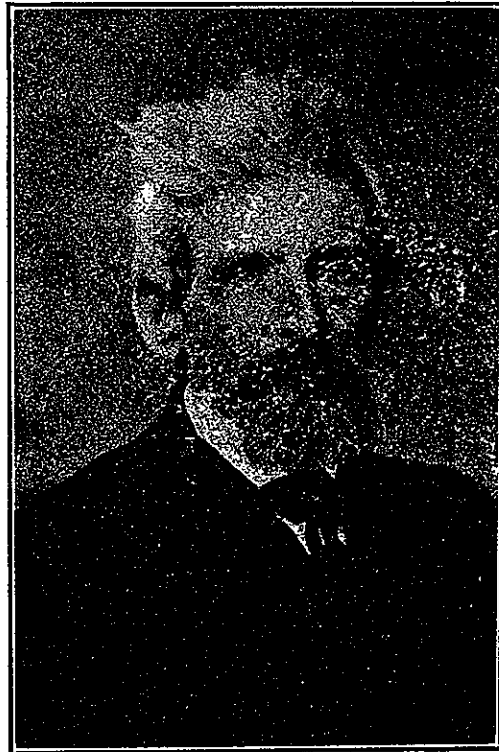


Rankin. The cut reproduced herewith is taken from this old faded photograph.

Arthur Rankin, brother of Charles, was appointed a Deputy Provincial Surveyor on April 6th, 1836, and practised at Sandwich. Charles Edward Rankin, son of Dr. John Rankin, qualified as a P.L.S. on July 8th, 1859, and practised at Picton, Ont.

JOHN McNAUGHTON.



At the close of the Revolutionary War several Regiments of Royalists were disbanded in Upper Canada, one of them being the first battalion of King's Royal Regiment of New York, of which Sir John Johnson was Lt. Col. Commanding. The officers and privates of the battalion were allotted lands along the St. Lawrence in what was afterwards the Johnstown District (named after Sir John).

Donald McNaughton was born in 1743 or 1744. Early in the Revolutionary War he was taken prisoner, but was released on parole. For protecting a rebel who deserted he was arrested, but the officers who made the arrest were overpowered by his friends, and kept in bonds for twenty-four hours, by which time they were safely on their way to Canada. They crossed Lake St. Francis and landed near Lancaster. The date of his arrival in Canada is given as 1776.

He was granted a lot in the First Concession of Charlottenburg, on the River St. Lawrence, the third lot from the East Boundary. The eight eastern lots of this concession were not numbered on the map prepared by Patrick McNiff, dated No-

ember 1st, 1786, but the name of Donald McNaughton appears on the lot as stated.

After settling in Glengarry he married Annie MacDonald, who came out from Scotland. There were four sons—Duncan, Robert, Alexander and John, also four daughters—Mary, who married a Macdonell; Catherine, married McDonald; Elizabeth (unmarried) and Margaret, who married John Chisholm.

Donald McNaughton, Sr., died in Charlottenburg in April, 1841.

The eldest son, Duncan, unmarried, died in the western part of the Province when serving in the Glengarry Militia in 1812.

Robert settled on a farm in Glengarry, and Alexander, originally on the homestead, but later in the Township of Ross, Renfrew County. Robert had one son and two daughters.

Alexander McNaughton was born in 1798 and died in 1876. He had two sons—Duncan A. and Donald. The former resides at Cobden in Renfrew County, but is engaged in lumbering near New Liskeard.

John McNaughton was born about 1794. He served in the Militia in the war of 1812, probably under Duncan Macdonell. Subsequently he studied surveying with Duncan Macdonell, known as "Greenfield," who received his appointment as a Deputy Surveyor in 1808. He lived at St. Raphael originally, and was Registrar from 1853 to 1865.

John McNaughton was appointed a Deputy Provincial Surveyor on June 2nd, 1821, and appears to have resided with his father and brother on the homestead.

In 1828 he made a trip up the Ottawa River, intending to go to Lake Nipissing, but provisions failed when within a few miles of the Lake, and he was forced to return. Within the next year or so he went up the Kipawa River, the North River and the Blanche.

For the Provincial Government he surveyed the Townships of Ross, Westmeath and Pembroke in the County of Renfrew under instructions issued in 1831, and he also made surveys of mining limits on the north shore of Lake Huron in 1846, and along the Ottawa River in the following year.

In an old note book he commenced an article on "British North America," from which we abstract certain items of interest.

"A surveyor reported that there was not fifty acres of arable land on the Ottawa River above Grenville P.O., but later a shrewd American from Massachusetts established himself at the Chaudiere Falls on the north side of the Ottawa."

"The Upper Canada mail was carried fortnightly on a man's back from Montreal to Kingston, prior to 1812, as a horse could not be taken through the entire distance." (This must have been before 1800). "Bateaux, with five men for each, took a fortnight from Montreal to Kingston and return." "Durham boats of larger capacities replaced the bateaux before the war of 1812."

In a fragment of what appears to be a copy of a letter or report, he states "that the Government allowance for a Surveyor was then \$2.00 per diem, with 1s 6d for rations; two chainbearers have 3s 9d with 1s 6d in lieu of rations; axemen to get 2s 6d a day with 1s 6d allowed each for rations, a full party not to exceed nine men and the Surveyor."

John McNaughton built the first sawmill in the Township of Ross, east of Foresters Falls, on a small stream that discharged into Lake Roche Fondu, which he operated for some years. This mill was burned about 1860. He exchanged it with his brother, Alexander, for the old homestead in Glengarry, where he returned and took up his residence. He followed farming and did local surveying.

John McNaughton was not successful as a farmer, and eventually disposed of his farm and lived at different places, considerable of his time being spent in Ottawa.

In his declining years he was taken care of by his niece, Elizabeth, a sister of Duncan Chisholm, who never married. She is now living on the old homestead at Glengarry with a nephew, Duncan McDonald, 83 years of age, a son of Catherine McNaughton.

John McNaughton died in December, 1888.

The information for the above sketch was furnished by his nephews, Duncan Chisholm, of Glen Robertson, and D. A. McNaughton (son of Alexander), of Cobden. The photo, taken in 1852, was given to D. A. McNaughton by a noted bushman, Jas. D. McDonald, better known throughout the Upper Ottawa Valley as "Jimmie-the-Duck," who was a cousin of the Surveyor.

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