

PIONEER DAYS IN BRUCE RECALLED BY RESIDENT HAILING FROM SCOTLAND.

Mrs. Mary Crow, of Albemarle Township, now in her 88th year, made first home at Colpoy's Bay; first white girl in Peninsula (1928).

The pioneering and adventurous spirit of the British people is probably stronger than that of any other nation, as there is no habitable part of the globe to which some of them have not gone in quest of adventure, or to open up new countries, which have become important factors in the world's commerce. To these men and women of undaunted courage has rightly been attributed the vast extent and unsurpassed prosperity of the British Empire.

Canada, and coming even closer to home, the County of Bruce, is an outstanding example of what has been accomplished as a result of the hardships and privations endured by the early settlers in hewing for themselves homes in the wilderness and blazing the trail for commerce and industry which now flourish on every hand. In our day the achievements of these sturdy people are oft-times overlooked until they have laid down their work, sometimes broken in body, but not in spirit, or have been called by death.

There are still a few of these early pioneers with us who have many interesting experiences to relate of their early life in the wilderness. Our thoughts, however, at this time are centered around one who has been an outstanding figure in the early life of the Bruce Peninsula. Mrs. Mary Crow of the township of Albermarle, is in her 88th year, and until recent years enjoyed exceptional health, and while a stroke has deprived her of much of her physical vigor, she is still young in spirit and her mind alert. Mrs. Crow, whose maiden name was Mary Smith, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1841, which she has made known with pardonable pride.