

And invoking the same Act the McNab township council decreed that the sum of thirty-, one pounds and fourteen shillings be levied in school section No. 2, sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence in school section No. 3 and 1W, in the pound on all rateable property in school section No.2

Those were the days when Burnstown was Johnston's Rock, when Arnprior was still part of the township of McNab, when Perth was the legal and business centre of both Lanark and Renfrew counties and Watson's Corners was 'Granny Cumming's Comer.' It was an era when settlers took turns boarding the itinerant male school teachers, one of whom is described as "a typical Simon Legree if I ever saw one."

But from that strange beginning in a new land there came remarkable development. Not only is McNab today one of the richest in agricultural and natural resources in all Ontario, but schools headed by qualified teachers now dot the countryside in almost every concession line, wide, well-kept roads are everywhere. Its citizens intellectual and cultural, farm forums spread the gospel of cooperative living and its Women's Institutes constitute a shining point the way to a happy and purposeful rural life.

The sturdy Scottish folk who followed Chief McNab from the moors and burns of Perthshire in 1825 and settled in the forest-girt terrain of a new land bullied better than they knew. But it may be well that the school pupils of today realize that they necessarily did it the hard way.