

Then in 1918 at the close of world war I. a training school was established at the Demonstration Farm to take in veterans who wished to farm in Northern Ontario. They were taught farm methods and care of animals. Soldiers and Sailors School.

After this purpose was served 1919 or 1920 it was decided by the government to use the place as an Academy for Boys and Girls far distant from High Schools and to continue the farm to teach agriculture, and supply needs of pupils who would be boarded at the Demonstration farm at a nominal rate.

The pupils were taught High School subjects - Agriculture and Sports. The Northern Academy Hockey teams were well known in the north.

Some of the early managers and teachers were Mr. Hamlan, Mr. W. ^{Principal} Hiscocks, Mr. A. Ward - Mr. H. Johnson - Mr. John Rothian. Early teachers - Miss Harvey - Miss Preston - Miss Moore

In 1935 the Academy was formally closed due to lack of students and the government felt it had served its purpose. It then lay idle for several years. In 1937 it was taken over by the Burwash Jail system and the Academy was remodelled as a branch of Burwash, with a jail in the Brick School Building, and the Barns and farm to provide work for inmates. It was in charge of sergeant Mccluskey and Mr. John Curtin as farm manager.

In 1939 World War II began and the Burwash closed the monthly Branch of its prison. It passed into the hands of Dominion Government, for the British Government to be made into an Internment Camp for War Prisoners.