

"CRAIG" BLOCK c1871

c19XX - 20XX

28 - 30 King St. W. 58 - 60 King St. W. (1880s address) 2 Storefronts



DIRECTORY LISTINGS:

1882: O'Donahoe Bros, dry goods (30*), ??? (28*) 1884/1885: O'Donahoe Bros, dry goods (30*), Steele & Miller, groceries & provisions (28*) 1886/1887: O'Donahoe Bros, dry goods (30*), Robertson & Tennant, auctioneer's (28*) 1890: O'Donahoe Bros, dry goods (30*), Baker & Davis, bankrupt stocks & Robertson & Baker, auction rooms (28*) **1895:** vacant store (30*), G.W. Baker, dry goods & shoes (28*) 1900: O'Donahoe Bros, dry goods (30*), Albert Robinson, book seller (28*) 1910: Robert Craig Hats & Furs (30, 32), Miss N.V. Hickson fancy goods (28) 1912/1921: Robert Craig furriers, men's furnishings (30, 32), Brockville Fruit Market (28) 1924/1926: Robert Craig furriers, men's furnishings (30), J.A. McNabb ladies ready to wear (28) 1929/1931: Robert Craig furriers, men's furnishings (30), Clayton's womens wear (28) 1933/1937: Robert Craig furriers, men's furnishings (30), Small Brothers, women's wear (28) 1941/1952: Robert Craig furriers, men's furnishings (30), Glube's, women's wear (28) 1954/1966: Robert Craig furriers, men's furnishings (30), Belgium Stores, women's wear (28) 1969/1984: Robert Craig furriers, men's furnishings (30), Lindor (28) 1986: Robert Craig furriers, men's furnishings (30), Lindor (28), Pal's Tailor Shop (30u) 1988/1995: Craig' of Brockville, clothing (30), Sam The Record Man (28), Pal's Tailor Shop (30u) 1997: Craig' of Brockville, clothing / Dreamweaver's Gourmet Food & Basket Shop (30), vacant (28) **2000:** Craig' of Brockville, clothing (30), Spitfire Grill (28) **2009:** Dollar Bazaar (30), Tango (28) 2012/2013: Dollar Bazaar (30), Oasis Restaurant (28) 2014/2018: Dollar Bazaar (30), Nakhen Thai restaurant (28)

(There is a possible directory error in the 1895/96 Foster's Brockville directory, in the King St., Courthouse to Market St. block only, as occupants do not line up with before/after directories, unless there is another explanation of the difference.)

This double block did not appear in a photo taken in 1869. It does appear on the 1874 map drawing and appears in a photo taken before 1879. It was built between 1870 and 1872

O'Donahoe Bros, dry goods merchant, was run by John C. O'Donahoe who lived at 91 Bethune (1880s address) and Charles O'Donahoe (1882).

Robertson & Tennant, 1886/87, auctioneer's, crockery & glassware: James Robertson (h. Pearl St.) & James Tennant (h. Pearl St.). The parntership was unsuccessful as was gone by the end of the decade. James Robertson is shown in 1884/85 as a "dept. sherriff". This does seem to be him as he is shown living at 230 Pearl St. (1880s address). Likewise, James Tennent is listed as a "commercial traveller" living at 165 Pearl St. (1880s address). Likewise, James Tennent is listed as a "commercial traveller" living at 165 Pearl St. (1880s address). Likewise, James Tennent is listed as a "commercial traveller" living at 165 Pearl St. (1880s address), later 99 Pearl St. E. (1995 address). There is no mention of any Robertson & Tennant business. We can conclude from this that the two got together and started it around 1886. Robertson was an auctioneer on his own in the 1990s. There is a James T. Tennent in 1895 dealing in artificial limbs, living on Beecher St. May/may not be same person.

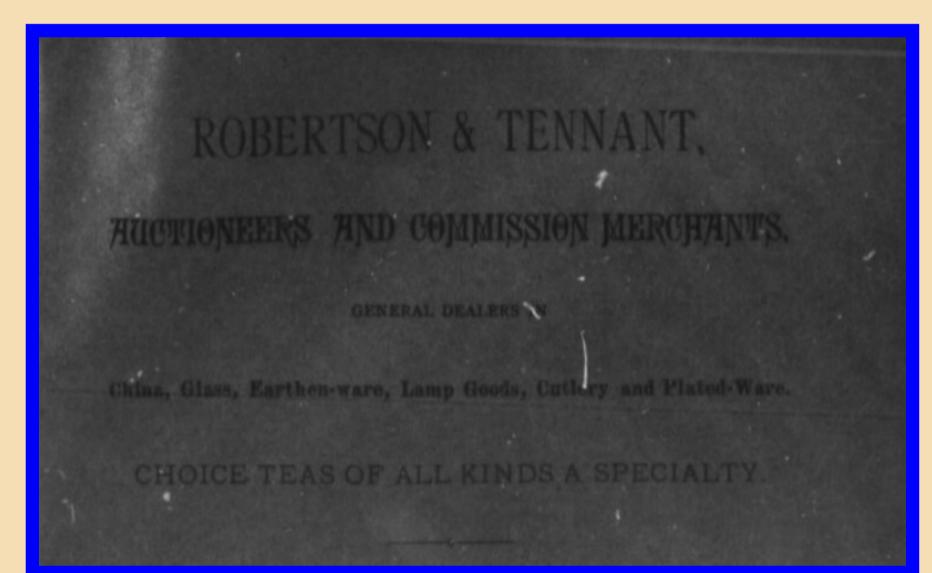
Craig's were one of the longest lasting local stores, almost a century here. They started previously down the street.

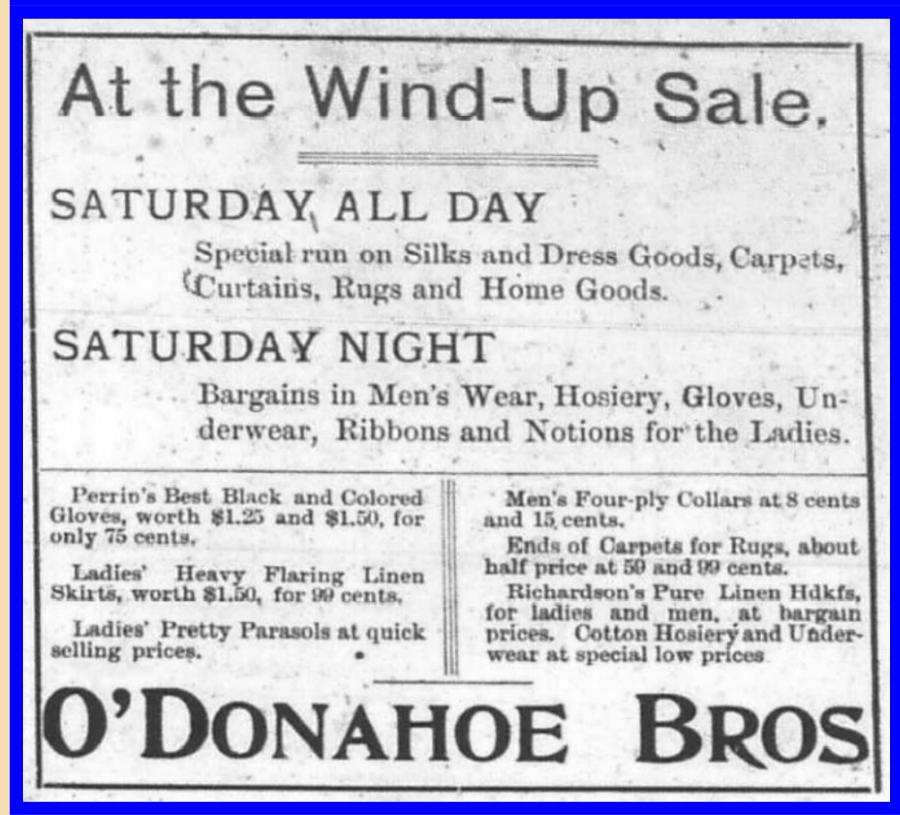
Glube's women's wear, "The House of Style" existed at this location from around 1940 to around 1953. It was owned by Stanley Glube (1910-1998), who lived in Ottawa at the time the store was here. There probably were other stores, and it was an Ottawa based regional chain. **Belgium Stores** had D. Ferguson as manager.

STOREFRONTS



ADVERTISING





Robertson & Tennant, auctioneers, 1897 O'Donahoe Bros. dry goods, 1899.

INTERIORS



Interior of Craig's in the early days.

ERINDALE: THE CRAIG HOUSE



214 King St. W. Erindale, the Craig House was built in 1910.

"This is only early photograph I have found of the 'Mary & Robert CRAIG House', which they named 'Erindale'. This was a common practice in the past. They purchased the 50 ft. property here at the corner of Murray St. on 20 JAN. 1910, from the owner of the whole lot who lived next door, Patrick John MURRAY for \$750.00" (Doug Grant)

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