hot dogs that both the weiner and the bun were steamed, the buns there steamed in a steamer that was lined with tin foil and the steam came up from the bottom of the pot, and the wieners were steamed in a pot on the stove, they were some of the best hot dogs I have ever eaten. Hamburgers were also on the menu.

Hot dogs were 10 cents, hamburgers were 15 cents, chocolate milk in glass bottles was 5 cents, pop was 5 cents and a bag of chips was 5 cents. Gone are those days but what wonderful memories they leave behind.

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PLEASE NOTE:

Are you housecleaning out your attic or back shed? Don't throw away all those old papers, books, letters and maps. We will take them off your hands, even pick them up. We, Renfrew Heritage Society, may now have room for your old stuff. Let us decide if they are of value or not.

As you know we save and preserve old history in many forms for your benefit and perusal. Give us a chance to determine if your items can be of benefit to someone else. Give us a call.

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Earl Martin with mouth organ



Mary Hass with 3 Fiddlers from her band

Mary Hass once again invited the Board members of Heritage Renfrew to attend a Christmas Pot Luck Supper at her home. This has been an annual event for several years. Eleven Board members were present at the dinner and three members of Mary's band who all played the fiddle.

After a delicious meal with a good variety of food items, we were entertained by Mary and her friends to some very good music. They played Christmas Carols, Christmas songs and some very good dancing music. The entertainment was an added feature this year and all who were there enjoyed it very much. Following the entertainment some of us played cards until about 10:30. Altogether it was a very lovely social evening, spent together with our host.

The Board members of Heritage Renfrew thank Mary for her hospitality, inviting us all into her home for a festive meal and entertainment.

Pat Visinski is going to look into getting the Internet up and running again. He will report back at the January meeting.

At our December meeting we were pleased to have a visit from the new manager of the Archives Building, where Heritage Renfrew has its room. He assured us that everything was fine, and that any changes we needed to make in the room, could be made to accommodate more collections and other research material.

NOTE:

This year 2010, the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group will be celebrating its 20th anniversary.. We congratulate them, and wish them a great future with their genealogical research and service to others.

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THE COMING OF THE RAILWAY

A grand opening was planned to inaugurate the coming of the Railway to Renfrew. But the only invitation received was by editor Smallfield. Thi seemed rather strange to many of the ones in Renfrew who had done so much to make possible the bringing of the line to the village. Naturally they felt slighted. The feeling grew that they should let the officials of the C.C. run the affair themselves without local participation.

The day the special train left Ottawa for the run to Renfrew word somehow reached the high brass of the feelings of the village. Telegrams were sent from Carleton Place to John L. McDougall, John Smith, and William Halpenny inviting them to the ceremonies and telling them to bring their friends. But it was too late. The invitations were not accepted.

So when the special train with its first class coaches pulled into Renfrew there was no delegation to meet them — No Reeve, no Council, no deputation of distinguished citizens and no band and no flags. Only a few idlers who had nothing else to do.

A distinguished party arrives on the train. There was Sir Francis Hincks, (Minister of Finance), Sir Hugh Allen (Bank) Dr. Tupper, Hon. Peter Mitchell, R Harrington, and Mr Haggart and several parliamentarians and officials of the C C Railway. They quietly got off the train and humbly made their way to the Town Hall where tables had been set for a dinner.

The secretary of the C.C., Mr Lowe along with Hon. Dr Foster drove to John Smith's store to find out what was wrong. Here they met John Smith and Reeve Faichney who let it be known in no uncertain terms what the people of Renfrew thought of the whole business.

Mr Foster and Mr Lowe were very sorry and apologized and conveyed their regrets most humbly. They offered explanations. The invitations had been sent, so they said, bu they had no idea why they were not received. They insisted that Mr Smith and Mr Faichney attend the dinner but were politely and firmly refused. To what should have been a most outstanding event to commemorate a great event in history of Renfrew passed off very quietly.

Nevertheless the President and Directors of the C. C.wished to make amends for the most unfortunate occurrence and get back into the good graces of the people of Renfrew and area. They offered through John Smith free tickets for rides to Ottawa and return for all who wished to go during Christmas week.

John Smith, A.A. Wright, and R.C. Mills were appointed a committee to look after the tickets. So in the end more people were recognized and honoured than could have been possible with a village dinner.

On Monday December 9th, 1872 trains began running on a regular schedule overt the Renfrew extension of the C.C. There were two passenger trains and one freight train each way every day.



Factories on the Bonnechere 1900

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OUR NEW HOURS OF OPERATION POLICY

Hours of operation 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m Monday and Wednesday. Doors locked at other times

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Copies of pictures from collections are \$2.00 per copy.

COMING EVENTS:

“HERITAGE RENFREW LUNCHEON CANCELLED”

It is with regret we must cancel plans for the annual “Heritage Renfrew Luncheon” February 15th. Family day being held on the same day has resulted in low attendance. Future plans are being discussed. Watch for information in future newsletters and the Renfrew Mercury.

“SPAGHETTI DINNER ————— This event is being planned for some time in the spring.

“ANNUAL BUS TRIP”————— This event is being planned for early summer, date and destination will be in the Renfrew paper and the next newsletter.

“Open House”—— This is under discussion at the moment, but is being planned for this spring, all members and visitors will be welcome. We hope to have a small brochure ready for that event.

Olga: From The Renfrew Mercury.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES IN THE MERCURY, 1934

Removal of Landmark On Bonnechere Banks: Old Bonnechere Hotel and Outbuildings Sold By Town Council to be Torn Down

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The old inn on the banks of the Bonnechere at the north end of the traffic bridge so long known as the Bonnechere Hotel and for years occupied by the late John Bartholomew, is to disappear. The last occupant Mr. W.J. Payne, found the business poor, unpaid taxes accumulated and finally the town took over the property. At the meeting of Town Council on Tuesday evening the report of the special committee presented by Councillor McLachlan was adopted, the report recommending that hotel and all outbuildings be sold for removal. The making of a cleared space there will lessen the danger of traffic at that point. Mr A.G. Preen made a purchase of the buildings, his offer of \$200 was accepted.

On recommendation of the fire committee, presented by Councillor Handford, purchase will be made of 200 feet of additional hose. The men's apartment papered and some painting done, also the ceiling of the main fire hall painted.

Residents of Doyle street asked by letter for a larger water main on that thoroughfare, the present small pipe having been laid 30 years ago to supply one house. The water-works committee will look into the matter.

The report of the finance committee presented by Councillor Burwell contained an item of \$652.26 for charity and relief, which led to the expression of sentiments that the season had arrived for the curtailment or abolition of the dole.

Councillor Sulpher chairman of the power committee reported that Engineer Stewart had been up to the lakes and put in the drops at the dam. Mr Sulpher intimated that steps were being taken to install power meters, which are considered more satisfactory both to power users and the town, also making for more economical use of power. The power committee is working on the plan.

Chairman Kippen of the property committee reported that the lessee of the town-owned pasture land on the banks of the Bonnechere was this year willing to pay only \$35 for the land, a drop of \$15 from last year, giving his reason that few people in town now kept cows and demand for pasturage was limited. The committee will make further inquiries before leasing the property. There are 12 acres of good pasture land, for which a few years ago the rental was \$75. Experienced Councillors bade Mr Kippen beware of those people who would promise more and pay nothing. The present lessee pays in advance.

Councillor Kippen made enquiries as to the Clear Point Property, saying that two or three men had been asking about it, wanting to lease it for planting potatoes. By a peculiar coincidence one of the men James Ritchie, then entered the Council chamber.

Mayor Plaunt said the relief committee had intended to sub-divide it and let the men look after it themselves. If not used for relief purposes then the council might rent it rather than let it go idle.

Reeve McLaren— A great many of the lots given out last year didn't produce at all. The ground at Clear Point is in perfect shape but the relief committee don't intend to handle it as last year. It might be divided into plots, continued on page eight

Members of Heritage Renfrew who will be assisting researchers are as follows: Olga Lewis 613-432-6958, Pat Patterson 613-432-5224, Earl Martin 613-432-4412, Joyce McBride 613-646-2375, Mary Hass 613-432-5104. Pat Visinski 613-433-3683
 To make an appointment to do research these are the numbers to call.

PLEASE NOTE: FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES BY FEB. 28, 2010, THIS WILL BE THEIR LAST NEWSLETTER. ONLY PAID UP MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER, WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM

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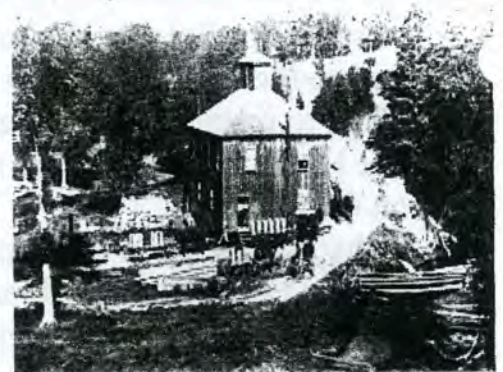
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And plowed before divided up. I think it should be held for a little while yet.

Mr Ritchie— I was intending to rent Clear Point. I think it would grow a good crop of peas and oats.

Mayor Plaunt— I think it should grow a good crop of anything.

Mr. Ritchie— yes even wheat..



The Maple Cheese Factory

The Maple Cheese factory was the first cheese factory established in Renfrew. It was built in the spring of 1874 by McIntyre and Holmes. It was 32x42 feet in size, had two storeys and was provided with a large ventilator on top.

The Maple cheese factory was one of the pioneer factories of the district. The first factory east of Toronto had been built near Belleville in 1868. Cheese making rapidly became popular and soon factories were opening up all over. In Renfrew County before many years several were built including one at Burnstown, one at Glasgow station and a least 3 in Admaston Twonship.

From files of Harry Hinchley



This is Renfrew's Main street in the 1890's. Beside the Mercury office third building on the right, the small building just before that is the building that was torn down to make way for the Post Office. The large white house on the left side of the picture is the Mackay residence.