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In the 1880's, when this photograph was taken, most of Renfrew's business was done near the upper end of Raglan Street. It was near here that most of the traffic from McNab, Bagot and much of Horton had to enter the village. Travel to and from Admaston, Brougham, Grattan and beyond was by the Opeongo Road which joined Raglan Street at this point.

The British Hotel, the big building with the verandahs, had been a hotel from the very early days of the village. It was demolished in 1929 to make

room for M J Sullivan's McColl Frontenac Service Station, now the Texaco.

The large building next to the hotel was the Barr and Wright store, one of Renfrew's busiest places of business. It had been built in 1881 by David Barr and A A Wright who had formed a partnership in 1870 when they took over the old established store of William Airth. Soon after they built the brick store they dissolved partnership and A A Wright carried on under his own name until 1899 when the store was destroyed by fire.

In the 1880's Renfrew's sidewalks were made of plank.

# Raglan St in 1880