

latter gave the Chief a bond for the performance of their part of the contract and immediately commenced operations. The land was cleared, workshops of log were erected, a store and dwelling of the same material were put up, a dam was thrown across the Madawaska and a bridge spanned the river. A grist mill was erected on the small island were now the present bridge rests one of its piers and the sawmill stood on the site of the present larger water mill. Early in 1833 the works were in operation and Arnprior became active for the first time and from that small beginning the Arnprior lumber industry has grown to be one of the largest on the continent, and the town takes rank with the best.

In 1834 the Buchanans and Chief McNab had a serious quarrel which culminated in the former handing over their property to Messrs. Gould, Simpson and Mittleberger. About this time another party of Highland settlers arrived in McNab including the McLachlans, the Stewarts, the Fergusons, the Robertsons and the Duffs, the descendants of these families being still in Arnprior and McNab in large numbers. The persecution of the settlers by Chief McNab was becoming worse. By this time steamboats were plying regularly between Montreal and Fitzroy Harbor and the Messrs. Buchanan were resolved to extend the service to the Chneaux rapids and a steamer was in course of construction when Mr. Andrew Buchanan fell ill and died. He was buried on the spot where now stands the Arnprior creamery and in 1853 Mr. Wm. Russell had the remains removed to the Arnprior cemetery. The year 1835 closed with Chief McNab engaged in a law suit with George Buchanan, and with the work of clearing a farm at White Lake and the erection of Waba Lodge, the chief's White Lake home, which stands to this day.

In the fall of 1836 George Buchanan failed and the whole estate was taken over by Messrs. Simpson, Gould and Mittleberger. Business in and about Arnprior became dormant and in 1839 the above-named firm abandoned the town. The grist mill had gone out of repair, the mills were being plundered and they had been assigned to the Middletons in Liverpool. Everything bore the aspect of ruin and desolation. The old-time glory of the place was gone. The people of McNab, however, were making progress; they applied for a minister and Rev. Alex. Mann was sent out from Scotland to minister to the wants of the people of Fitzroy, McNab and Pakenham. The first church was erected upon the lot of Mrs. James Stewart, 2nd concession of McNab, in 1840. The building is still used as a church. Schools were also erected in the township about this time.

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