

Arnprior and the Township of McNab

The following of the census of Arnprior and McNab, taken in 1851 and 1852, is by F. X. Laderoute of Ottawa who remarks: "There was a census in 1825, in 1831 and in 1841 but they have evidently been destroyed or lost as they cannot be found here so this is the first known recorded census of the district."

The township of McNab granted by the crown about the year 1822 to Archibald C. McNab, esquire, known as "Chief McNab," and in about 1825 he arrived with nineteen Scottish families composing 100 persons chiefly from Perthshire in Scotland. In 1829, George and Andre Buchanan (Buchan) built the first saw mill and grist mill in the neighborhood of the village.

The enumerator of the census of 1851-1852, James Brown, who resided on lot 18, concession 7, near the present village of Glasgow, writes as follows: 'The face of the country bears a hilly, but not mountainous surface; has many tracts of ordinary, good land and several of a light, sandy soil, interspersed with considerable tracts of rocky and barren hills, numerous swamps, mostly of small extent, and is in general a piney country. It is well in general, has numerous or brooks, some of which and others could be, avail-for water power. The Madawaska river, (of about the second class of Canada streams), runs throughout the whole township, entering it on the 17th lot from the south east side and leaving at an angle of about 45 degrees from the line, touches the township of Pakenham and Fitzroy, and again enters McNab falling into the Chats Lake at Lot Number 3.

On the river are several rapids within the township, of longer or shorter extent. It is a principal tributary of the Ottawa river and the abiding stream for the passage of immense quantities of lumber. The lumber trade has been for many years the staple trade of the township but is now only partially pursued; the business nearing further up the county. , On the south-east corner of the township is a large and beautiful sheet of water called White Lake. It is of an irregular shape and many miles in circumference. It is the source of a brook which are several sawmills, grist mills and a wool carding "mill; most of these are situated near the blooming village.

The leading road from the upper townships of this county is by way of Renfrew village in Horton and Burnstown in this township and thence by way of Pakenham, Ramsay, and to Perth. This road is kept in good repair. Another principal leading road runs along the bank of the Chats Lake from Horton to Fitzroy and is the principal thoroughfare from, the upper townships on the Ottawa river to Bytown, the nearest market town. Another' leading road, but only lately opened passes from the village of Burnstown, better known as Madawaska bridge to Sand Point, at the Chats Lake, a distance of a little more than ten miles. The road from this situation, opening up the centre of the township, will, when put in good repair, become a most useful thoroughfare from the upper country in the Madawaska river to the Ottawa, meeting the navigation at Sand Point. There are several other roads of greater

