

In 1854 the Saugeen or Bruce Peninsula was sold by the Indians to the white man. Banded as the south by a line from the Indian village of Nowash, where the Pottawatamie River flows into Owen Sound Bay, to the Indian village of Saugeen, where the river of that name flows into Lake Huron, in this surrender several small reserves were excepted, among them a strip at Owen Sound, which was to become Sarawak Township in 1857, and a tract of land at Colpoz's Bay. Owen Sound

In 1861 the Colpoz's Bay Indian Reserve was surrendered. All of the lands in Grey County north of Derby Township to Colpoz's Bay, and east of the present Highway 6 to Owen Sound water, except for the Sarawak portion, form Kippel Township. In 1855 Charles Rankin surveyed it, as well as Amabel Township, in Bruce County, west of Highway 6. He included a diagonal road from west of Owen Sound which is now the county road through Shallow Lake to Hepworth.

As early as 1857 there were settlements on the Big Bay shore, that broad bay which ^{curves} into the shore east of Colpoz's Bay and west of the Owen Sound Bay. Gradually a little village made its appearance, the post office established there in 1863 at the corner of the Lake Shore Road and sideroad 37 being called North Kippel. The same year appeared a post office farther west at Owen Sound, at the corner of the 11th sideroad and what is now the county road from Warton. The mail went from Owen Sound every Tuesday through Sarawak post office, North Kippel and Owen Sound to Colpoz's Bay, a village north of the water of the same name.

The first post office serving Amabel Township appeared in 1865. It was Elsinore, at the corner of the road at lot 40 and the south side of the present Highway 21 - which actually put just within Arran Township.

Amabel's largest village, Hepworth, began to take form in the middle 1860's. The original owner of the land, William Pews, proposed laying out a town plot. He asked the Methodist Reverend Mr. Green to suggest a name. Green asked him why he did not name his town Epworth, after the birthplace of John Wesley. Pews, being an Englishman, pronounced the name as if it had an initial H. Since there were unaware of this error the name stuck. In 1866 a post office was opened, actually on the east or Kippel Township side of what is now Highway 6 and the county road from Owen Sound, from where it received its mail.

Park Hill post office was also opened in 1866, on the west or Amabel side of the present Highway 6.