

McNabb, when it sharply crosses the boundary between Pakenham and McNabb, then proceeding easterly crosses the boundary between Pakenham and Fitzroy, and again sharply turns northerly and easterly and regains its original course through the county of Renfrew by crossing the boundary line between Fitzroy and Pakenham.

It is therefore obvious that if the original boundary lines are to be opened, no less than three expensive bridges in close proximity would be necessary, namely, one between the townships of Pakenham and Fitzroy, one between the townships of Pakenham and McNabb, and one between the townships of Fitzroy and McNabb. None of the boundary lines in question has ever been opened throughout across this loop, and none of these bridges has ever been built, although the neighbourhood has been settled for many years.

The present situation upon the ground is, that the obstruction caused by the loop in the river is overcome by a highway built and maintained around the southerly side of the loop, commencing at the east in the boundary line between the townships of McNabb and Fitzroy, and ending in the west in the boundary line between the townships of McNabb and Pakenham, this having been apparently the order of its construction, that is, from east to west. The boundary line road between the townships of Pakenham and Fitzroy was opened up at a later date, and apparently ends when it joins the other first mentioned road.

The exact origin of the east and west road around the loop is not at all clear. There was in the early days a mill at or near the bridge in question over the Wawa stream in the township of Fitzroy, and at least a portion of the road now in question, possibly all of it in the township of Fitzroy, owes its origin to the efforts of private individuals to reach this mill. And the other portion, namely, that through the township of Pakenham around the bend, had apparently a somewhat similar origin, in that it too was originally a mere trespass road. Then the council of the township of Fitzroy passed a by-law to establish a road to the Pakenham boundary line, in the line if not upon the exact site of the old trespass road, and also of the present travelled road, on 12th December, 1853. And the council of the township of Pakenham passed a similar by-law to establish a road from that boundary line to the boundary line between Pakenham and McNabb, also upon or near the site of the older trespass road, on 1st