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## Message from the President

### Members of Heritage Renfrew

The year is rapidly coming to a close and the new year brings new elections for the Presidency, Executive and Board of Directors.

I will not be running for office in the coming year as I feel I have done my bit this last two years. I wish the incoming president well in her efforts to guide Heritage Renfrew through the coming year.

We have installed the new imaging device, new computer, monitor and printer for use of those who are doing research. It prints out very clear text and allows one to crop the articles that they want.

I thank Jim MacGregor and Earl Martin for all their work in getting the new device up and running. They put in a lot of work getting it ready for use.

I have been working with Joyce McBride redoing the inventory of the Collections to finish what was started a few years ago. Still have a lot more to do. Joyce does a fine job looking after the books on the bookshelves, issuing numbers for new additions.

I have donated a few books of material for researching that I have had for a few years. I have a lot of information in my computer that I hope to print out and some of it I will give to the Library for people to use who are doing research on family history and other things.

May you all have a Very Merry Christmas and all the best to all in the New Year.

Olga Lewis

President Heritage Renfrew



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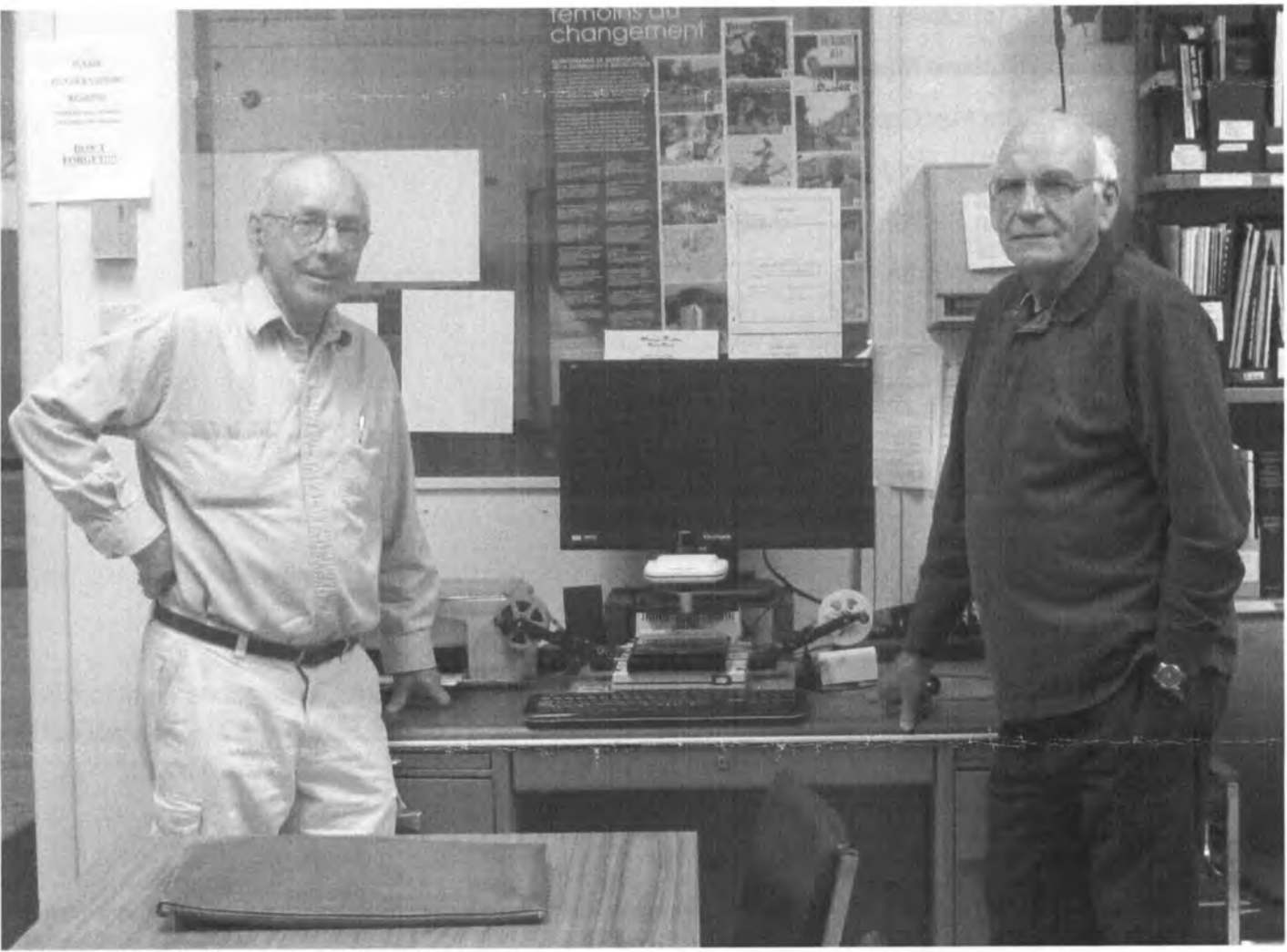
Queries are welcomed in our newsletter. They are free to any member who is searching for ancestors for their family tree.

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

olewis@sympatico.ca,

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New Member's Barbara Long, California, Francis Fricker, Haley's Station, Doug Fraser, Renfrew



**Jim MacGregor and Earl Martin with our new imaging device. A new lazer printer has been added for better print outs of articles scanned into the computer. This new device scans the microfilm and a program on the computer allows you to print as much or as little of what has been scanned by the machine. The printing is much clearer than what is done by the reader printer we use at the present time. The font can be made bigger without losing clarity.**

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Bake Sale: In late June we held our annual bake and garage sale. It was a success once again and we held another garage sale in September which was not as successful as the sale in June. However we did well selling a lot of items. I would recommend that next year the bake sale be dropped and just have a garage sale.

On November 1st we held an open house to show our new imaging device and also what we have for research and how some of the machines are run. It was a successful afternoon, and most were interested in seeing how our new device is run.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Olga Lewis Chair

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE FOR 2013

- Past President Olga Lewis
- President: Darlene Mask
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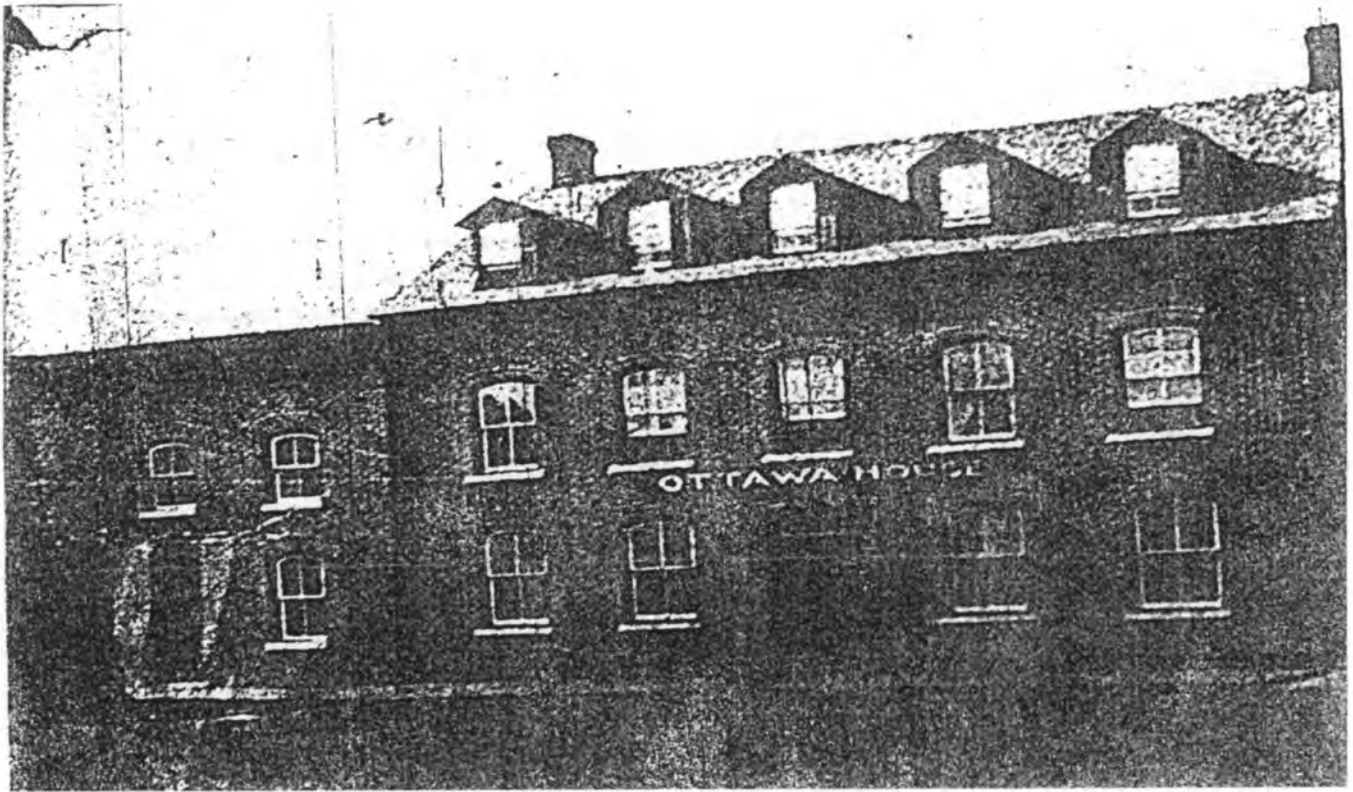
Joyce McBride

Doug Fraser

Pat Patterson

Please remember that you must have your 2013 membership paid before the elections night to be eligible to run for office. Those who have not paid up their memberships before the election will not be allowed to stand for election to any office or on the Board.

On the night of the annual General Meeting, the election will be open again for nominations from the floor. If you have not decided to be on the board of directors or run for any other office please consider doing so, as we need more active members at Heritage Renfrew.



The picture above was found in the Renfrew Mercury 1895 of the Ottawa House a hotel which used to be where the Scott Hardware is now. It was a very prominent hotel and had several owners of which one was Joseph Gravelle. Behind the hotel Mr Gravelle had built a huge hall which was used for many years for entertainments, elections and other things. In 1927 when the rink across the street burned down the hall also caught fire and burned to the ground although the hotel itself was not damaged. In 1946 Mr Scott bought the building and lot and tore the hotel down and built a modern hardware store there.



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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

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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SOME INTERNET URL'S FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

COLLECTIONSCANADA.CA This is a very good site lots of information to be found here

CANADIAN GRAVEMARKER GALLERY This is a good site lots of cemeteries

AUTOMATEDGENEALOGY.CA 1901,1906, 1911 census and also the 1851 census now online

FAMILYSEARCH.ORG Lots of information here but be advised some names are spelled wrong

HEMOPAGES.ROOTSWEB/ANCESTRY.CA This is Mary Crandall's site for Ontario Marriages

WWW.FINDAGRAVE.COM find a grave if your not sure where they are buried.

MY/BAYTEL.NET Bill Martin's site has a lot of very good information

Most of these sites can be typed in small case to access them. I used capitals so they would stand out more. A lot of information needs to be double checked, as some names are spelled wrong, especially where volunteers have been busy working and have tried to understand some of the writing.

In Pembroke at the U.O.V.G.G they now have the LDS Library films for research and if the film you want is not at the site, they can order it in. The costs for ordering the films from the U.S. have risen somewhat but they are still reasonable all the same.

Olga—— from the Renfrew Mercury.

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**RENFREW MERCURY 1955**

**FIRST FRASER STORE OPENED IN 1892 BY LATE ALEX FRASER:**

In 1892 a small store was opened on Raglan street in Renfrew on the location of the present Russell Drug Store.

The enterprising proprietor of this new retail outlet was the late Alex Fraser, a native son of the town.

Mr Fraser had served his apprenticeship with the then famous Barr & Wright store. For some three years previous he had been a partner in the firm of Fraser & McNabb that operated a general store in Portage du Fort.

Upon opening in Renfrew, the Fraser store handled a full line of clothing, dry goods, and groceries., and even then as is today the Fraser name was synonymous with quality, service and values.

Shortly after opening, fire destroyed the Fraser store and temporary premises were obtained in the Hynes building where Stedman stores are now located.

The business prospered and in 1902 Mr Fraser erected the present Frood block and carried on an exclusive men's and boy's apparel business. In 1920 the present premises were obtained and what was then a moving picture theatre was converted into two modern stores, one of which was occupied by the Fraser firm.

In 1916 the present senior member of the firm L.J. Fraser entered the business and the addition of D.L. Fraser in 1945 has meant a continued ownership for 63 years.

In 1952 the members of this firm carried out an expansion program that had long been their dream. This was the acquisition of the entire ground floor of the building and the construction of the ultra modern store front. The unusual treatment of rare Honduras Mahogany, Roman brick and aluminum is constantly commented upon by local and transient people.

AS is usual at anniversary time, Fraser's are staging a special sales event, which begins tomorrow, September 30. The phrase "a name that grows with the years" can be aptly applied to this well known apparel centre for men and boys in Renfrew as well as this firm's branch stores in Shawville, Eganville, and 129 Bank street, Ottawa.

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Our guest speaker for the AGM will be Donald Beauprie who will be speaking on the railway and Algonquin Park. This should be a very interesting topic as it covers Algonquin Park when it was a tourist haven in the early 1900's and there were some large hotels built for tourists and were accessible mostly by railway. It covers other places in the park such as Cache Lake, and other places now no longer used.

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**Interesting City Directory Found at Library and Archives Site**

**1851 Directory of Pembroke**

A village situated in the Township of Pembroke, and County of Renfrew, C.W.—distant from Bytown, 86 miles, — usual steamboat fare from Bytown 7s 6d, usual stage fare from Portage du Fort, 6s

**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PROPRIETORS, TRADES, ETC.**

**Bell John and David, merchants, general traders, lumber dealers, and tannery**

**Butcher Rev. George B. Wesleyan**

**Rowan Joseph innkeeper**

**Centres, Lewis lumber merchant**

**Supple John lumber merchant**

**Church, Horace saw and carding mill**

**Sweetle Aaron blacksmith**

**Currie, John, lumber merchant**

**White Peter lumber merchant**

**Davidson, James lumber merchant**

**Dunlop A.H. Lumber merchant**

**Dunlop John lumber merchant**

**Dunlop Mrs D.C. Innkeeper**

**Gauld Jason steamboat and stage owner**

**Henderson Robert architect**

**Judge Dr. John**

**Johnston James B. Lumber merchant**

**Ledgerwood James roaster builder**

**Little William innkeeper**

**Lynch Rev. J. Roman Catholic**

**McLaren & White general traders**

**McCauley Alex & Charles lumber merchants**

**Martin Robert carpenter**

**Melville Rev. Andrew Free Church**

**Moffatt Alexander miller and postmaster**

**Moffat W. & J.P. Merchants, general store, and lumber dealers**

**O'Kelly Christopher lumber merchant**

**O'Meara Daniel Merchant and general trader**

**Powell Alexander W. Lumber merchant**

**Portaous Robert boat and shoe store**