

McBride.

Belleville office manager Sandra Arsenault believes the "overwhelming" local demand for service is really a sign of the times.

"Renovating is really big right now. It's a sign that people are renovating their homes instead of moving into other homes," she said.

Handyman Connection sets the rates for each job, not the craftsman who comes out to do

the estimate.

"And these rates are standard across the entire franchise in Canada," she said.

All work is also guaranteed for one year.

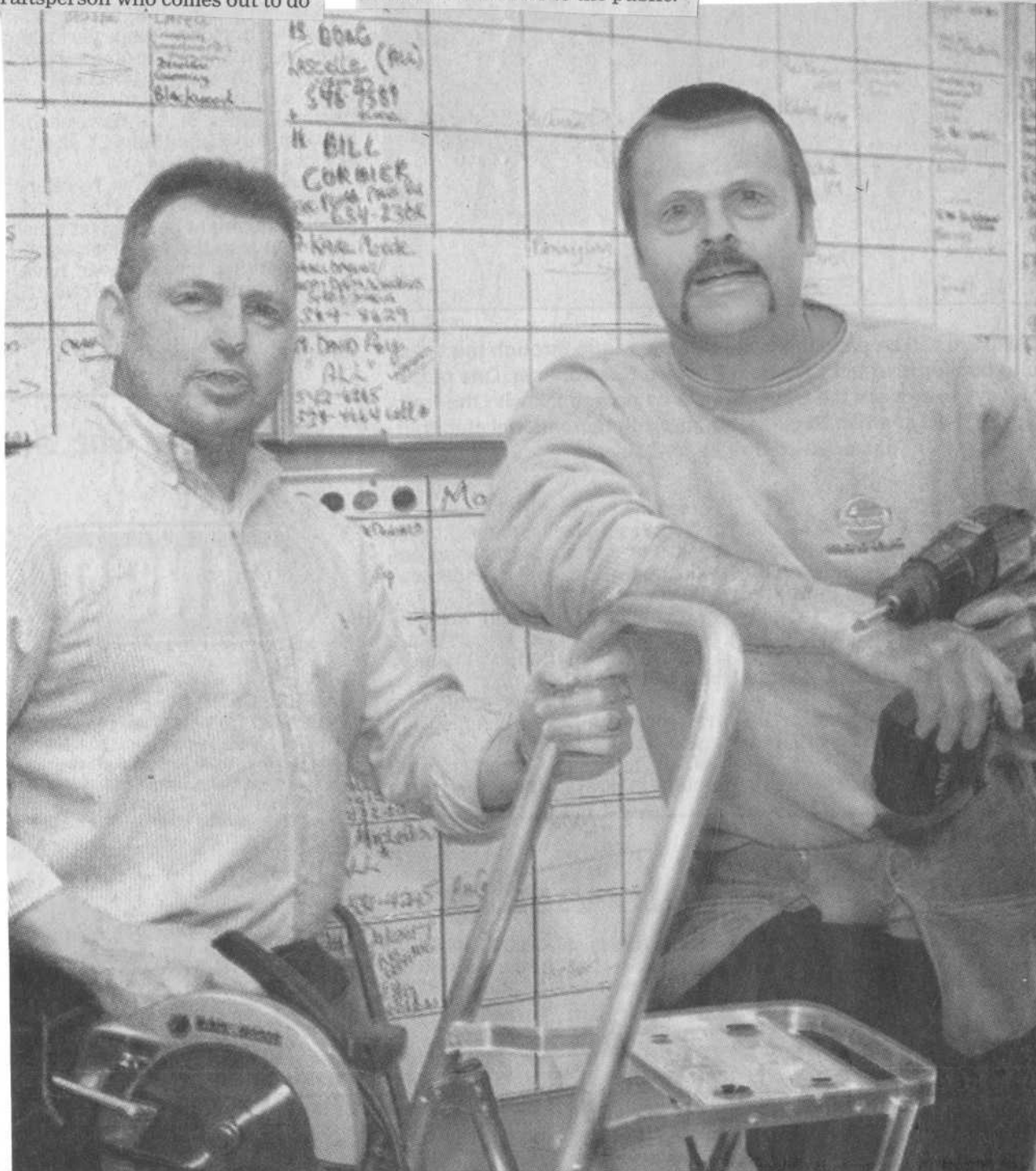
Arsenault reiterated McBride's comments that more skilled tradespeople are required.

"We're always looking to bring people on board to provide an even better service to the public."

"All homeowners are eligible to use our services and they come from all walks of life," he said.

"We're pleased with the response from the Belleville and Trenton area. If we had more craftspeople on board, we could get to our job orders a lot sooner.

"We could use about a half dozen more people," said



Brad Robinson, left, and Robert Roddick are two of local craftspeople with Handyman Connection.

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