

**MCNAB TOWNSHIP — 1891****Even Reeve pulled stumps**

The municipal council of McNab township met at the town hall at Stewartville on May 26, 1891.

The following committee of the whole report was presented;

With regard to the matter of Thomas Brennan's road left over from a former meeting of council, that \$25 be granted to open and repair the road.

With regard to the petition of Michael Rafter, Thomas Mooney and others, that Mr. McCreary do examine the drain and expend \$15.

Regarding the petition of Michael Roddy and others to alter the new travelled road on lots 23 and 24 in the 12th concession so as to do away with the two railway crossings on said lots, that the reeve and deputy-reeve do examine the road and report at the next meeting of council.

Petition of Joseph Storie and others for a grant of money sufficient to remove the stumps off the road on lots 19 and 20 in the 11th concession, that the reeve and deputy-reeve be commissioned to examine and ascertain what it will cost to remove said stumps.

Petition of Edward Dillon to have the drain deepened on the 10th concession line along lots 15 and 16, that the drain be deepened with statute labour and that the culvert that the pathmaster was ordered to make across the 10th line at the last meeting of council be not now made and that the clerk do notify the pathmaster to that effect.

Application by James Taylor for money to repair the gully bridge on lot 3 in the 10th concession, that \$20 be granted and that Mr. McCreary do expend the same.

Applications by Thomas Gillespie for money sufficient to fix the approaches to the bridge on lot 14 in the 9th concession, that \$10 be granted and that Mr. Scheels do expend the same.

Application by Octave Carron, pathmaster, for a grant of money to repair the bridge on the Dochart Creek on the 11th concession line at lot 14, that Mr. Stewart be commissioned to have the bridge repaired as soon as possible.

That Mr. Scheels get a mailing put on the bridge on the Arnprior and Burnstown Road known as the Spring Creek bridge.

**A BRIEF HISTORY  
of ARNPRIOR**

ARNPRIOR, was named in 1831 by the Buchanan Brothers, Arnprior's first lumbermen, whom Archibald, The Laird of McNab, claimed as relatives. He gave them a free mill site and provided them with timber at a very low cost.

The name was a compliment to themselves and to McNab after the ancestral bailiwick in Scotland. The origin of the name Arnprior is The Priory on the Arn. A priory is a monastic house presided over by a prior or a prioress, and the Arn is a small stream in Shropshire, Scotland.

Arnprior town is within the boundaries of McNab township, Renfrew County, Province of Ontario, Canada. It is on Highway No. 17 approximately thirty-five miles West of Ottawa, Canada's capital city.

The town lies on the banks of Chats Lake, a widening of the Ottawa River at the mouth of the once turbulent tributary, the Madawaska River. There is an excellent water supply available and a broad recreation area in the vicinity of this picturesque town. Air rail and bus services are available.

Between the two large cities of Montreal and Toronto and only one hundred miles from the new St. Lawrence shipping lanes, Arnprior is ideally located for industry in Eastern Ontario's Golden Triangle.

1823 - Archibald McNab came to Canada and was eventually to arrange for settlement of a newly surveyed township which he had permission to name after himself.

1843 - The McNab was expelled from the township and the people were free to live their own lives and build a future for themselves and their families.

1850 - McNab Township, in the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, was incorporated under the Municipal Institution Act of 1849, enacted by the Parliament of United Canada. It is recorded in the McNab Township minutes that a meeting of the United townships of McNab and Bagot was held at the home of John McIntyre, Flat Rapids, for the purpose of electing five councillors.

1851 - The first Daniel McLachlin purchased the land wherein began the village of Arnprior.

1853 - James Morris, Reeve of McNab Township, was Warden of the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew.

1861 - McNab Township became a part of Renfrew County, which separated that year from Lanark County and was incorporated.

1862 - Arnprior was incorporated as a village.

1892 - Arnprior was incorporated as a town.

1901 - Arnprior, an incorporated town in Renfrew County, Ontario, on the main line C.P.R. and also on the Ottawa Div. G.T.R., 38 miles from Ottawa, containing shingle, planing, roller, saw and woolen mills, two telegraph offices, two express offices, two printing offices, 32 stores, nine churches, six hotels, two sash and door factories, one boat factory, two banks, and a large lumber trade. Marble quarries and iron mines in the vicinity. Population (1901) 4,152. - Lovell's Gazetteer, 1908.