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# PATRONS OF "THE GATEWAY"

To have written this book, giving to it the time and care necessary to hunt out the hundred and one points worth preservation of the past and present of North Bay's story, would have been impossible had not the patrons—whose names and faces I so gladly give below—come to the front and said: "Write the story of our town and we will make it possible." They were withal so kindly in the doing, that I would hand down to the future their names. The writer will soon be forgotten—the children and friends will ever remember the patrons, for to them is due "The Gateway."

I had not thought to have included this chapter, but when one after another so cordially said: "Do your part, I'll do mine," I bethought me how I might show appreciation for their kindness, and am pleased to indicate it in this way.

In another place I dedicate the work to the Board of Trade. I might have dedicated it to "My Patrons," for with few exceptions they are one and the same. Again, I might have dedicated it to "The Pioneers of North Bay," since so many of these Patrons have been here a long, long time, and in their sketches so much of the town's story may be seen.

I am indebted for photographs to Mr. F. A. York, Mr. H. S. Campbell, Mr. W. Mackie and others, but especially so to Mr. George Gillespie, for the new pictures, and to photographers long gone and forgotten, for the old.

I had wondered if my enthusiasm over the people of North Bay, and for that matter the whole of Nipissing, were general or owing to my particular appreciation of what I looked upon as a genial, lovable people. But one day, meeting a former member of parliament for Nipissing, known for his own genial spirits—I wondered no longer, when in speaking of them this member said: "When once you come to know

the people of Nipissing you will find them *so* genuine, so kind, that you cannot but love them." From this I was reassured that all I have said or could say of them will best be appreciated by those who know them best.

#### ALEXANDER C. AMOS



A. C. Amos was born near Gait, Ont., where he was educated and where he was for a time in the grocery business. Came to North Bay in 1884—one of the pioneers. For twenty years he was with the Dominion Express Company. He has been a member of the Public School Board for the past two years, is an active member of the Board of Trade, and largely interested in real estate in and about North Bay, in whose future he has unbounded faith. He married Miss Annie, the daughter of one of the most prominent men who ever lived in the town—Mr. J. G. Cormack, the first druggist. Like her father, Mrs. Amos has been an active worker in church matters, and also in the preservation of the things which go to make up the early history of North Bay. They have five daughters. Mr. Amos, like many another of the town, is an enthusiastic advocate of the Georgian Bay Canal. "There is no one thing," says he. "that would go so far toward making Canada a great nation as the building of this waterway."

#### H. W. ANGUS AND L. O. CLARKE



H. W.  
ANGUS

I have so often remarked the large number of young men who are making a success in this great north country. A dozen years ago the boys had to come down to us to find a field for their enterprise. But now they are staying right at home and helping to build up their own country. "Who did that?" or "Who is at the head of this or that enterprise?" Ten to one, when you find him you will see a young man not far removed from his 'teens. I was reminded

of this at Haileybury, where a boyish-looking youth was pointed out as, not only the Mayor, but the head and front of nearly every big enterprise in town. "The head and front," for he has the head capable of carrying out what he undertakes to do. And his luck, good judgment, or whatever you may wish to call it, has given him the money to carry it out. This holds good in North Bay. Its shrewd, capable business and professional men are either very young or scarce beyond early manhood. "The father of the town" is only a young-looking man. Some of the finest churches, residences, business blocks and office buildings were the work of a boyish-looking architect, and that architect H. W. Angus, who started life in London, Ontario. Many of his houses may be seen among the pictured residences of this book, while the work on the Catholic church, the T. & N.O. office building, and the beautiful new opera house would be a credit to an architect of long years' experience. His stations, seen all along the T. & N.O. Railway, are scarcely equalled for real beauty and convenience in the land. His partner, Mr. L. O. Clarke, from the same street of his native city, is possibly the youngest city engineer in Canada. His work here may be seen in the miles of sidewalks, sewers and extensive waterworks, while his field, like his partner's, extends over a large part of this upper country. In Cobalt, his underground work is very extensive. Possibly their most intricate undertaking was the new opera house, already mentioned. It is a nearly perfect playhouse. Few cities can boast of one more complete. And incidentally, this is one of the best illustrations of the enterprise of North Bay's business-men. Not a single one of the \$50,000 capital was taken outside of town. That you may not think of it as but "a big thing for a small town," I shall give you some of its points. Its stage is 70 feet wide (the building itself is 80 feet high), so that the largest companies on the road may find ample room for their scenery, and yet not to be cramped for space. It is, moreover, supplied with almost enough of its own scenery to put on most of the ordinary plays. It is so nearly fireproof that the insurance companies have given their lowest rate. These young men have not only had full charge of its construction, but after it was complete they took the management of furnishing the plays to make of it a good business venture, and to them much is due the making of North Bay one of the best amusement towns in Canada.

## JOHN BOURKE



John Bourke was born in Carleton County, near Richmond. In 1864 he went to Pembroke, where he remained until 1875. Shortly after was in business in Portage du Fort—up to 1880, when he returned, and remained in Pembroke till 1884, then came to North Bay to take charge of the extensive business—stores, mills, contracts, etc.—of his half-brothers, T. and W. Murray. In 1895 he purchased Wm. Murray's interest, and still owns a large part of the best portion of town—in the west end. He was North Bay's first Mayor—1891—was in the Council five years, and was on the Separate School Board for two years. He married Hannah Coghlan, of Allumette Island. Has eleven children—his son, T. J. Bourke, being Clerk of the High and Surrogate Courts [for East Nipissing and the District of Temiskaming.

## PATRICK BOURKE



P. Bourke was born at Smith's Falls, Ont. After his public school education he served an apprenticeship as a machinist, and later went to Brockville with the James Smart Manufacturing Co. He came to North Bay in 1886, and up to 1902 was foreman in the C.P.R. machine shops. That year he purchased the Grand Union Hotel, on McIntyre Street. For nine years he was a successful Chief of the Fire Department, and for the past five years has been on the Separate School Board. Being a lover of a good horse, he has collected some of the best blooded stock in the country, his "Grade Pointer" having become noted over a wide field. Seeing the need of an Association track, he built and owns "Grand View," at the northern part of town, where are held Association races throughout the summer and fall. He married Miss Elizabeth Mooney, of Prescott, Ont., in 1907

## DR. EDGAR BRANDON

Dr. Edgar Brandon is very much an Ontarioan, having been born—July 30th, 1878—at Cannington, Ontario County, Ontario. Was educated at the Public Schools of his town and at the Collegiate Institute in Lindsay. Graduated in 1902 at Trinity Medical College—first-class honor man—and at Trinity University in medicine, admitted member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario in 1903, part of which year he was House Surgeon for the Hospital for Sick Children, 1903 and 1904 on House Staff of the Toronto General Hospital and Emergency Hospital. The Dr. is a member of the British Medical and the Ontario Medical Associations, and has written papers for the latter Association. His specialties are surgery and care of children. He came to North Bay in October of 1904. He is on the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Staff and on the Board of Directors, and is one of the lecturers of the Training School for Nurses, in connection with the Hospital. He is an active church worker, being Secretary of the Methodist Board of Trustees. Is interested in the curling and lacrosse branches of athletics, and also interested in music.



## JOHN HOMER BLACK.

The ordinary mortal has gotten to look upon a busy, competent railway official as cold, exacting and unapproachable. But the o.m. forgets all these in the presence of the subject of this sketch, for J. H. Black is just as genial as he is able, and that is saying a whole lot. He is the sort you like to stop and talk about, no matter if you are on the way to the train, or, if writing, have but a small space in which to confine the life sketch. From this you must judge the man of whom I write. Mr. Black was born July 8, 1874, near Smith's Falls, Ontario, where he was educated. His first appearance before the public was in a country school, in Lanark County,



where he taught from 1893 to 1895. Like R. L. Borden, he began teaching at 19 years of age. At 22 he took two of the most important steps of his life—married and left teaching to become a railway man. He married Miss Elizabeth Morrow. His first positions were that of baggageman and telegrapher with the C.P.R., with which road he remained until 1904, when he came to the T. and N.O., as general freight and passenger agent. It did not take the Commission long to mark his executive ability, for we find him on January 1, 1905, the Superintendent of the line, and to him is greatly due the excellence of this road and the manner of its running. He has been much to North Bay, whose Board of Trade often benefits by his mature judgment. In religion he is an Anglican, and in politics "the good of Canada first and always." His faith in the future of the great north country through which his road passes is unbounded. "What with its mineral lands and millions of fertile acres it is bound to be, as you are pleased to call it, a veritable marvel-land."

#### LOTT BRITTON

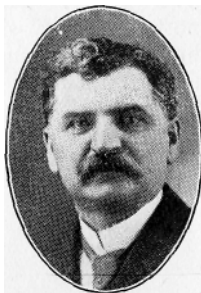


Lott Britton was born July 10, 1848, at Studley, Wiltshire, England, where he attended the Public Schools. In 1871 he came to Ottawa, and went the following year with the famous old Union Forwarding Company, that ran many steamers up and down the river, from Aylmer to the limit of navigation. He was with this Company for three years, when he went to farming at Westmeath, till 1879, when he went to the C.P.R., and after 29 years is still with the road. He was first with Jas Worthington on the construction of the line. In 1883, when this part of the road was taken over by the Company, he went as first-class fireman, and in 1888 he was promoted to engineer. In all the years he has never been in an accident. He was one of the charter members of the Brotherhood of Firemen—the first society formed, 1884, in North Bay. He married Miss Mary J. McKenzie, of Rockliffe, Ontario, and has two sons and three daughters. He is an active Presbyterian. He was instrumental in having the "Kirk Session" sanction the formation of the first regularly organized choir.

## MICHAEL BRENNAN

M. Brennan was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and as a child he came, in 1863, to Sheenboro, P.Q.—across the lake from Pembroke. In 1883 he came to North Bay, and went into the clothing business, since having worked up to a large dry goods trade. He has ever been one of the workers of the town; in Town Council for thirteen years, one of the early Reeves, and in 1896 Mayor. He has been the Chairman of the Separate School Board since its organization, twenty-two years ago.

When the Board of Trade was organized in 1894, he was one of the Councillors. In religion he is an active Catholic, and in politics one of the "wheel-horses" of the Liberal party. He married Miss Ellen McFarland, of Sheenboro. His is another Rooseveltian family of nine.



## A. G. BROWNING, B.A., K.C.

About some men it is easier to say what they haven't been to, or haven't done toward, the building up of a new town, than to definitely say: "They did this in a certain year, and then they did that the next."

A. G. Browning is one of these men, so that in writing of him I need but to say, he came to North Bay in 1888, was appointed Crown Attorney and Crown Prosecutor in 1893, a K.C. in 1908, has long been Chairman and Secretary of the Public, and Secretary-Treasurer of the High School Boards, instrumental in the organization of the Public Library, and is its President. President of the District Agricultural Association, President of the Board of Trade, a Liberal in politics, and a Presbyterian of the variety that when once the children got him in as Sunday School Superintendent, he could never resign—they simply would *not* accept his resignation. And, of course, with every public-spirited man here, he has always been an active advocate of the building of the Georgian Bay Ship Canal, as he has been an active advocate of everything that would benefit the town, to which he has been so much, and for which he has done so much toward





making of it a city. Mrs. Browning was Miss Jessie Melville. With John Ferguson and John Bourke he is owner of the most admirably situated addition to North Bay, right in the direction of the finest residential part of Priests Hill—the coming part for rapid advances in values.

#### RICHARD BUNYAN



Richard Bunyan was born at Pembroke, from which town has come so many of North Bay's best men—possibly more than from any other one place. For a number of years he lumbered with the noted old lumberman, George Taggart, on the Kippawa Lakes, and along the Ottawa River, far up the Caz. In 1884 he came to North Bay, and here he has ever since resided. He was in the town's first Council, and during several terms since. He was the third Mayor, in 1894.

For a number of years was on the Separate School Board. He married Miss Emma McPeak, of Cobden, Ont. In religion he is Catholic. His twelve-year-old son, Emmitt, is worthy a line. He is the most energetic newspaper boy I have seen in Canada. He is the representative of the famous and most popular *Utica Globe*, of which he places over three times as many as any other one weekly sold in town.

#### H. S. CAMPBELL



H. S. Campbell, druggist, was born in Hanover, Bruce County, Ont. Educated in Warton High School, served his drug apprenticeship in Tillsonburg, Orillia, Paisley and Harrison, then graduated—1901—at the College of Pharmacy in Toronto. Came to North Bay in 1902 and opened a drug store on the Queen's Hotel corner, later removing to his present store on Main Street, reaching through to Front. He is active in politics, during the recent campaign being elected President of the Young Liberal Association of North Bay. Had the boys started sooner the whole political aspect of Nipissing might have been vastly dif-

ferent—so they claim. Post-election claims are—well, I was once in politics myself, but being a Republican, we usually "made good," and so had no claims to make—*after* the votes were counted. Mr. Campbell is a Presbyterian.

### T. N. COLGAN

T. N. Colgan set out on life's trip from Havelock, Huntington County. The family removing to Clinton, N.Y., he there attended the Public Schools, and at 20 years of age began the career of railroading, which life he has since followed. He started with the Manchester-Keene Railroad, of New Hampshire. In 1880 he came to the C.P.R., with which he has remained for 28 years. Went first to Montreal. In 1885 he came to North Bay, and has long filled the position of Master Bridge Builder east and west from this place. He was a member of the first and second



Town Councils—1891, 1892—and Mayor in 1897, 1898. Has been on the Public School Board for the past six years, and chairman of the Board in 1906, 1907. He is an active Methodist, was a member of the building committee for the new church, a trustee of the church, and a member of the Quarterly Board. He married, first, Miss E. A Hawksby, of New York State; second, Miss M. E. Kerby, of Sarnia, Ont. He has three daughters. He is largely interested in some of the best business and residential property in town, and has great faith in the future of this land of possibilities.

### J. W. DEEGAN

J. W. Deegan was one of the earliest in town. Belfast, Ireland, is his birth-place. After a few years of school days he was apprenticed to learn the shoe business from the *foot* up. He learned it so well that he had no trouble in finding work at Halifax, where he landed in 1880. Here and at St. John he spent a few months. He also stopped a while at Truro and Glasgow, N.S., then came to Toronto and later to Pembroke for a few months. Odd how



Pembroke figures in the lives of so many of the prominent North

Bayans! If they were not born there, they had to sort o' work out an apprenticeship in that town to prepare them for the step higher—on the map. He got here in July of 1883. He opened a boot and shoe store, but gave it up to go railroading, first going to British Columbia for a few months. He stayed with the C.P.R. until 1889, when he started again in the shoe business, later adding gents' furnishings. He was on the Public School Board for six years, was one of the charter members of the Board of Trade, and is a member of the present Town Council. He is prominent in a number of fraternal societies, a Methodist in religion, and an Independent in politics. He married Miss Mary A., daughter of B. Robitaille, one of the pioneers of Clarendon, Pontiac County, P.Q.

#### J. H. DIXON



J. H. Dixon started a New Hampshire Yankee and landed a Lakefield Canuck. He was born at Waterford, N.H., and in 1875 the family came to Lakefield, P.Q. He was educated at Lachute Academy and at the Montreal Business College. His first position was with the Hamburg-American Steamship Co. as Wharf Superintendent. For three years he was a Pullman Conductor on the G.T.R. He left that for general brokerage and insurance, which he has since followed. Came to North Bay in 1905, just about the time Cobalt was beginning to attract the attention of a narrow circle. He has followed the growth of the camp until he is now largely interested in general mining—to the west and north-west in copper, nickel and iron. Early in 1907 he put in the first private wire, being a loop of Chas. Head & Co.'s New York and Toronto line. Later he has direct connection with the Montreal Stock Market over Redpath & Co.'s wire. He is the President of the Crown Jewel Mines, Ltd., and others of the good things in gold, silver, etc. He is a broker who sticks by his customers, protecting them, at times, to his own loss. Born in a land of politics, he is taking an active interest in the affairs political of his adopted country, being the President of the North Bay Conservative Association. Believing that the forests, fish and game are great assets of the

country, he is taking a deep interest in their preservation, being the Secretary of the Ontario Forest, Fish and Game Protective Association. So enthusiastic in everything pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of Canada, we would naturally expect him to be doing his part in the Georgian Bay Canal interest. He is the Secretary of a Special Committee (appointed at Ottawa during the recent visit of the delegations from the cities of the Great Lakes to Montreal) to deal with the publicity and information about the canal. His faith in North Bay is almost unbounded. "*It's going to be a great city*—nothing can stop it, and everything points to the fulfilment of our dreams, canal or no canal—but canal it's bound to be!" is the way he puts it. He married Miss Margaret A. Pappin, of Westmeath, Ont. He is a Methodist in religion.

### JOHN FERGUSON

In the summer of 1882, a young Scotch boy saw the present site of North Bay, and, rocky and wild as was that site, it appealed to him. "Its location must draw to it that which will make of it the great city of the north country," and so he took up lots 20 and 21, and the wisdom of his choice may be seen to-day, for upon these lots is growing a city even beyond his wildest dreams. Nor was it the site alone; to them who came to locate is due far more, since many an old town with better natural advantages lies asleep, with grass growing in its streets, because of the lethargy of its people. This youth from old Callander had the right notion of what goes to start a town. Whilst others might hold their lands at prohibitory prices, he gave inducements that brought to him builders; that a school might be opened he gave to the School Board an acre of ground, and when the "log" grew too small he built a new house and gave it in exchange for the old; and scarce a church in town but its lot was his free gift, and to many of them a goodly subscription. Whilst others lost faith, sold out and left, he remained and after twenty-six years, is as full of energy, and more than ever convinced that he chose wisely when he said: "Here must be a city!" John Ferguson was



born in Callander, Scotland. When a child he came to Canada with his parents, and settled at Renfrew. He was but eighteen years old when he came to where is now North Bay, with the starting of the C.P.R., in 1882. He married Miss Jennie Fraser McFarlane, daughter of Wm. McFarlane, the builder of the first residence. He has two sons, Duncan and William, the former the first child born in town, who is still a resident. Besides his great success in real estate, he has been connected with many interests of this country. For six years he was manager for the Dominion Mineral Company of Sudbury; was North Bay's first postmaster; was the town's second Reeve; was in Town Council for a number of years; has been an active member of the Board of Trade, and now its President; is the largest shareholder in the Electric Light Company, and the North Bay Brick and Tile Company; and largely interested in Cobalt and Montreal River mining. In writing the early history of Cobalt, I found him among the owners—with A. G. Browning, another of North Bay's most active men—of the Colonial and the Princess mines. Recently he has become identified with the fabulously rich silver field of Gowganda, in the Temagami Reserve, and thinks that it is destined to surpass the Cobalt district itself. Mr. Ferguson was one of the early magistrates, having been appointed for District of Nipissing in 1885 and for District of Parry Sound in 1889. He might well be called a town builder. Besides what he has been to North Bay for twenty-six years, he at one time owned a large part of original Haileybury; with A. G. Browning owned and laid out Westfort, now a part of Fort William, and will shortly open up a number of towns on one of the great railroads of Canada. His faith in New Ontario is unlimited. "Go where you will," says he, "and there you will find that which proves this the richest section in the world. Not long ago I went far above where any railroad has reached, and 'marvellous' is the only word that will fit the wealth of the lands in agricultural possibilities, whilst all the way up, minerals of many kinds must yet be found in vast quantities. Great is Canada, and New Ontario is its greatest storehouse!" He has all faith in the building of the Georgian Bay Ship Canal. "It will be built! The whole country is beginning to see that no enterprise ever devised for the Dominion can equal it for the real good of the people of all Canada! It is not for any one locality—it will benefit all!"

I have made this sketch a long one—I could not have made it less, since the subject has been so much a part of the town's history from the very beginning down through all its growth to the present.

### JAMES FALLON

James Fallon is another of the many Pembroke boys who came with the C.P.R. in 1882. He first went to Chalk River, in 1867. He was the first fireman to come into North Bay, with Sam Lees as engineer. In 1885 he got an engine of his own, and has been continuously with the road ever since. He was one of the organizers and first Secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen—the first Society to organize in town. He was a member of the Town Council in 1892. He married Miss Ann Me Call, of Montreal. Two boys and two girls make up the family. James is a Catholic. Mr. Fallon is another to whom I am indebted for things early.



### CITY CLERK M. W. FLANNERY

M. W. Flannery is another of the Pembroke contingent who preferred North Bay. He went to Mattawa in 1883, and to North Bay in 1887. He went into general merchandise with R. Bunyan, as Bunyan and Flannery, but withdrew in 1893. In 1897 he became Town Clerk and Division Court Clerk, and has held both offices continuously since. He was a member of the Town Council for two years, and for the same length of time was a member of the Separate School Board. He married Miss Alice Bourke, sister of John and P. Bourke. He has four children. In religion he is a Catholic.



## GEORGE GILLESPIE



George Gillespie was born in Little York, now a part of Toronto. The family removed to Shelburne, Ont., and in 1895 George went to Thessalon, and came to North Bay in 1904. He married Miss Martha M. Durkee, of Listowel, Ont. Has five children. In religion a Presbyterian. Mr. Gillespie has possibly been longer in photography than any other in Canada, having spent forty-two years behind the camera. The excellence of his work may be seen all throughout "The Gateway" section of this volume. He is an inventor of a number of valuable things in photography. He is photographer for the T. and N.O. Railway, whose whole line is a series of beautiful pictures.

## GEORGE E. HAY



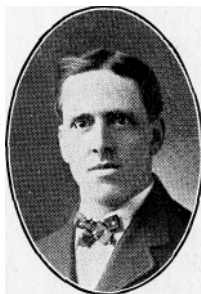
George E. Hay was born at Fullerton's Corners, near Stratford, Ont., where he was educated at the Public Schools. He went to California in 1888, and to Montana in 1891, where he remained until the panic drove him to Canada in 1893. He came direct to North Bay, and at once went into the hardware business with J. W. McDonald. The firm of McDonald and Hay has grown up to one of the most successful in all branches of the hardware line. Mr. Hay has never aspired to municipal preferment.

In religion he is a Presbyterian.

## J. F. HICKLING

He's not a pioneer, but so quickly has he caught the spirit, that you'd take him for a native—so enthusiastic is he on the future of North Bay—this J. F. Hickling, of Grey County, Ontario. He was born near Eugenia Falls, where he was educated at the Public Schools. He and his brothers formed the firm of Hickling Brothers in lumber and mills, operating largely at Hickling Mills. They sold out, and J. F.

later went into mining. Again the brothers went into saw-milling in Collingwood, later adding to their business coal, wood and general lumber. The call of the mine brought J. F. to the north, while the brothers continued the business of the firm. In 1907 he sold his interest and has since devoted his whole time to prospecting, not in a small way, but from the C.P.R. on the south to James Bay on the north. In his search he found a country so marvellously rich in gold that one



enthusiastic engineer reports "ten million dollars sure, and possibly far more." To develop this wonderful deposit it will take some \$300,000. "We'll begin work," says J. F., "as soon as that amount can be raised." "You should not have to wait long," said I, "for that Crown Jewel mine up there on the Montreal River will soon turn that out, if it is half as good as it promises." You see he is the one who ran upon "J.S. 61," which is the nucleus of the Crown Jewel, of which he is Vice-President and Manager. He came to North Bay in the spring of 1908, and bought out H. B. Nichols, of the brokerage firm of Dixon & Nichols. The firm is now Dixon & Company. This is an ideal combination, Dixon is a thorough office man, while J. F.'s experience in the field cannot but insure the carrying through of big enterprises, man}' of which they have in hand.

#### WM. KERVIN

Win. Kervin was born in Simcoe, Ont., and came to Callander (a few miles down the lake from North Bay) in 1890. The attractions of the beautiful French River have possibly become more widely known through this energetic young man than through any other source. "Will Kervin's House Boats" at once calls to the mind of many a lover of summer travel in Canada, the very top of enjoyment. When tourists began coming to the French River, a few years ago, there was a great lack of accommodation. Kervin, seeing this, was quick to grasp the situation, and at once set about





preparing for the tourists' entertainment, by building House Boats. And now may be seen here and there these "Floating Hotels," with their accompanying launches, by means of which the beauty spots may be sought out by the ever-increasing number of pleasure hunters. William is a member of the Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association. Through his efforts the American license for hunting was kept down to \$50 a season. But for him it had been prohibitory by being put at \$100. The fifty dollars fee is sending many a hunting party to Quebec, where it is but \$25. "Home protection" is all right, in a way, but the question is: Is it wisdom to keep out parties who will bring into the country more money in one week than many another will spend in a year? These parties rarely get more than their allowance of game, while some of the "many another" kill game, both in and out of season, one hunter often killing more deer than a large party of fifty dollar fee payers. Assisted by the local members of Sturgeon Falls and Parry Sound, Mr. Kervin had the net fishing of Lake Nipissing stopped, thus saving the lake from being depleted of fish. "What's that?" Someone looking over my shoulder says I've got my history mixed—that these two gentlemen did their utmost to have the lake "netted." This could not be possible. They were sent to look after the good of all, and not a part, so "the-man-over-my-shoulder" must be in error. We'll give the gentlemen the benefit of the doubt.

### JOHN LAVARY



John Lavary is from St. Charles, P.Q. Went to Riviere du Loup, and later to school at Quebec. Came to North Bay with the C.P.R. in 1882. In 1885 he was made conductor, and has held the position ever since. He was on the first train that went through to Winnipeg. He has had an almost unique experience, never having had an accident to his train. John takes much interest in athletics, and never misses his deer hunt in the fall. He is one of

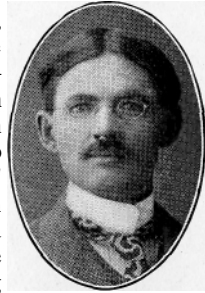
the company to whom the town owes its beautiful Opera House. In religion he is a Catholic.

## JUDGE H. D. LEASK

Down home we always think of a Judge as an old man. And if it were the custom, as one wearing a wig. They look to wisdom, and not to years, up here in Canada. We elect, here they appoint. The judge is not beholden to the electors, and being in for a life term is never afraid to decide against a politician who might be instrumental in leaving him at home next time. "They look to wisdom and not to years." They did it here. The subject of my sketch was born in Toronto, in 1868. He is the son of the late James Leask. He was educated in the Public and High Schools of Orillia, graduated from Queen's University in 1888, was called to the bar in 1891, and immediately came to North Bay and commenced practice, in partnership with A. G. Browning, K.C., the present Crown Attorney, and continued practice in the District of Nipissing until appointed, in December of 1903, as Junior Judge of the District Court for the District of Nipissing.

## GEO. W. LEE

Geo. W. Lee was born at White Lake, Ontario. "George," said I, "where were you educated?" "Where? In the woods—when 13 years of age I went to work with Caiswell & Mackey, lumbermen, and with them I remained for 13 years, then for two years was with Barnet & Sons of Renfrew." He left the life of a lumberman to go with the C.P.R. at Renfrew, and with that road he remained for seven years, when he came to the T. and N.O. He started as Travelling Freight Agent, and in August, 1907, was appointed General Agent of the road. Last year he went into municipal politics and ran for alderman for West ward, heading his ticket at the election by 74 votes. He is also a most active Conservative in Provincial politics. He married Miss Bessie Amey, of Canning-ton, near Toronto, He has two children. In religion he is a Methodist.



## JAMES LINDSAY



Among those who came to North Bay in 1882, for so short a time as not to be remembered as a pioneer, was James Lindsay, but after going to Pennsylvania for four years he came back, and has made up for lost time by remaining in town. James was born in South Renfrew. In 1886 he went with the C.P.R., and was with the road until 1904, when he went into the coal business with James McCluskey, forming the Lindsay and McCluskey Coal Company, already become one of the largest dealers north of Toronto. He was in the Town Council for two years, and is now a member of the Public School Board. The firm are largely interested in mining properties, in the rich district of Quebec, along the Temiskaming Lake, and along the Vermillion River, to the north-west of here. He married Miss Elizabeth Forest, of Renfrew, and has six children. In religion he is a Presbyterian.

## PATRICK McCOOL



Patrick McCool was born in the county of Donegal, Ireland, in 1860. In 1879 he came to Canada, to Fort William, P.Q., and to North Bay in 1886, to clerk for T. and W. Murray. As an instance of what may be done in this country, Mr. McCool reached town with \$8, started to clerk for \$20 a month, and is now one of the rich men of this district, owning, among many others, the building in which he started as a clerk. In 1897 he bought the T. and W. Murray general stores at Chapleau, which he ran for five years, when he sold the business, but still owns the property. Retiring from merchandise he returned to North Bay, where he has since been largely engaged in real estate and insurance. Was in the Town Council for seven years, and for a number of years has been the vice-president of the Board of Trade. He was on the Separate School Board for several terms. An active

politician he has been for the past five years the President of the Liberal Association. He is a cousin of Charles A. McCool, the retiring Member of Parliament, who served so efficiently two terms, and who came within 21 votes of being returned for the third time. He married Miss Malvina Landon, of Chichester, P.Q., and has a Rooseveltian family of ten. In religion he is Catholic. **LATER:** Mr. McCool has re-purchased the Chapleau business.

### JAMES McCLUSKEY

James McCluskey was born in Philadelphia, Pa. Came to Canada in 1872, to Pembroke, first a farmer, and then went with the C.P.R. as an engineer. He followed the road to North Bay in 1883, and with it remained till 1906, when he formed a partnership in the coal business with James Lindsay, of which I have spoken in the Lindsay sketch, in which is also given his extensive interests in mining properties in Quebec, the Vermillion River country, etc. He married Miss Eliza J. Brill, of Pembroke. He has three children. He is an active member of the Board of Trade. He is a Methodist, in which church he is a Trustee.



### N. J. McCUBBIN

N. J. McCubbin started - at Vaughan, near Toronto. Went into a general store in Palgrave and came to North Bay in 1900, and up to 1905 was with W. J. Parsons in the Nipissing Stores, when he started business for himself on Front Street, in men's furnishings. He is prominent in Masonry, and takes great interest in music. At the re-organization of the North Bay Choral Union he was made President. He married—1908—Miss Annie, daughter of the Rev. J. W. Stewart, formerly pastor of the Methodist Church here. "N. J." is a citizen of the kind that makes the stranger like his town.



## JAMES McCURRY



James McCurry, son of Judge P. McCurry, of Parry Sound, was born at Guelph, Ont. Educated at the Public Schools of Parry Sound, and matriculated at Toronto University; spent his student life in Barrie, with Hewson and Creswick, graduated in law in 1894, and began practice in Parry Sound. He was out of law for eight years, during which time he followed placer mining in northern British Columbia and in Alaska. Came to North Bay in 1904, and at once entered into a law partnership with G. A. Mc-Gaughey, since which time they have been together. He is active in Liberal politics.

## WM. MCDONALD



Wm. McDonald was born at East Hawkesboro, Ont., in 1838. After leaving school he spent five years on the lakes, and on the St. Lawrence to Quebec. He was for seven years in the hotel business in Peterboro. In 1869 he married Miss Margaret Duncan, of Lochiel, Ont. In 1876 he was in the Muskoka Lakes country, and in 1880 went into general store business in Mattawa, where he remained till 1883, when he came, as one of the very first, to North Bay, which was all woods, and then some more. Down where now stands the beautiful offices of the T. and N.O. Railway he purchased three acres and opened the first store in town. With the exception of the one month which John Ferguson looked after the little mail that came to the settlement, Mr. McDonald was postmaster down to this spring, 1908, when he resigned, and is now resting on his laurels. Twenty-five years! That the Government appointed his son, W. D., as his successor, speaks a whole lot for his management of the office. He was trustee of the first Public School, the old log school. The other members were Colonel J. J. Gregory and J. A. Singleton. He was in Town Council for one year. In 1885 he was made a Magistrate, and as that is a life office he still sits in judg-

ment upon the wrongdoers. In religion he is a Catholic. Mr. McDonald is a Veteran of the famous Fenian Raid of 1866, and holds a medal and 160 acres of land from an appreciative Government for his service. He went from Peterboro, Ont. He was in most of the battles of the campaign. He was sergeant of Co. No. 2, in 57th Battalion.

### WM. D. MCDONALD

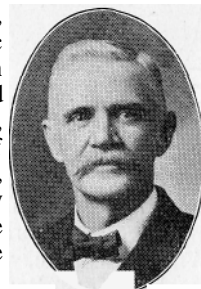
Wm. D. McDonald, son of the foregoing, was born in Peterboro, Ont. Came to North Bay in 1883, and with the exception of parts of 1892 and 1893 he has always resided here. Those few months were spent in one of the most important post offices in the west—Brandon, Manitoba. As above, he succeeded his father, 1908, as Postmaster of North Bay. He married Miss Elizabeth Harcourt, of Arthur, Ont., cousin of the Hon. Richard Harcourt, late Minister of Education. He is active in several Fraternal Societies. A Catholic in religion.



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### JOHN W. MCDONALD

John W. McDonald was born in Perth, St. Mary's County, Ont. After a Public School education he went to Paisley in 1875, where he remained, till 1892, in hardware, when he came direct to North Bay, and went into the same line. He is of a hardware family; his father, still living, has been in the business for the past fifty years, as are also two of his brothers. He was on the Public School Board for three years and in the Town Council one year. As showing the influence of environment, his son, John Hay McDonald, now at Queen's University, when choosing a subject for a paper to be read at the close of the year, took that of "The Georgian Bay Ship Canal." Even the boys are full of the spirit of this great enterprise, and are preparing to take up the work if their fathers-fail. Mr. McDonald is a Presbyterian.



## GEORGE A. McGAUGHEY, M.A.



George A. McGaughey, M.A., was born at Deseronto, Ont. Was educated at High School of his town, graduated at Queen's University in 1900, receiving the degree of M.A., was gold-medallist in Political Science, graduated in the Upper Canada Law School in 1903, came to North Bay in 1904, where he entered into law partnership with J. H. McCurry, the firm being McGaughey and McCurry. For three years he was Secretary of the Liberal Association of Nipissing. Active in Fraternal Societies, being Auditor in the Masonic Order and Financial Secretary of the A.O.U.W. of North Bay. In religion he is an Anglican.

## WM. McKENZIE

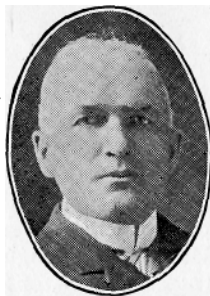


Some men, whose names hold high places in history, have gone through life without the turn of a hand for their fellows, and at the end, when they could no longer use it, left their wealth to endow colleges, build libraries or to erect great churches as monuments to their memories. He who has made the lives of his fellows easier, better lives, has done far more, and his own life is far nobler! In distant Scotland there were five orphans left to meet the world alone—to-day all five look upon it as a good old world. There is here a man who will endow no colleges, build no libraries, erect no churches, but he has done a far nobler deed, in giving to those five orphans a home, and rearing them to honorable man and womanhood. That man is Mr. Wm. McKenzie, who, for the past twenty years, has been so much to North Bay. He was born in Vaughan township, in York County. Later the family removed to Peel County. He went to the Public Schools of York and Peel, and attended the Rockwood Academy, near Guelph; also attended the Academy at Owen Sound. He spent ten years teaching in the Public Schools of Dufferin and Grey Counties. In 1887 he came to North Bay. Beginning in a very small way in groceries, he worked up, adding

the meat business, flour, feed, and, later, a furniture store, until he was one of the largest merchants in town. In 1900 he was appointed sub-collector of Customs of North Bay, then a sub-office or outpost to Ottawa. In 1908 this was made a post, and he was made Collector over outposts at Sturgeon Falls, Sudbury and Cobalt. He has been North Bay's Mayor for four terms—1892-93, 1903-04, and in Town Council five years besides. He has always been an active church worker, being an elder in the Presbyterian Church and Session Clerk of the Sessions. He married Miss Jean Wright of Kingston, Ont., and has one daughter. As above, he gave a home and education to others than his own, each of whom are well established in homes of their own. Elsewhere I have mentioned North Bay's pretty lawns—I had in mind some well-nigh perfect ones when I wrote of them, and of these Mr. McKenzie's possibly headed the list. Here is another instance of meagre space to tell of a busy life.

#### D. J. McKEOWN

Few have been more identified with North Bay, from its very start, than has D. J. McKeown, and to him I am indebted for points of its early history, for, like Sheriff Varin, he saves the records. He was born in Montreal in 1846. He has spent his life in railway interests, first with the Grand Trunk, with which road he was connected for twenty years, in Montreal and Quebec. He came to North Bay in 1883, with the C.P.R. as agent, in charge of timber shipments for the district. Has



been agent ever since for the C.P.R. Later he became agent as well for the G.T. and the T. and N.O. railways. Also for a number of years in charge of the express companies, until their business grew up to a special agent for each. He also looked after our consulate business up to the coming of our efficient consul, Mr. E. C. Wakefield. Mr. McKeown has been Secretary of the Board of Trade since its organization in 1894, and instrumental in its being. Incidentally, this Board started with 35 members, and now has 100. With L. P. Snyder, first Manager of the Traders Bank, he organized the Public Library, transferring to it the C.P.R.



library. He has been on the High School Board since its organization, and is most active in the interest of the school. He married Miss Aileen Brennan, daughter of James Brennan, of Merrickville. He has eight children. He is a Catholic in religion. Largely connected with real estate he has many valuable properties. To write so busy a life in a few sentences is one of the tasks of a biographer, but space here admits of but a brief summary, however much may have been the subject of a sketch.

#### JAMES McILVENNA



James McIlvenna was born in Kilwinning, Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1864. In 1876 he came to Brockville, Ont, and in 1881 to Mattawa, with the C.P.R. In the fall of 1882 he came to North Bay—*wuth th' poioneers*. Jim is another of the boys who now owns a good bit of "The Wilderness of 1882," as well as a share of two other "Wildernesses" of the early days—Fort William and the "Soo." He must shortly be rated among the successes. He was a member of the Town Council in 1893, and the Reeve in 1895, the year that North Bay became the County Town. He is a member of a number of Fraternal Societies. He was a charter member and the Treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen—the first Society to organize in North Bay—when it started in 1884. He is now an engineer with the C.P.R. He married Miss Gertrude Landers, of Sudbury. In religion a Presbyterian. Jim is a good story-teller—hunt out some of the best in this volume and you will believe my words.

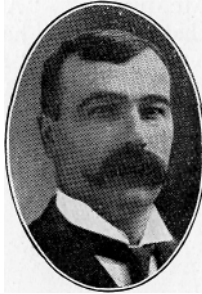
#### JOHN M. McNAMARA

John M. McNamara was born in Walkerton, County of Bruce, Ont. Educated in the Public and High Schools of his home town, and graduated from the Toronto Law School. He came direct to North Bay, reaching here Nov. 1st, 1888, and went at once into practice. He has always taken an active interest in politics, being the President of the Conservative Association for the District of Nipissing since 1902.

He was a member of the Town Council for two years—1897-98—and Mayor for 1899-1900. He is active in church work, was on the building committee for the new Catholic Church, has been on the High School Board since its organization, and is connected with many Fraternal Societies. He married Miss Annie, the daughter of the late Wm. Doran. Has two children, a son and a daughter. Mr. McNamara has one of the largest law practices in the district.

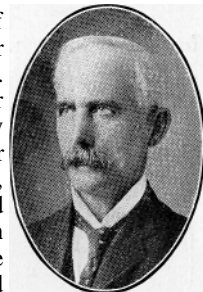
#### A. A. McINTOSH

A. A. McIntosh was born in Simcoe, Ont. Came to North Bay in 1891. Like so many of the substantial citizens, he was for a time with the C.P.R., but not for long, when he went into the meat business with Donald Hill, later adding groceries, with, now, one of the best trades in town. He was in the Town Council for two years. He married Miss Mary A. Hill, a sister of his partner. He is a Presbyterian. His partner, Donald Hill, who died in 1904, was one of those of whom the people have nothing but good to say. Mr. McIntosh is an active fraternity man, being a member of the Masonic and other Orders.



#### DR. ARCHIBALD McMURCHY

"Dr. A. McMurchy has been one of the institutions of North Bay," as another pioneer puts it. He was its first physician. He came with the C.P.R., whose doctor he was and still is, a quarter of a century later. He was born in York County, near Toronto. He went to the Public School, the Richmond High School, and graduated at Queen's University—in Arts in 1875, and in Medicine in 1883. He came at once to the C.P.R., first to Mattawa as physician and surgeon. He had charge from Chalk River to Sudbury. When the road was opened to North Bay he located here. When the T and N.O. started, he was appointed physician and sur-



geon as far as New Liskeard. He has been on the Public School Board for seven years and on the High School Board for four years. He is a prominent member of many fraternal societies, is a Presbyterian and a Liberal. "Dr.," said I, in closing the interview, "there seems to be something lacking in your life." "And what's that, pray?", said he, wondering. "I don't find you, in any way, connected with Pembroke, which is so out of the ordinary that I must remark it." "Oh, yes," said the Dr., smiling, "I forgot to say that I taught school in Pembroke, and there found a Miss Elizabeth Fraser, who consented to become Mrs. McMurchy." "Ah, that completes the sketch! It does seem that there could have been no North Bay had there not first been a Pembroke." "And a fine place, too, it is! And a fine people!" "I've been there," said I, "and cannot but so conclude, from the half of its population I've found here in North Bay."

#### THOMAS M. MULLIGAN



has four children.

Thomas M. Mulligan, brother of Bernard, was also born at Pontiac. When a boy he went to clerk at Chapleau, where he remained twelve years, later going to Ottawa, where for six years he was with the T. Lindsay Co. in charge of a department. In 1904 he came to North Bay and opened a high-class gents' furnishing store, recently removing to the new Gilmour Block. He married Miss Willietta Flannery, sister of City Clerk-Treasurer M. W. Flannery. He A Catholic in religion.

#### BERNARD M. MULLIGAN



B. M. Mulligan was born at Pontiac, on the Quebec side of the Chats Falls. He was the son of Hugh Mulligan, long with the Union Forwarding Co., and in charge of the Pontiac station when it was a live-going place, in the days when John Egan was starting the Georgian Bay Canal at the Chats—the very first work done on this great government enterprise. Bernard came to Mattawa for a time, and in 1885, to North Bay, for Murray and Loughrin, starting for

himself in 1892. He has been a member of the Separate School Board for the past ten years. He has long taken an active interest in the Board of Trade and is its Treasurer. He is a large owner of residence and business property, of which the Imperial Bank building is a part. He is a Director in the Opera House Co. He married Miss Elizabeth Kipp, of Ottawa. He has ten children. A Catholic in religion, and one of the "wheel-horses" in Liberal politics. "Barney" is in many other parts of this book—you must know him, however, to recognize the parts. As one said of him in speaking of pioneer days: "Barney never used to let folks get lonesome," and that might still be said of him.

### JOHN MURPHY

John Murphy entered the world by way of Westport, Ont. Went to Kingston in 1890, next to Wellington, where he had a shoe store, and in 1904 came to North Bay. From a small beginning he has one of the largest shoe businesses in the upper country. He married Miss Elizabeth O'Brien, of Brockville. He has four children. Living in the Widdifield section of town, known as "Murphy's Ward," he is most active in the welfare of that growing part of this future city. He is now in the Township Council—the first member elected from the Ward—and will doubtless be Reeve next, as John has aspirations. LATER—John is Reeve.



### J. R. MOFFAT

J. R. Moffat, following what seems to have been the conventional form, was born in Pembroke, where he was educated in the High School, and in 1892 went into the Pembroke branch of the Ottawa Bank, remaining there till 1898, when he went to the branch in Alexandria, Ont., and from there to Parry Sound. In 1902 he was made Manager at Maxville, and in 1906 opened the branch in Haileybury, remaining there during the early Cobalt boom, then came, in June of 1907, to manage the North Bay branch. In



1903 he married Miss Stella G. Hamilton, daughter of the late Wm. Hamilton, of Toronto. He has two sons. Mr. Moffat is a Presbyterian. By way of history: This branch of the bank was opened in Oct. of 1902, with Wm. Kingsmill as Manager, who was succeeded by D. McLaren, the predecessor of Mr. Moffat.

### THOMAS PEACOCK



Thomas Peacock was born in Hamilton, in which city he was educated. He first studied law, but later preferring banking, went with the Traders Bank, with which he has been identified for the past ten years, being now Manager of the North Bay branch, of which he took charge in 1907. The Traders was the first bank in North Bay, opening here on March 18th, 1895. As showing the rapid growth of a bank, properly managed, the Traders was incorporated July 2nd, 1885, with three branches, and now has eighty branches in all parts of Canada, with one of the finest head office buildings in Toronto. By way of history: L. P. Snyder was the first manager of this branch. His successors were D. Muir, H. C. Chalmers, J. H. Stephens (now Secretary of the Silver Queen Mining Co.), P. H. Wade, and then came Mr. Peacock.

### A. L. OGDEN



A. L. Ogden was born in Toronto. Was educated at the Upper Canada College, Toronto, and entered banking with the Imperial Bank in 1899, for which bank he came in 1907 as manager for the North Bay branch. He married Miss Maud Lightbound, of Montreal. He is an Anglican in religion. Mr. Ogden has always taken a keen interest in athletic sports—and looks the part. The Imperial Bank of Canada was incorporated in the year 1873. Its growth since that date has been steady, and now with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is paid

up, and a reserve fund equal to its paid-up capital, it stands out as one of the strongest financial institutions in Canada. It has seventy-five branches in Canada stretching from ocean to ocean. The North Bay branch was opened October 24th, 1902, at the corner of Main and Fraser Streets, which site is now occupied by the Queen's Hotel, moving to its present handsome office in the Mulligan Block in February, 1903. The bank does a large share of the banking business of North Bay and the surrounding district.

### DAVID PURVIS

"Purvis'll do it!" Not because Purvis is "easy," but because Purvis is able! When a delegation has any real work cut out to do, to meet men of ability on an important interest to the town, and the question comes up: "Who will do the speaking?" then comes the unanimous answer with which I start this sketch. The Board of Trade asked: "Who will make 'The Gateway' possible?" The above was the answer, and by the kindly response of a public-spirited lot of citizens he made it possible, and if there be any merit in the work, to him and to them it is all due.



David Purvis was born in 1845, at Scarboro, near Toronto. In 1860 the family removed to a farm near Barrie, in which town—with his brothers James and Thomas—he later went into the hardware business, and from a small beginning they built up the largest retail trade in the Province, with branches in North Bay, 1888; Sudbury, 1900; and Webbwood, 1902. It was in 1888 that David came to North Bay, in which town he has always taken a lively interest, serving in many positions of prominence. When the Board of Trade was organized in 1894 he was made its first President, which office he held up to 1905, when he resigned upon being elected Mayor, which position he occupied for two years, 1905-06. He was in the Town Council for one year, (was in the Barrie Council for five years, resigning to come to North Bay). He was a member of the Public School Board for several years, and was a member of the first High School Board. When the Hon. Frank Latchford came up to turn the first sod on the T. and N.O. Railway, he was master of ceremonies

for the town, not being a bit afraid that Frank wanted to make political capital out of the proceedings. He is not a party man, but one whose interest in his town rises above party. When the corner-stone was laid for the Trout Lake Smelter, he was the chairman of the meeting, at which were gathered some of the great men of all parts of the country.

His faith in the building of the Georgian Bay Ship Canal is unbounded. "I am as confident," says he, "that it will be built, as that the men at Ottawa have the great interest of the whole Dominion at heart! It must be built. The Government have not made one of the most complete surveys of the route, ever made for a great work, for any other reason than that they look upon it as a thing to be." He is in a position to know, having headed many a delegation to Ottawa to urge its building. And, speaking of the large delegation that went to Ottawa to interview the last Parliament, which was joined by many others from the Great Lakes to Arnprior, he said: "Never before were we so cordially received by the Premier and the members. We were shown the surveys by the Minister of Railways and Canals, who was most enthusiastic on the enterprise."

As elsewhere mentioned, he retired from business last year, and is giving his time to church work and to his well-stocked library. I have never heard so able a lay preacher, and in world information I have rarely met his equal.

### WM. J. PARSONS

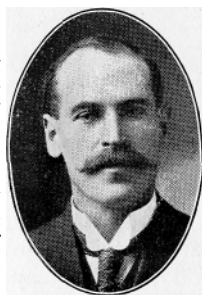


Wm. J. Parsons was born at Holland Landing, Ont. Went to Toronto, where he was three years in dry goods business. Was in Guelph for a short time in the same line. Sold out and started for the west, but seeing North Bay, said: "This is good enough for me." That was in 1888. He has been here ever since. Went into dry goods—the Nipissing Stores, in the large McKeown block. This — 1908 — spring he was appointed Crown Land Agent for the Nipissing District. Was in Town Council for three years—one year chairman of Public Works. He married Miss Elizabeth Washburn, of Beeton, Ont., in 1892. He is a

Methodist in religion and Conservative in politics. Active in Fraternal Societies, being a C.O.O.F., an I.O.O.F., a K.O.T.M., an I.O.F., an A.O.U.W., and a Shriner in Masonry. Being fond of the gun, he rarely misses his hunt in deer season. For years he was president of the North Bay branch of the Dominion Rifle Association, and holds a gold medal for the highest score in shooting. He has a fine collection of gun relics—one a double-barrelled flint-lock pistol with a history. It is supposed to have belonged to the famous Indian, Tecumseh, as it was found (by Lieut. Turner) by his side when he was killed at the battle of Beaver Dam (?) in the war of 1812-13.

### ROBERT RANKIN

There is in North Bay an illustration of the vast good done by that great-hearted Scotchman, Wm. Quarrier, who started a poor orphan, to become the great protector of many another of the fatherless and motherless of his country. That illustration is one of the most active, purposeful men in North Bay, Robert Rankin, who will without doubt be the next Mayor of the town, for whose best interests he has long worked. Being left an orphan, Wm. Quarrier gave to him and his four sisters a home in Scotland, and later found for him a Canadian home—that of another large-hearted Scotchman—Wm. McKenzie, who has truly been to him a father, rearing him as a son and establishing him among the prominent business men of the town. After many steps—one of which was taken with the C.P.R.—he now has the management of the North Bay branch of the Whyte Packing Company, Ltd., of Stratford, whose business of wholesale and retail meats, groceries, flour and feed, extend through many towns and cities of Ontario. Mr. Rankin has been a Town Councillor eight years, three of which he was Reeve—the last one of the town; active in Presbyterian work, chairman of the building committee for the new church, and now chairman of the Board of Managers of that church. He is a member of many fraternal orders and societies—in short, a man that counts. He married Miss Elizabeth McKenzie, sister of Mr. Wm. McKenzie. He has three





children, two sons and one daughter. His faith in North Bay has made of him a large property holder. When others lost faith and sold out, they found in him a buyer, largely to his gain since the phenomenal advance in values. He is an active member of the Board of Trade, and like many another of that body his great aim is to see built the Georgian Bay Ship Canal. LATER: Mr. Rankin is Mayor, made so by acclamation.

#### DR. E. A. RANNEY



Dr. E. A. Ranney was born at Georgetown, County of Halton. He was educated in the Public Schools of his home town, and graduated M.D.C.M. at Trinity University, and also at Trinity Medical College F.T.M.C. He went in 1901 to take charge of the Muskoka General Hospital, where he remained a year, and came to North Bay in 1903. He was Medical Health Officer in 1904 and 1905 for the town and also for the township of Widdifield, and Jail Surgeon since 1905. He married Miss Ethel Calvert, of Toronto, and has four children. The Dr. is a lover of flowers, as may be seen by his yard about his East Main Street home.

#### J. W. RICHARDSON



J. W. Richardson was born at Forest, County of Huron, Ont. He went first with G. F. Marter, ex-M.P.P., of Gravenhurst, in general merchandizing. From there he went to Winnipeg, in hardware. He married Miss E. A. Hill, of Winnipeg. He came to North Bay in 1885, and started as tinsmith, and gradually worked up to a large hardware business. He was for a number of years in the Town Council, two years on the Public School Board, and in 1902 was elected Mayor. He is active in many Fraternal Societies, a friend of the workingman, in whose interest he is never idle when there is occasion. He is a live Methodist.

## E. W. ROSS

E. W. Ross was born in Orillia, Ont. Came to North Bay in 1888, and went at once into the jewellery business—the pioneer in the trade—which he has built up to fine proportions, and with a beautiful store. He married Miss Louie Carruthers, niece of the late Dr. J. B. Carruthers. He was on the Public School Board for one term. *Is* a member of many Fraternal Societies, and an active Presbyterian, of which church he is Secretary and a Trustee. His beautiful home, corner of Worthington and Wyld Streets, may be seen among "The North Bay." The lawn I must instance to confine beauty with an unsightly fence. Mr. Ross has followed the Rochester, New. York, no-fence plan, so every visitor to that city.



pretty homes of those who would follow the Rochester, New. York, no-fence plan, so much admired by

## EDWARD H. SHEPHERD

"E. H. Shepherd" is a name well known to the traveller in this north country, and always brings to mind one of the best known and most popular hotels in New Ontario—the "Queen's," of North Bay. Mr. Shepherd was born in Arundel, Sussex County, England, where he was educated at the Wai-burton Schools. He later went into the navy, on H.M.S. Caledonia and Resistance. He came to Canada in 1875, <sup>next</sup> to Toronto and in 1886 to Niagara, in which latter place he took much interest in municipal affairs, was in the Town Council for a term, and in 1895-96 was Reeve, from which he retired to come to North Bay in 1896. He bought out Edward Lynch's interest in the Queen's Hotel, which he has since greatly enlarged and improved, extending it to Main Street, along Eraser Street. He married Miss Alice Nichols, of Gloucester, England, and has three sons and four daughters. Harry is manager of the hotel, Edward with the T. and N.O. Railway, and Oswald at Trinity College. There is possibly no other family in the country who



have received a higher education in music than have the Shepherds. As elsewhere, Mr. Shepherd has one of the largest private collections of rare ancient coins in Canada, having spent many years gathering them. Some men are born hosts—they could make a guest feel at home in a cabin. That is why once a guest at the Queen's, always a guest, when business or pleasure brings him to this little city by the lake. Mr. Shepherd's faith in the town is



HARRY SHEPHERD  
Manager, Queen's Hotel

shown by the large number of houses he is putting up—pretty well-planned homes. "The Cap Sheaf," says Mr. Shepherd, enthusiastically, "will be the building of the canal. Once it starts nothing can hold back the growth of North Bay, and so confident am I that it will come, that I am going right along with my building enterprises." It is this spirit that is bound to make of this town a great metropolis. Mr. Shepherd and son Harry are largely interested in mining properties in Algoma copper and the silver lands to the north of here. The Redpath Company of Montreal have their private wire in the Queen's office, where much business is done in stocks by the firm of Dixon & Company. The Queen's has been the popular hostelry for mining men going up and down from Cobalt since the opening of that famous camp.

#### DR. G. W. SMITH



Dr. G. W. Smith was born at Almonte, Lanark County, Ont., where his parents still reside. He was educated at St. Mary's Separate School and in the High School of his native place. Was graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto, and for a short time was a house surgeon in St. Michael's Hospital in that city, and afterwards was resident surgeon to the Ottawa General Hospital for a period of one year. His coming to North Bay was occasioned by the building of the T. & N.O. Railway, he having acted as medical attendant to that road during its early construction days. When

the railway was completed to New Liskeard he returned to town and has since acquired an extensive practice. The doctor has every confidence in the future of North Bay and is regarded as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. He is a member of the Arena Rink Co. and of the Opera House Co., and is Medical Health Officer for the town, a member of the Hospital Board and of the Hospital Staff, and also of the High School Board.

### H. H. THOMPSON

H. H. Thompson was born in Brantford, Ont, in which he was educated in the Public and High Schools. Went to British Columbia for two years, returned and, at twenty-one years of age, he started in the grocery business, sold out and, in 1904, went travelling for D. S. Perrin and Co., wholesale confectioners, of London, Ont. In autumn of 1907 he started a large grocery business in the Ferguson Block, and is fast working into one of the largest trades in the country, doing a big tourist supply business, having a large part of the French River trade. Married Miss Emily Gilmour, of Brantford. Mr. Thompson is a Methodist.



### JAMES A. THOMAS

James A. Thomas is another illustration of the successful young men who are doing so much to build up this great north country. As proof that it is grit and push that make more for success than money, this young man came here with \$200, and, after eleven years, has a big store full of everything in the watch, clock, jewellery, cut class, china, and silverware lines; also carries wall papers, stationery, musical instruments, sporting and fancy goods. Mr. Thomas was born in Lindsay, where he was educated in the Public Schools, and the Collegiate Institute. He married Miss Dora Banks of Durham,



Ont., in 1904, and has one daughter, which is said to be the only one in town—I haven't yet secured the opinions of some others of the successful young men, whose "pets" are much in evidence almost any hour of the *wheeling* day. I sometimes think that North Bay even beats Haileybury—the two claiming the "Baby Carriage" as their coat-of-arms. Mr. Thomas is a Methodist. The North Bay store of Thomas & Co. is one of two; the other, quite as large, is at that enterprising town Bracebridge, in the Muskoka country.

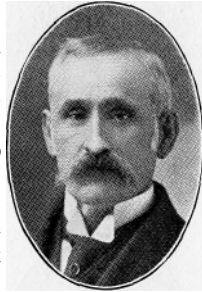
### GERALD C. THOMPSON



Gerald C. Thompson was born—1880—in Orillia, Ont. When a boy—he is not much more yet—he went to Honolulu, which he considers one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Here he remained two years. Returning to Canada, he spent a year at the Canada Ophthalmic College in Toronto. In 1902 he came to North Bay, and started, in a small way, in the jewellery business, building up a trade that certainly looks good. It is not my purpose to make business comment in this chapter, nor will it be, to say that the Thompson display window would be a credit to Toronto's pretty jewellery windows. He is Deputy Grand Master in the Order of Oddfellows, and a Shriner in Masonry. He is Official Watch Inspector for the entire system of the T. and N. O. Railway. As wedding rings and marriage go "hand in hand," it is quite natural to find him an issuer of marriage licenses. And apropos of these licenses. While with us, some public official must issue them—here in Canada any one may be appointed, or given the right. He married Miss Christina Leckie, of Toronto. In religion he is a Presbyterian. Mr. Thompson is certainly public-spirited. When he saw the writer's suggestion for the beautifying of North Bay's lawns, he said: "I'll donate the cup, and make it worth competing for." It is such spirit as his that makes for the advancement of a town.

## ROBERT WALLACE

Robert Wallace was born in Toronto. He went to Hillsdale, Ont., in 1858, and in 1888, came to North Bay. Going at once into contracting he has to his credit the building of nearly one-third of the town, few firms in Ontario doing more to build up the Province than R. Wallace and Son. Among their larger contracts were the Queen's, North Bay and Cecil Hotels, the East Ward Public School, the Methodist Church, the Mulligan, Richardson, Purvis, Wallace, etc., blocks. Mr. Wallace was in four Town Councils. He married Miss Jennett Hill, of Hillsdale, Ont. Has eight children. In religion he is a Presbyterian.



## H. C. VARIN

In 1859 E. Varin came up into this country among the very first lumbermen, with limits as far as Trout Lake. His son, H. C. Varin, the subject of this sketch, who was born in Ottawa (then Bytown) in 1849, came to these parts in 1863. He drove from Ottawa, a trip then requiring six days, owing to the narrow roads and the great amount of teaming. This trip was simply to visit his father's camps. His father died in 1865 and his limits were sold to David Moore, with whom H. C. went, and remained until 1874, when he returned to Ottawa, where he stayed until 1881, then came to Bonfield and opened a general store. On March 4th, 1895, he was appointed Sheriff for Nipissing, and came to North Bay, where he has since resided. He married Mrs. Salina Robaittail, widow of A. Groulx, of Ottawa. He has six children; his son is his efficient Deputy. Mr. Varin was Reeve for Bonfield for seven years. He organized and was the first President of the Agricultural Society of Bonfield, He was the instigator of the schools of that place, and had them going even before the Government had sent the money for their maintenance. He was also instrumental in the opening of Government roads. He has always



been active in Church matters, being on the building committee of the new Catholic Church in North Bay. The Sheriff is a collector of relics of the early days. Once coming up the Mattawa River he found—on an island—one of Champlain's swords, at least it had upon it the great man's name. To this pioneer I am indebted for many of my most valuable bits of the early history of the country round about the Bay. He does what all should do, he keeps records of events as they transpire.

### THOMAS WALLACE



Thomas Wallace was born in Toronto, and was educated in the High School of that city. The family later removed to Medonte Township. He went to Wyebridge, where he began the manufacture of harness, first on a small scale and later for the trade, building up one of the largest businesses in Ontario. Sold out and went into general merchandise. In 1899 he came to North Bay, and opened a store in the same line. On the starting of the T. and N. O. Railway, he went into contracting for railroad ties, and furnished 140 miles of the road. When silver was discovered in Cobalt he acquired interests in a number of valuable, claims— the Silver Leaf, Silver Hill (now a part of the great Larose Mines), etc. In 1906 he retired from general store and contracting. He has recently opened a mining broker's office in the Ferguson Block, with private wires to Toronto, and connected with Cobalt, New York City and other points. He married Miss C. C. Edwards, of Wyebridge. He has six children. His son, J. M. Wallace, is a leading mining broker in Toronto, and another— Herbert—is a broker in Cobalt. Mr. Wallace is a Presbyterian, which leads up to a good story, which I shall tell and then be forgiven afterwards. One day, in the Queen's Hotel, a fellow came up to the writer and unsteadily balancing himself, wanted to know: " 'Skuze me, mister, but ain't you (hie) Tom Wallace?" "No," said I, "I'm not Tom Wallace." "Ain't you (hie) Tom Wallace? 'sfunny, I've bin dodgin' y' all day. Tom's awful on drinkin' an' I wus 'frade y'd lecture (hie) me fr' takin' too much! Shure y' ain't Tom? Shake. I'm awful glad y' ain't, fur Tom an' I belong to (hie) th' same church!"

## SILVANUS F. WEEGAR

Silvanus F. Weegar was born in North Williamsburg, Ont. He was educated in the Public Schools. "Fred's" life has been so varied that it would take a volume to tell it, and then there would be some. From home he first went to clerk for an uncle in Morrisburg, then with the Passumpsic Railroad of Vermont. He next went into the theatrical business with the famous Glassford Sisters. Growing tired of travel he went into the stationery business in Ottawa. But the "call of the road" was too strong and he became business manager for the Cecil Brothers, Spirit Exposers, then joined S. Draper's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., and finally took charge, for a year, of the Cole's Circus newspaper work. He next went to Carleton Place and took charge of the first restaurant opened by the C.P.R. That was in 1882. For fourteen years he was at Calumet, and in 1898 came to North Bay, where he has since resided. On September 9<sup>th</sup> of this year he was made Police Magistrate, by the Ontario Government, for North Bay, and next for Widdifield and Ferris Townships. He has already become . the fear of evil-doers. He handles cases so rapidly that he might be called "The Col. Denison of the North." He married Miss Annie Croskery, of Perth. He has four children. He is a live Methodist, and prominent in fraternal, an Oddfellow, and a Past Master in Masonry. At his Silver Wedding, celebrated in 1907, the list of those who remembered the occasion with gifts, included the "Who's Who" of not only North Bay, but many other places as well.







First House and First Child in Cobalt

This picture was taken of one of the first shacks built in Cobalt. It stood where now stands the Hunter Block. The little one seen in the picture is that of the first child born in Cobalt. She is Annita Cahill. When I heard the mother speaking to her as "Annita," I asked: "Where did you get that name?" " In the very early days of the camp, a commercial man came up from Montreal. He brought with him a novel, and loaning it to us, we saw the name, and liking it, called baby Annita after the character." " What was the name of the novel?" I asked. " *My Friend Bill,*" said she. " Ah, indeed!" said I, a bit proud. " And so I named the first child in Cobalt." " How so?" she asked, in surprise. " Well, you see, ' *My Friend Bill*' is my own book—my first attempt at novel writing." One never knows where one's mind children will be found—but to meet them, whether in the great city or in some far-away mining camp, is a peculiar pleasure.

The others in the group are Annita's mother, grandfather, and "Uncle Tom"—Tom Cahill, so widely known "up the Montreal."