

The cattle had been previously sold to Mr. M. Stewart and Mr. Wm Hamilton, two drovers from this area.

A thriving sawmill operated by Billie McLean was located just outside the village. It was steam driven and in the summer months when there was no logs being sawed he ran a threshing machine doing custom work throughout the community.

The sawdust was carted away by sleighs to store the ice blocks for cooling milk, cream and food in the summer. Ice blocks were cut with an ice saw (hand operated) from a pit on Andrew Hamilton's farm. For a few weeks when the ice was thick enough to cut into 16 x 16 foot blocks, farmers were busy hauling the ice blocks home (20 blocks to a load). Some horses had great difficulty backing their sleighs down near the cutting area. The blocks were piled into an icehouse in layers and completely covered with thick layers of sawdust. I was brought up on a dairy farm and the only coolant for the milk was ice in big tanks of cold water. It took over 300 blocks per summer for our use.



There were two cheese factories, one just outside the village and a new one built in 1901 at the crossroads of the 8th line and the Sand Point-Burnstown Road. A home for the cheesemaker was built shortly afterwards.

A community Hall was built in 1915 in the village on land donated by John Hamilton - wedding receptions, municipal elections, plays, church services, Christmas concerts and all social events in the community were held here. Our W.I. often scrubbed the walls, floors, updated the kitchen facilities with boilers, teapots, dishes, tables etc. Water had to be hauled for all these occasions. The Hall was deeded over to the Arnprior McNab Lions Club in 1991 and has been sold to an individual in 2005.

The Glasgow United Church met in the Community Hall from 1925 - 1949 when a new church was built. An addition to the church was built in the 1980's.

The McNab Municipal business was conducted out of the home of James and Stewart Anderson who were the Township Clerks. In 1966 a new municipal office was built and a fire hall with 2 washrooms, lunchrooms, 3 offices, community policing and council chambers added on in 1989. A municipal garage was built in 1982 and a salt and sand shed in 1995.

The first volunteer fire fighting service came into operation in the early 1950's with the purchase of a pumper, which was stored in the township hall. A few volunteers living close by carried the pumper to the files. Fire service was upgraded over the years with trained personnel and fire trucks. We now have an excellent Volunteer Fire Department stationed at Glagow, White Lake and Braeside under Fire Chief Glen Styles.