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## Message from the President

### Members of Heritage Renfrew

I hope you are all enjoying our nice summer weather. It will hopefully be a busy one for Heritage Renfrew with lots of people doing research.

We have a bus trip planned for July 3, leaving at 8 a.m. in the morning and returning from Upper Canada Village at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. See page six for more details. We hope to have a full bus, adults and Children are all welcome to take the tour.

On July 7, we will have a table at Low square during the Diversity day celebrations. Come and visit us there. I will be showing the fire map of 1910-1916 of Renfrew in one of our displays. It is interesting to see how Renfrew has grown over the last 100 years or so.

I have been busy doing research for people from the United States looking for relatives who remained in the area, after other family members moved to California, Ohio and other states. I was able to provide from our resources a good amount of information they were looking for. It is always a pleasure to be able to help others. Other members of Heritage Renfrew have also been able to help others who come to Heritage Renfrew for information.

Our garage and bake sale scheduled for June 2, 2012 was unfortunately rained out and our new date is June 16, 2012. Hopefully the sun will shine that day.

Have a safe and happy summer, and remember we are open for research during July and August. Come and do research in an air conditioned atmosphere on those hot hot days' We will have staff willing to assist you.

Olga Lewis

President Heritage Renfrew



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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,

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Our garage and bake sale we were to have on June 2, 2012 was rained out unfortunately. We have rescheduled it for June 16, 2012 from 9 am to 12 noon at the same location, 190 Massey Crrscent, Renfrew Ontario.

We wish to thank the members of UOVGG for their donation to our Archives of a picture of the 1910 fire department. This picture was given to UOVGG with some other documents and picture of the Budd family, and they felt it should be in our Archives as it is part of our history.

Diane Burnett and Jackie Patterson made the trip down from Pembroke to present us with the picture and another article. We are very pleased with their thoughtfulness.

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Burnstown is having an "OPEN HOUSE" sponsored by the United Church in Burnstown on Saturday June 30, 2012.

There will be a tour of 7 locations in and around Burnstown.

4 Heritage Homes

4 Gardens and 1 Church.

Tickets are \$25 each and includes a Strawberry Social at the United Church.

There will also be a silent auction at the church. Which will be of interesting items and a homemade quilt.

Tickets available at : Burnstown Coffee Shop

Renfrew: Aikenhead's Drugstore

Arnprior: Antrim Truck Stop

Calabogie: Calabogie Lodge

Members of the Burnstown United Church

There have been many changes in the Town of Renfrew over the years, and I recently came across this article in the Renfrew Mercury about the widening of Coumbes street, now known as Veteran's Boulevard. It may jog a few memories of days gone by.

### COUMBES STREET WIDENING HAS NOW COMMENCED

Men and Teams and Machinery Engaged at Work Which Was Long In Prospect

Street Was Wide Enough For Town Purposes, Was Narrow as Provincial Highway

Widening of Coumbes street, Renfrew, to make it conform with provincial highway standards, has been begun. There is now on that street an industry calling into service about 40 men and several teams of horses. A stretch of road measuring 4,800 feet in length is undergoing alterations, part of the change to consist of the construction of a road paralleling the existing one. Work is begun at the corner of Coumbes and Hall streets, to run down to that point near the old quarry where concrete and tarvia meet. At points where the parallel does not prevail a widening process is to take place. All surfaces are to be concreted. Between parallel roads will be a boulevard which the Horticultural Society is likely to give some attention. The Dibblee Construction Co. now engaged on a re-surfacing contract in Beachburg neighbourhood will do the concreting.

Buildings are to be removed from the main street West and Plaunt streets also a couple on Barr street; the Ontario Government to attend to this, as it is to deal with all the other matters concerning the road. Also the Government is to pay all costs.

Work continued without interruption on Civic holiday. It means the spreading around of a considerable sum of money; means too, the lessening of what has been a considerable hazard.

There will be the filling in of an old quarry near the head of the street; further out are a couple of natural ditches, neither of them very wide nor very deep.

With a strong force of workmen on the job and with the annual exhibition of the South Renfrew Agricultural Society more than a month in the future, it is believed that the changes will be completed before the week of the fair.

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\* Old Mill on Raglan Street  
1962

.NEW ITEMS TO RESEARCH AT COLLECTIONS CANADA [www.collectionscanada@gc.ca](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca)

On [automatedgenealogy.ca](http://automatedgenealogy.ca) the 1852 census is online now, it is being digitized and is almost complete. It is the intention of the National Archives to digitize the census records and put them online for researchers. Visit the site and see other things that have been digitized with a group of volunteers working together to get records online for researchers. Anyone can apply to aid in the digitizing of the records.

The Ontario Archives can be contacted by correspondence, ( includes fax, mail and email)

Mailing address: The Archives of Ontario, 134 Ian MacDonald Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M7A 2C5

By telephone: 1-800-9933 toll free number (Ontario only) or 416-327-1600

Regular Online Register as an Archives of Ontario Researcher, If you are planning a visit to the archives for the first time, you are able to pre-register prior to your arrival.

Walk in services: You will receive staff assisted service in order of your arrival and will be told the expected waiting time. The best times to receive quicker service will also be posted

Renfrew Textiles circa 1916

Photographic peek at the past



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

For days we are not open appointments may be made to do research by calling Olga Lewis at 613-432-6958

Copies of pictures from collections are \$5.00 per copy. The copies of pictures from the Renfrew Mercury are \$2.00 per picture. 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 disc for the cost of two dollars a picture. If using a disk from Heritage Renfrew the cost is an additional \$2.50 for the disk

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COMING EVENTS:

OUR ANNUAL YARD AND BAKE SALE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY JUNE 2, 2012 AT 190 MASSEY CRESCENT FROM 8 AM TO 12 NOON. ANYONE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SALEABLE ARTICLES FOR THIS SALE CAN LEAVE THEM AT 190 MASSEY CRESCENT JUNE 1, 2012. SO IF YOU HAVE ARTICLES IN YOUR ATTIC OR GARAGE OR SHED THAT YOU WANT TO GET RID OF, AND ARE IN FAIRLY GOOD CONDITION PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DONATE THEM FOR THE SALE. NO CLOTHING PLEASE.

OUR ANNUAL BUS TRIP IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE FIRST WEEK IN JULY, THE DATE JULY 2, 1012. THE TRIP WILL BE TO UPPER CANADA VILLAGE. ADULTS AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME. BUS WILL LEAVE RENFREW ARCHIVES PARKING LOT AT 8:00 A.M. AND WE HOPE TO HAVE A STOP AT KEMPVILLE FOR A BREAK IN THE JOURNEY AND THEN ON TO UPPER CANADA VILLAGE. COST OF THE BUS FARE FOR ALL IS #30.00 PER PERSON. THOSE MAKING THE TRIP WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THEIR ENTRY FEE INTO THE VILLAGE AND ALSO FOR ALL MEALS ETC. PLAN TO TAKE A PICNIC LUNCH AS THERE ARE LOTS OF PICNIC TABLES AT UPPER CANADA VILLAGE FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC. FOR THE RETURN TRIP HOME THE BUS WILL LEAVE UPPER CANADA VILLAGE AT 4:00 P.M. AND WE WILL TRAVEL HOME WITH A STOP AT KEMPVILLE IF NEEDED.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO EAT AT UPPER CANADA VILLAGE THERE ARE TWO PLACES TO HAVE MEALS AND MENUS FOR EACH HAVE BEEN TAKEN DOWN SO ANYONE LOOKING FOR A PRICE LIST WILL BE ABLE TO SEE COPIES AT HERITAGE RENFREW. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OLGA LEWIS AT 613-432-6958

Olga—— from the Renfrew Mercury.

**LARGE SALE OF REAL ESTATE—— JUNE 20 1873**

The sale of village lots owned by J.L. McDougall Esq., took place, as per advertisement at the Exchange Hotel, on Saturday last. All the lots offered went off readily... As this is the first sale of real estate by public auction of any importance, that we have had, we scarcely expected to see the bidding so spirited; and it argued well for the future of Renfrew, when we find our leading business men taking hold and pushing the interests of the place. Mr J.A. Wright, of Almonte, auctioneer, conducted the sale in a manner that showed he understood his business. The following were the purchasers:

Name	lot	street	price
R.C. Mills	95	Lochiel	\$195\
	109	Munroe	\$205
	147	Munroe	\$166
W. Bannerman	96	Locheil	\$150
	27	Lochiel	\$165
W. Halpenny	97	Lochiel	\$185
	98	Lochiel	\$155
	99	Lochiel	\$155
	100	Lochiel	\$160
	101	Lochiel	\$250
	118	Cross	\$170
	60	Anne	\$160
	155	Bonnechere	\$170
John Wright	103	Lochiel	\$275
	104	Lochiel	\$195
	09	Lochiel	\$160
D. McIntyre	105	Lochiel	\$160
A. Stewart	106	Lochiel	\$155
John Stewart	107	Lochiel	\$150
John Gibbons	108	Lochiel	\$165
	29	Lochiel	\$150
A.J. McIntyre	28	Lochiel	\$160
	28	Argyle	\$160
John Smith (Tanner)	23	Lochiel	\$165
	122	Lochiel	\$150
T. Guest	22	Lochiel	\$170
James Allen	52	Anne	\$305

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Name	lot	street	price
Patrick Cassidy	121	Lochiel	\$150
	120	Lochiel	\$150
W Ferguson	110	Munroe	\$205
	111	Munroe	\$145
	148	Munroe	\$145
	129	Bonnechere	\$270
	117	Lochiel	\$185
	116	Lochiel	\$160
	115	Lochiel	\$160
	114	Lochiel	\$160
	113	Lochiel	\$160
	112	Lochiel	\$160
	149	Bonnechere	\$140
	150	Bonnechere	\$140
	151	Bonnechere	\$140
	152	Bonnechere	\$140
	153	Bonnechere	\$140
	154	Bonnechere	\$160
	188	Bonnechere	\$200
187	Bonnechere	\$180	

Total

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\$8,086

Below Swinging Bridge

