

going vessels fastened on to it, and towed it to the outer bar; and incoming craft dragged it in. The sand thus loosened was cleared out by the current. At least one vessel traded here, as the name of the "Quebec Trader" and her owners Corie and Conrey, are preserved. She carried wheat and other supplies for the use of the Quebec Garrison.

The village was on the east side, in a cove where deep water and perfect shelter with the most beautiful surroundings on the Island made an inviting site. When the McEacherns landed here in 1790, direct from "the Port of Ardnamurchan," the French had been gone some years. The road from the landing place at the head of the tide on the Hillsborough river, at a place known later as Fanning's Farm, led to this village at the entrance of Savage Harbour, thence skirting Crow Bush Pond and the lake to St. Peter's Harbour. This road, known to the French as De Bleu Road, is yet partly used and is known as Canavoy, properly Cannobie Road. Another trail from the Hillsborough River to St. Peter's led through a dense forest south of the present railway. Though used only as a winter route there were some settlers along this road, as old cellars can be found north of the present Cameron settlement. This trail was resorted to by a numerous population who, in the winter season, left the shores and harbours where they fished in summer, and sought the sheltered forest through the stormy season. Here they made their oars and utensils for the next season; made maple sugar, hunted, danced and whiled the long winter hours away. Occasionally they made visits to the settlement east of them, and the church of St. Pierre at St. Peter's Harbour; or west, by the river, to the church of St. Louis. This church was destroyed, with a number of sailing craft which lay there stripped for the season,—by a forest fire that swept all that part of the country, from the Hillsborough to the North Shore, and west to Covehead, about the year 1739.

The church bell was ploughed up on this old town site