

In 1881, a little red school was built on the S.E. corner of the Robert MacIvor farm which served the early pioneers and has later been replaced by a better and more commodious building.

The farm was later enlarged making in all 600 acres. John MacIvor was an energetic and enterprising citizen. He early saw the necessity of stock improvement and imported many pure-bred animals in cattle, sheep and swine. He was early in planting substantial orchards and was the largest maple products producer on the peninsula having a modern sugar house, and appliances which included two large evaporators and frequently tapped 1000 trees. He shipped his products as far west as British Columbia's coast cities. Robert MacIvor's first home was a concave roofed shanty later supplanted by a commodious log house. A good frame barn was also erected. Both these have been destroyed by fire.

John MacIvor's first house and barn was of logs and served to house many men and animals during the clearing and construction days and it was the regular stopping place for travellers passing through on the way to Cape Croker and money or not no one was never turned away hungry from their door. Fire destroyed these barns with most of the contents in 1887 and the following year he proceeded to erect on the Lone farm a most substantial barn and stable.

In 1901, the present substantial residence of cement, stone, and timber was begun and shortly completed. This residence has been the home of the Post Office when it was first established. It has also been a store.

Great quantities of hay were raised and for a while a sawmill was operated which produced the materials for the huge barns and other farms and his own. The hay was usually disposed of to lumber operators on the North Shore and on the islands at the mouth of Colpoys Bay.

During construction and clearing time, it was not uncommon to see workmen numbering 20 to 30 around the MacIvor board - and on special occasions, such as Barn Raisings or Logging Bees, Piper Currie of Cape Chin, MacLaren's Pipe Band of Wiarton or other special music would be provided.

John MacIvor the pioneer owner, builder, and operator of the East Albemarle Stock farm passed away and was laid to rest at McLeod, Alberta in 1935 at the age of 84 years. He lived and operated at what it is fair to say was the most difficult era in the history of Canada. Wages were low, markets were poor and it took fearlessness, courage, energy and vision to inaugurate or maintain agricultural enterprise in those days. John MacIvor had these gifts in plenty and although never succeeding in collecting any great amount of wealth for