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Message from the President

Members of Heritage Renfrew

Another year has nearly gone and we once again must turn our thoughts to the coming elections for the year 2012. As in other years members will be asked to join either our Board of Directors or to run for office as part of the Executive, which consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. The past President automatically sits on the Executive committee.

All members who are asked to run for office must be in good standing, dues for 2012 must be paid prior to the elections. A nominating committee has been selected and the chair of the nominating committee will conduct the elections. Members who are asked to serve, in any capacity should be aware that they should attend all meetings, unless excused for a good reason.

We have accomplished much this year and hope to get more done in the coming year. Volunteers are needed for the projects we have ongoing and those we want to do.

In our collections we have had some great things added, one being pictures and a history of the running of the Black Donald mines in the 1940's, and a set of maps of the Town of Renfrew of 1908 which shows the buildings on Raglan street and other buildings on the streets of Renfrew as it was in that year. The map was revised in 1916 and any additions also appear that were not there in 1908. These additions will be a great asset to those doing research at our Archives. As with other collections, none of these additions are allowed out of Heritage Renfrew premises.

Olga Lewis

President Heritage Renfrew



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Newsletter Editor Olga Lewis

This year is the year in which our Constitution and By-Laws is reviewed. A committee is at work reviewing the documents we have and any recommendations they have seen fit to be justified in changes, to keep the documents up to date will be published in this newsletter. At our annual General Meeting in January members in good standing will be asked to vote on any changes if needed. In order to be eligible to vote one must have their 2012 dues paid before the meeting which is the 27th of January 2012..

QUERIES:

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

For information or help in research we have available email addresses to contact:

olewis@sympatico.ca, munhall@sympatico.ca ,

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION, FROM THE REVIEW:

Under Article 3 Membership: g Home Child: A person who desires membership for the "sole" purpose of maintaining contact with our Home Children Canada Committee, Delete there is no longer a Home Children Canada Committee at Heritage Renfrew.

Article four Meetings under Annual General Meetings a quoram shall constitute fifteen members in good standing Change to ten

Article 2 Under special general meetings shall be held under b by petition of at least fifteen members in good standing who have paid up memberships and who have been active members for at least twelve months change number to five.

Article 2 c with at least two week previous notice delete d will then become C

Article 5 Officers and Directors Board of Directors 1, The business of Heritage Renfrew shall be managed by a Board of (at least eleven directors members) who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting assisted by the Advisory Board, when necessary. Delete words in parensis as Board Members tend to fluctuate.

Article 4 Nominating committee E (at least seven) members for Directors Delete at least seven and leave just Members for Directors.

Bylaws

Article 2 Quorum for meetings, Section 1 Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at all General meetings, Change to 10

Section 2 Seven Directors shall constitute a Quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors Change number to 5

Under Officers and Directors

Section 4 The treasurer shall under L maintain a separate list of Home Child donations and expenses Delete there is no longer a Home Children Committee

Under Committees

E Home Children Committee Delete as there is no longer a Home Children Canada Committee all has been sent to Ottawa, the chair has retired.

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Camboose used by lumbermen is being reconstructed at Algonquin Park lumber diisplay



CEMETERY 105 YEARS OLD IN 1955 STARTED WHEN CHILD WAS BURIED

One hundred and five years ago a child, Edith Rose, the two year old daughter of Mr and Mrs. Henry Rose, was buried in a wheat field in Calabogie.

That was the beginning of Hillcrest Cemetery.

The wheat field was owned by a man named Maxwell. Ever since that burial ground has been used as a cemetery.

Last Sunday, the annual memorial service was held there and was conducted by Lieut. Crosse of the Salvation Army who delivered an address that was a challenge to the living. A choir was present and the numbers attending were larger than usual.

Many old monuments stand in the cemetery to mark the graves of former generations. The monument of the grave of Edith Rose is adorned with a miniature rose on the top. There is a monument erected in memory of John Church who died in 1879 at the age of 90 years and another to the memory of E Holden who died in 1885 and to Maggie E Wilson, daughter of David E Wilson who died at the age of two years in 1884.

The cemetery is controlled by a cemetery committee and maintained through donations and the sale of plots. Much of the revenue is received from the collection at the annual memorial service.

A CIVIC SQUARE

The decision of the Town Council to buy the Temperance Hall and devote the old Albion Hotel to civic purposes, coupled with the proposed building of a Public Library with Andrew Carnegie's money, will give Mr Thomas Adams, the Town Planner some study in Renfrew more than land sub-division. He was in town on Tuesday of this week, and with Mayor Rochester, Town engineer Stewart and Mr Frank Plaunt tramped the east side of the town studying out the best arrangement of Mr Plaunt's land for building development. Later on Mr J.L. Murray was in conference also with Mr Adams, having with him a plan of the lands between the Fair grounds and the Third line laid out into town lots and with fine park or breathing spaces provided. It was a fine plan with very little change would fit in excellently with that prepared for the other side of the road. Then the mayor and Mr Adams spent some time on the Square. The latter has not yet made his plans how that space should be treated. But one idea he has is evidently to transfer the market to a less conspicuous part of the town, build the Library on the rear lot in line with the Albion, and in the years to come have a taller building between the two for Town Hall purposes. All the space in front to be laid out for flowers and grass and a monument for Renfrew's heroes of the great war. Meantime, in the course of a year or two, he would make a few changes to the front of the Temperance Hall, which would then do the town for ten or twenty years. This front to the Temperance Hall would be made to fit in as part of the Square landscape. These improvements, as well as a few changes in the exterior of the Albion would give a handsome civic centre at very modest expenditure.

From the Renfrew Mercury April 21 1916.

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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

CEMETERIES:

Castleford Cemetery	\$8.00
Goshen Cemetery	\$15.00
Sand Point Cemetery	\$9.00
Flat Rapids Cemetery	\$6.00
St Alexander's Cemetery RC	\$8.00
Hillcrest Public & Lakeside Cemeteries	\$9.50
Springtown Cemeteries	\$8.00
Our Most Precious Blood Cem. Calabogie	\$8.00
Malloch Road Cemetery Amprior	\$30.00
White Lake Cemetery	\$20.00
North Horton Cemetery	\$12.00
Haley Station Cemetery	\$10.00
Rosebank Cemetery	\$15.00
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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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& Renfrew	\$10.00
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Hours of operation 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m Monday and Wednesday. Doors locked at other times

For days we are not open appointments may be made to do research by calling the following numbers (613-432-6958, Olga Lewis)

Copies of pictures from collections are \$5.00 per copy. Those wishing copies of any pictures must comply with the copyright laws as set down, if using the pictures for publications. A form has been prepared that one must sign to obtain copies of pictures which has the rules listed on it for use of the pictures.

We have copies of the pictures of the Renfrew Mercury which are being entered into our computer. These pictures are from 1967 to 1999. Anyone wishing a copy can obtain a printout of a picture or have it put on a disk for the two dollars each picture. If using a disk from Heritage Renfrew the cost is and additional \$2.50 for the diisk.

Olga: From The Renfrew Mercury.

This interesting article was in The Mercury January 15, 1915

RETROSPECTIVE: JANUARY 13, 1885 -- 1915 THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY

On Tuesday evening, January 13th, 1885 the proprietor of this business --- I.E. Pedlow's arrived for the first time in the town -- then the village--- of Renfrew to open up and act in capacity of manager for the first "Kingston" branch store, --- Hardy and Murray's--- which was opened here immediately after the advent of

the Kingston and Pembroke Railway.

A business announcement in "The Mercury" of January 16th, 1885, states that this firm of Hardy and Murray of Kingston would be open for business in the building (since disappeared), next to Stevenson's Furniture Store,(the site of the present Stevenson's brick block) on January 17th, 1885.

This business venture, only considered as a temporary expedient for the purpose of unloading an over-stock, was so successful from its inception that the proprietors decided to continue it here as a permanent institution with the writer in charge.

About a year and a half afterwards the firm of Hardy and Murray was dissolved. Mr Murray purchasing the business and continuing both here and in Kingston under the firm name Murray and Taylor. The stock in Renfrew has some time previously been moved to, and the business carried on, in the brick building owned by M. Fitzmaurice and at present occupied by a Chinese laundry.

Some time afterwards, the firm of J.C. Hardy & Co. was organized in Kingston, I.E. Pedlow joining that concern, and subsequently returning to Renfrew opened the J.C. Hardy & Co. branch here, in a building on the site of part of the present Mackay Block, then owned by the Mrs. J. Thomson Estate. After continuing with this firm for a little over a year, the present business firm of I.E. Pedlow was established in Renfrew in the year

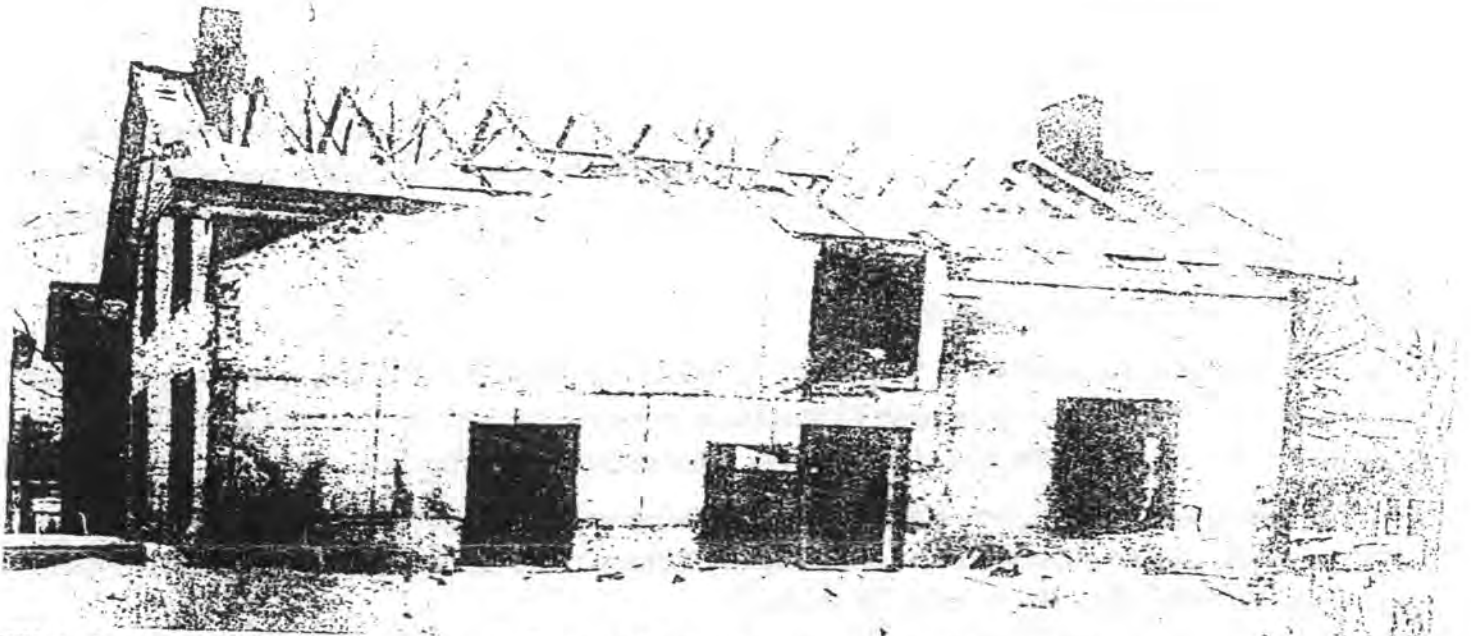
1888, and opened for business on September 6th of that year.

During the brief period, therefore, of about three and a half years, between January 1885 and September 1888, the writer opened and operated for a time in succession three branch stores in Renfrew, (these firms were Hardy & Murray's, Murray & Taylor's, J.C. Hardy & Co.s) assisted in the organizing and opening up of the J.C. Hardy & Co. of Kingston, and then in the year 1888, organized and opened up the present business firm of I.E. Pedlow, which has been in constant activity in the mercantile life of this community ever since.

This resume-- a retrospect--- covers, in brief, the business life history of the writer in Renfrew. The other side of that life history-- the personal equation in the community---must be dealt with, if at all, by some more impartial artist, or left in entire oblivion which is perhaps, after all, the best course to pursue in this particular instance.

So much for the personal side of this subject. Now fortunately that is not quite so. These will cover more particularly a few only of the conditions and business features, as these were found on arrival here thirty years ago, as compared with today. For instance:

There was no electric lighting here then.



The former home of Gregor Dougall, built in the 1860's, which has been bought by the town and is being torn down. — Photo by O'Brien.

RETROSPECT (Continued from page 7)

There were no granolithic sidewalks here then There was no macadam roads here then.

In those days every person in town had to be their own street lamp, or go it blind.

If one required to communicate with a citizen across the river, it was necessary to wait until after Church, Sundays, or go yourself. There were no phones here then.

If one wanted a supply of water, it was their duty to work the pump handle, instead of now turning on the tap. Taps were worked in those days in their bath tubs, why, of course a sewerage system was not an absolute necessity.

An Oh! You sidewalks and road beds of ye thirty years ago. These were not, in those days, beds of roses for either man or beast. Mud—yes, yards deep, and sidewalks, well yes, an improvement on the time when there were none, but still stepping stones (or wood) to better things— those of the present day.

Then, too, and last of all, and that which appeals to me at the moment, most particularly, are the changes that have taken place of all the people that were actively engaged in the professional life and business life of this community, thirty years ago, when the writer first came to town, a bare half dozen remain today to tell the tale. These, so far as memory serves me at the moment are: James Mann M.D.; C.J. Scott Harness Maker; Ben Lester Blacksmith; Thos. Logan Manufacturer; W.E. Smallfield Publisher; I.E. Pedlow Merchant.

The whole personnel of the Professional and Mercantile Community in Renfrew has undergone a complete change since the year 1885, and of all the Druggists, Hardware Merchants, General Merchants, Boot and Shoe Merchants, Hotel Keepers, Barbers, Dentists, Clergymen, Lawyers, Doctors and Manufacturers, only six of those engaged in these leading activities in this community thirty years ago, remain in the forefront of the fighting lines today— and the writer is pleased to be one of them.