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DAY

February 24th 1915



TRIPLE ANNIVERSARY



THIRTIETH anniversary of the
opening of a Catholic Church
at North Bay, Ontario.

TWENTY-FIFTH anniversary of
the Ordination to the Holy
Priesthood of Rev. D. J. Scollard.

TENTH anniversary of the Conse-
cration of the Right Reverend
D. J. Scollard, D. D., Bishop of
Sault Ste Marie.



PROGRAMME

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I — Masses of Thanksgiving—6, 6.30, 7, 7.30 o'clock.
General Communion of St. Mary's Congregation.

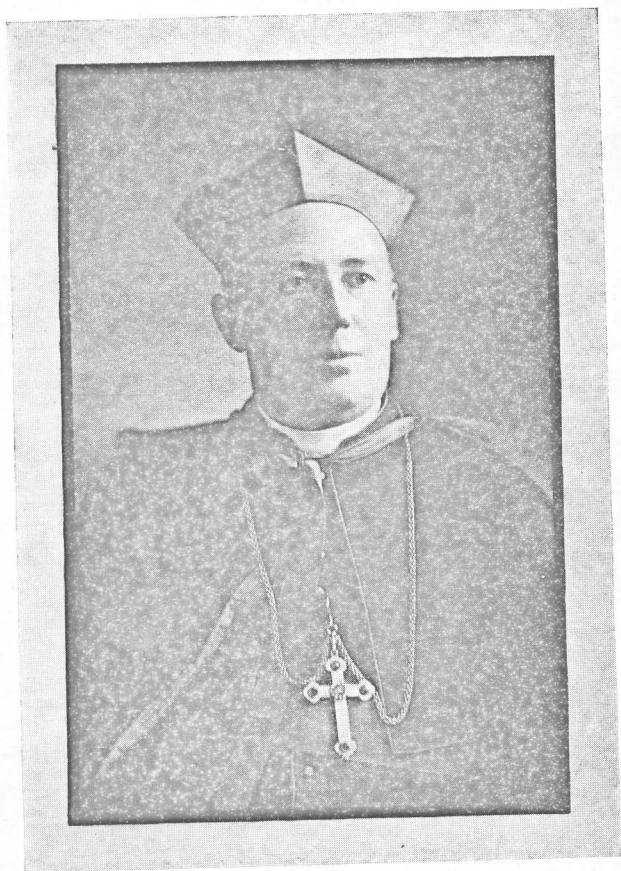
II — Pontifical High Mass at 8 o'clock, by His
Lordship the Bishop.

His Lordship will be assisted by the priests who have labored in North Bay
since the early days.

Sermon by the Rev. J. J. O'Brien, P. P., of the
Church of the Sacred Heart, Peterborough.

III — Entertainment at 3 p.m. by the School Children.
Presentation by the Children of Mary.
Presentation by the Ladies of the League of the
Sacred Heart.

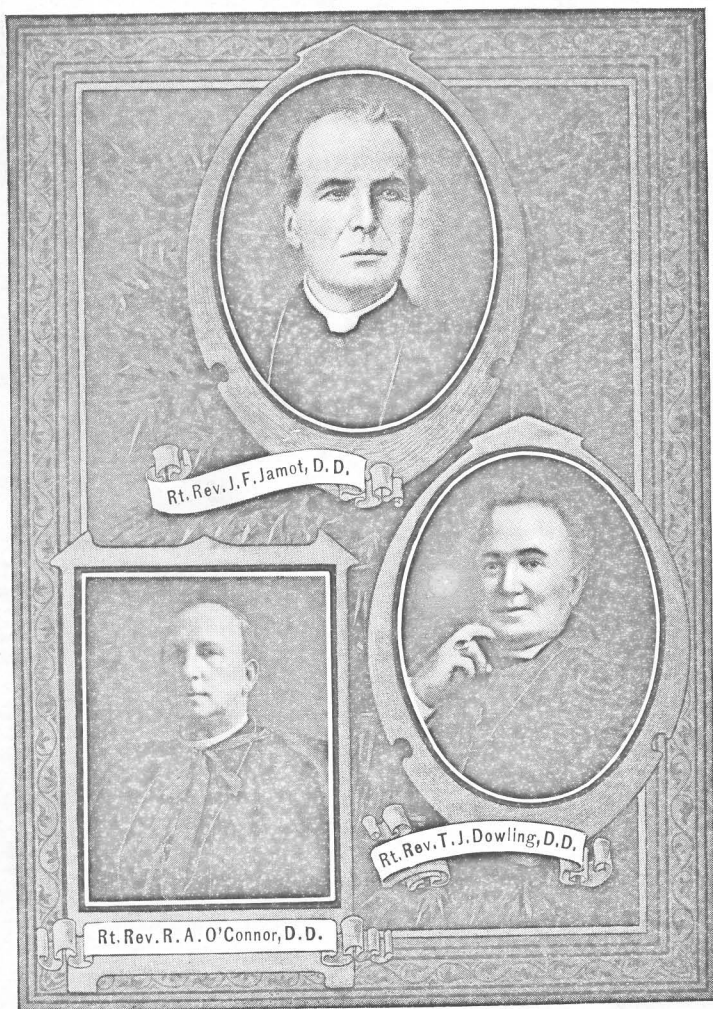
IV — Rosary at 7.30 p.m. Presentation of the Pipe
Organ Fund by the Men of St. Mary's.
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



RIGHT REV. D. J. SCOLLARD, D.D.
BISHOP OF SAULT STE MARIE

FOREWORD

ONE of the most valued treasures of any people is their history. Even from early days have men instinctively striven to preserve their history and to hand down to posterity a record of their times. Indeed, the study of history is like looking back through the highway of Time, and the men and events mentioned therein are as landmarks placed here and there upon that great highway. On an occasion like the present one, many thoughts and many incidents will crowd themselves upon us. To those who have been parishioners of North Bay from the beginning it will be an occasion of reminiscence and a source of honest pride to note the changes between then and now; to those who have come in more recent years it will be a motive for emulation and honorable inquiry into our records; while both, old and new, will see in the occasion a time of joy and of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed upon this parish, its pastors and its people, during the thirty years of its existence.



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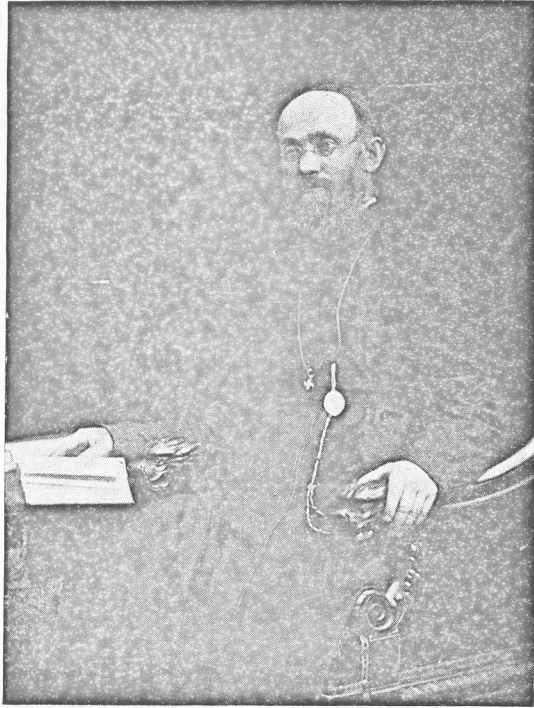


Missionary Days



THE famous Ottawa route is inseparably bound up with the history of missionary endeavor in Canada, and on no account would the history of the parish of St. Mary of the Lake be complete without reference to the passage through here of those heroic men who, in the early days of the colony, carried the gift of faith to the aborigines along the great lakes. The present site of North Bay was well known to all the early French explorers, beginning with Champlain, who came down the Rivière des Vases in 1615, just three hundred years ago. French missionaries, the Recollects, Le Caron, Poulain, de la Roche Dailon, Viel, and their historian Sagard; the Jesuits, Brebeuf, Charles Lalemant, Jogues, Daniel, Garnier, Chabanel, who later, in the seventeenth century, shed their blood for the faith they preached; Bressani, Jérôme Lalemant, Ragueneau, Chaumonot, Le Moyne, Garreau, du Perron, Le Mercier, Raymbault, Ménard, Davost, de Noue, Pijart, Chastelain, and other missionaries whose names are household words in the early history of Canada, all canoed down the little Rivière des Vases on their way to the land of the Hurons. Many a time after their weary trips and their portages from Mattawa and Trout Lake, they

rested for a few hours on the point formed by the little river and Lake Nipissing before they started for their final dash of forty miles across the lake

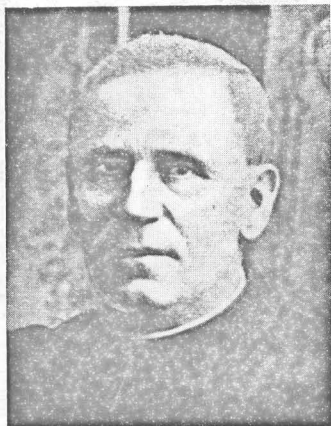


REV. J. B. NOLIN, S. J.

to the French River. Those hours of rest suggest an historical hypothesis. Knowing what the custom was in those years, when the missionaries seized every opportunity offered by a day's respite from travel to say Mass, we may reasonably surmise that

the Holy Sacrifice was celebrated many a time on the shore near North Bay.

In the year 1636, the future martyr, Father Charles Garnier, wrote a letter, which is still preserved, dated from Lake Nipissing. In 1640, Father



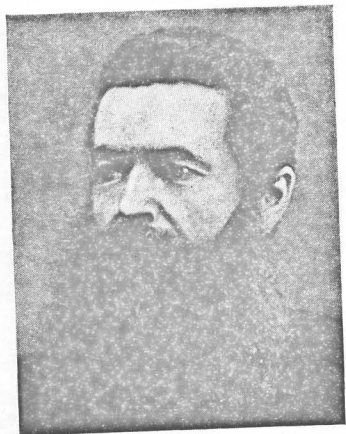
REV. LOUIS COTÉ, S. J.

Raymbault, the first white man who ever set eye on Lake Huron, portaged down the Rivière des Vases on his way from Quebec to the West. In 1640, the Mission of the Holy Ghost was founded by the Jesuits in the tribe who lived in these parts, and for a few months numbered the heroic Father Isaac Jogues as one of its members. The Jesuit *Re-*

lation for 1650-51 describes a fierce battle between Iroquois and Algonquins, while the latter were fishing in the lake prior to setting out for Trout Lake and Mattawa. One of the most interesting incidents in the early documents was that mentioned by Sagard the Recollect historian, when he described his trip to Lake Nipissing in 1623, and his enjoyment of the feast of white fish and pumpkins that had been set before him by his brother missionary, Father Nicolas Viel, whom he met by accident on the shore of the lake.

This route was the only one used during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries by missionaries, fur-traders and explorers. La Verendrye and his

companions travelled over it in 1732 on their way to the great plains and the Rocky Mountains. In 1745, Deroën, a French pilot, wrote down for Father Potier, another Jesuit missionary, the various obstacles met with on the entire journey from Montreal to



REV. HORMISDAS CARON, S. J.

Michilimackinac. Writing of the difficulties of approach to the present site of North Bay, he mentioned three portages on the Rivière des Vases: the first from Trout Lake, one league in length; the second, near the middle of the river, known as *Le Milieu des Vases*, seventeen arpents long, where travellers were obliged to cut through beaver dams in order to let the water run; the third and last portage was thirty arpents long; after which came a clear sweep of three leagues before entering the lake.

The souvenir of the intrepid missionaries who penetrated the deep forests in this region, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, had quite disappeared when their successors returned in the nineteenth to take up their spiritual labors not merely among the descendants of the native tribes, but also among the white population whom railway construction had brought to the shore of Lake Nipissing. There are many still living who can recall the visits made by the missionary Fathers of the Society of Jesus. Sometimes Mass would be offer-

ed up by them in private houses, sometimes in a shed, but wherever the time or place, there were always found souls eager to seek spiritual profit and to give evidence of the faith that was in them. Among the Fathers who visited North Bay in those early days of its history, may be mentioned Rev. J. B. Nolin, S. J., Rev. Louis Coté, S. J., and Rev. Hormisdas Caron, S. J., also Rev. Father Nedelec, O. M. I., who made occasional visits to the Indians on the neighboring Reserve.

Diocesan History

With the increase of population in this remote portion of the Dominion, the spiritual needs of the people were not overlooked, and the organization of the Church proceeded apace. The western portion of the District of Nipissing, together with the Districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound, Algoma and Thunder Bay, constituted what was called in early days, the Vicariate of Northern Canada, with the Right Rev. John Francis Jamot as Vicar Apostolic. Born in France, Father Jamot came to Canada and was attached to the Diocese of Toronto, of which he was Chancellor and Vicar-General, and it was while occupying this position that he was consecrated Vicar Apostolic, in 1874.

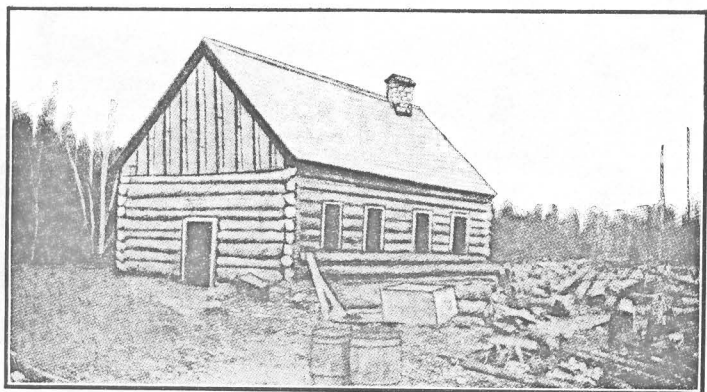
Eight years later the new Diocese of Peterborough was erected. It consisted of the Vicariate

of Northern Canada together with four counties which previously belonged to the Diocese of Kingston. Bishop Jamot was made first Bishop of this new diocese. He transferred his see from Bracebridge to the city of Peterborough and resided there until his death in 1886. He was succeeded by Bishop Dowling who was transferred two years later to the Diocese of Hamilton. Bishop Dowling paid a pastoral visitation to North Bay in 1887, and confirmed a class of twenty-seven children. His journey from Peterborough was made in a freight train and occupied a portion of two days.

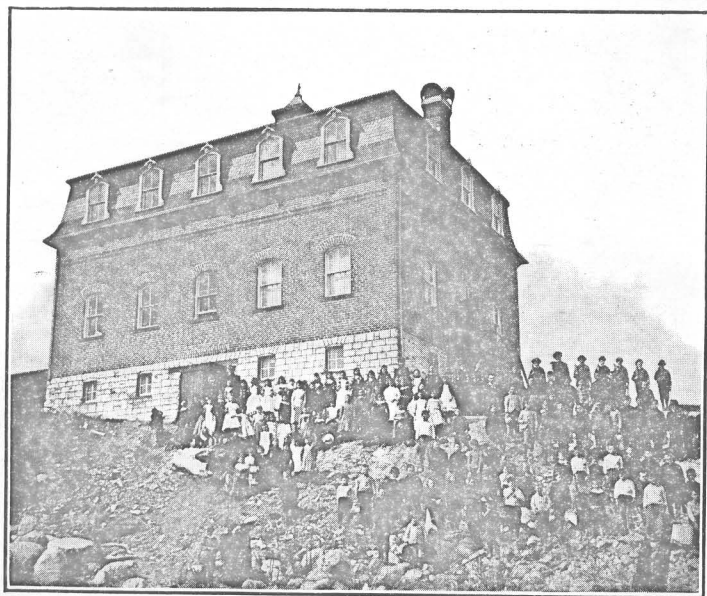
The Right Rev. Richard Alphonsus O'Connor succeeded Bishop Dowling in 1889, and continued to exercise jurisdiction over these parts until 1904, when a step forward was made.

The Diocese of Peterborough covered a very extensive territory, and as the northern portions began to be better known and better settled, it became evident that a division was desirable.

Accordingly, on Sept. 16, 1904, Pope Pius X constituted the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie by separating from the Diocese of Peterborough, the Districts of Algoma and Thunder Bay and the western part of the District of Nipissing. The care of this new diocese was entrusted to Rev. Father D. J. Scollard, parish priest of North Bay.



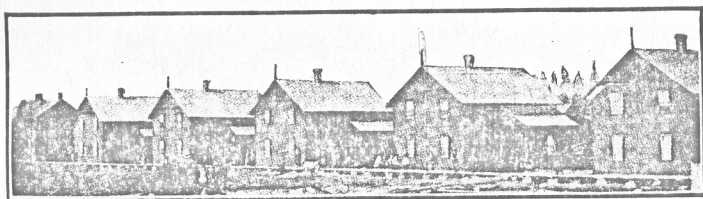
FIRST SCHOOL



SCHOOL ON PRIEST'S HILL

20 Pioneer Days

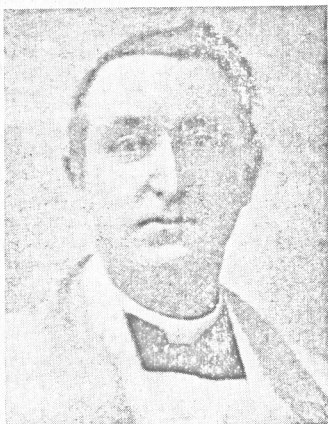
Previous to 1882 the site of the present town of North Bay was an unbroken forest. The only permanent inhabitants—if such they might be called—in this neighborhood were the Indians who had been granted a Reserve by the Robinson treaty in 1855. With the coming of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in 1883, a new era was commenced, and changes have followed in such rapid succession that the solitude of the forest has given place to the noise and bustle of a city of ten thousand people. The completion of the Grand Trunk Railway in 1886, of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway in 1905, and the entrance of the Canadian Northern Railway in 1914, have all been material factors in the upbuilding of the town. North Bay is the judicial centre of the District of Nipissing and possesses one of the eight Normal Schools of the Province of Ontario. It is also the See of the Bishop of this Diocese. Therefore, it can be said that North Bay is the ecclesiastical, educational, judicial and commercial centre of a fairly extensive country. To provide for the spiritual needs of this cosmopolitan and rapidly growing portion of Canada is no small task. Let us rejoice that under the direction of worthy leaders the Catholic Church is flourishing, and is ministering to the spiritual needs of all her children.



ONE OF THE RED ROWS

Parochial History

From the beginning, North Bay was apparently regarded as a desirable place in which to cast one's lot, and soon attracted to itself a considerable number

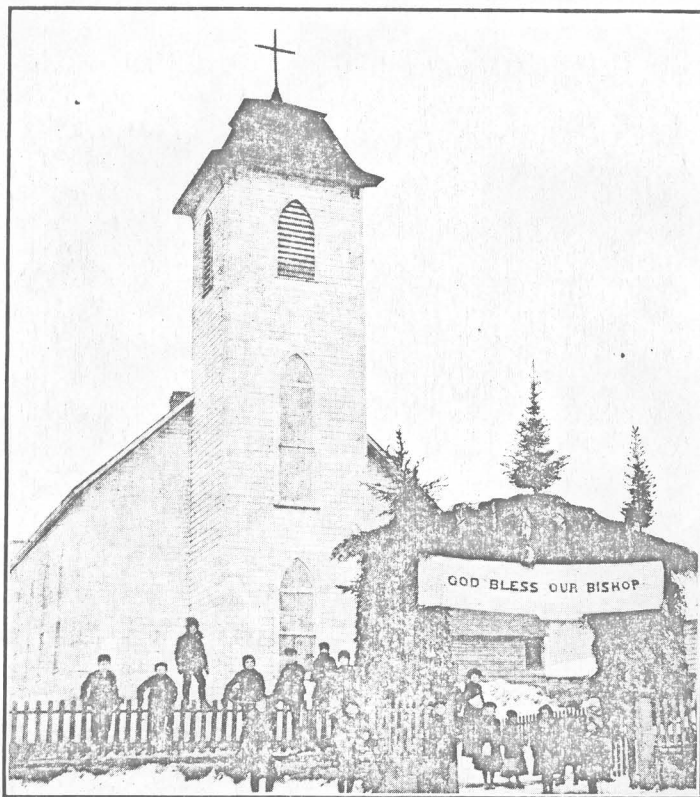


REV. J. C. SINNETT

of people, many of whom were Catholics; and it is well worth recording that they were an important factor in the early days of hardship in shaping and directing the affairs of the young but growing community. There was no organized parish at that time and no resident priest, nor was there a permanent place of worship, but the

new settlement was not in existence very long until the people of their own initiative undertook to build a church. At first it was designed to build a log structure close to the "old log school" which will be mentioned later on, but more ambitious minds prevailed, and it was finally decided to build a frame structure and have it more centrally located. Ac-

cordingly a property was purchased²² situated on what is now known as Main Street West. The particular lot was number 101 on the north side of the street.



FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH

The deed was finally registered on September 27th, 1886, although the purchase was made a few years previously. The lot in question was bought for the sum of fifty dollars from the owner, John Ferguson, who also donated free the adjoining lot in the rear.

Thus the church property extended from Main Street in front to McIntyre Street behind, and on this the first permanent church, a small frame building, was erected in the year 1884. It was in this church that the missionary Fathers paid their last visits to North



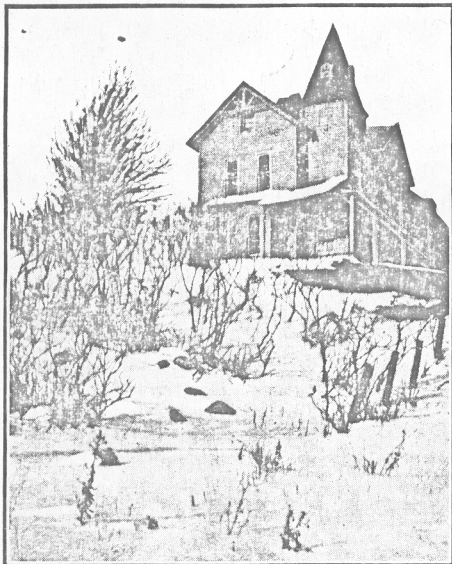
REV. JOS. BLOEM

Bay. The Catholic population continued to increase and finally a parish was organized in 1886. Rev. Father J. C. Sinnett, now Vicar General of the Diocese of Prince Albert, was the first resident pastor, remaining with us from May 6th till July 30th.

On the 11th of August of that year, the Reverend Joseph Bloem came to reside as parish priest. It was indeed a fortunate choice. Father Bloem was born in Holland and possessed in a marked degree the strong faith and tireless energy characteristic of his race. Finding the nucleus of a parish already in existence, he applied himself with great zeal to extend it. The church had to be enlarged, which was done by extending the original building forward towards Main Street. The addition was completed with a tower in which the bell which had previously been purchased was placed. The bell had formerly rested on a low plank platform, and on account of its central location, was also used as a fire alarm,

or on any occasion, in fact,²⁴ when it was desired to call the townspeople together.

The next undertaking was the erection of a Separate School. At this stage of the town's develop-



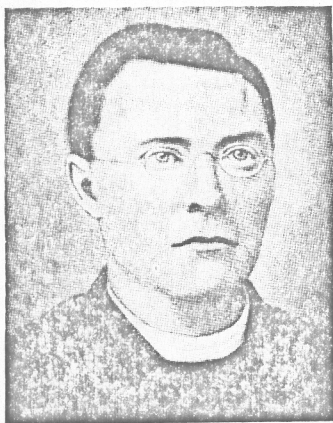
THE HOUSE ON THE HILL

ment there was but one school, a log structure, located in the gore bounded by Klock Avenue, Cassels Street and Main Street West. The school lot extended quite close to Cassels Street but not altogether touching it. When the Separate School was organized Jan. 6th, 1887,

the log building was divided, one portion being occupied as a Public School, and the other portion as a Separate School; later the entire building was occupied by the latter. However, the attendance outgrew the accommodation and the brick school on the hill, was next undertaken and completed in 1888.

It was the intention to locate all the parochial buildings on this site, and with this end in view a fine property was purchased on the brow of the hill overlooking the town. After the school was completed a house was built nearby, for it was also the

intention to erect a new church at some future time upon the hill. On account of the location of the priest's house on the hill, the latter came to be known as "Priest's Hill," and the school as the "School on the Hill". It was in this school that many of the first



REV. EUGENE BLOEM

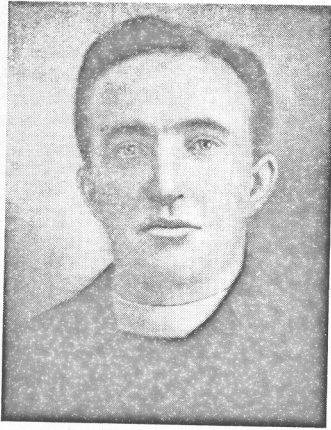
generation of Catholic children born in North Bay, received their primary education.

Father Joseph Bloem carried on his work at first unaided, but before his pastorate closed he had as his assistant his brother, Father Eugene Bloem, who afterwards took complete charge of the parish.

Father Joseph had always desired to join the Redemptorist Order, and with this end in view he left North Bay in September, 1891. He latterly resided in the United States, where he died in New Jersey.

Father Eugene Bloem went on with the good work which his brother before him had commenced. During his time the congregation continued to grow; as a result the church was enlarged twice, each time by adding to the rear of the original building. The last addition was a two-storey one, the lower storey being used as a sacristy and the upper one as a class room for the younger pupils who found the "school on the hill" too far away. On page 21 will be found a photograph of the original church with the

three additions thereto. In the foreground will be observed a class of school children in charge of their teacher, thus showing the dual purpose the building served. The evergreens and banner of welcome were part of the decorations erected in honor of His



REV. J. NOLAN

Lordship Bishop Scollard on his return from Peterborough in February, 1905. Father Eugene Bloem was assisted in his work by Rev. John Nolan, Rev. A. F. Kelly, now Dean Kelly of Trout Creek, and lastly by Rev. P. J. O'Leary. In addition to parochial duties in the town itself, Father Bloem had charge of a number of neighboring missions, and it was while boarding a train to reach one of them that he met with an accident which resulted in his death. Thus ended the association with North Bay of these two brother priests. They labored earnestly and well for the salvation of souls, they loved their people and in turn were loved by them, and the parish of St. Mary's of the Lake will always treasure the memories of Fathers Joseph and Eugene Bloem.

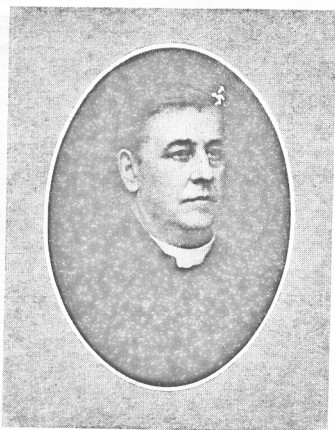
Let us pray for the dead!
For sister and mother,
Father and brother,
For clansmen and fosterer,
And all who have loved us here;
For pastors, for neighbors,
At rest from their labors.

D'ARCY MCGEE

Following the death of Father Eugene Bloem the parish was for a time without a pastor, Rev. T. F. Scanlan, however, acting as administrator for the time being. Finally, word was received that the people of North Bay were to have as their pastor Rev. D. J. Scollard who took charge on March, 1, 1896.

A New Era

The coming of Rev. Father Scollard marked the beginning of a new era in the parish, an era of growth and expansion rarely



VERY REV. A. F. KELLY

equalled and still more rarely excelled. The new pastor was born at Ennis-
more, Ont., Nov. 4, 1862, entered St. Michael's College, Toronto, where he made a successful course of classical studies, gaining the silver medal for languages. He began his theological studies in the seminary of Montreal, and at the close, received the degree of Licentiate in Theology. After his ordination to the priesthood, Dec. 21, 1890, he was appointed assistant at the Peterborough cathedral then its rector. This was the office he held when he was named parish priest of North Bay. Nine years elapsed before the higher

dignity of the episcopate was laid upon his shoulders, but those nine years were years of hard work and corresponding fruitfulness.

The new pastor proved himself to be an indefatigable worker, a man possessed of keen foresight,

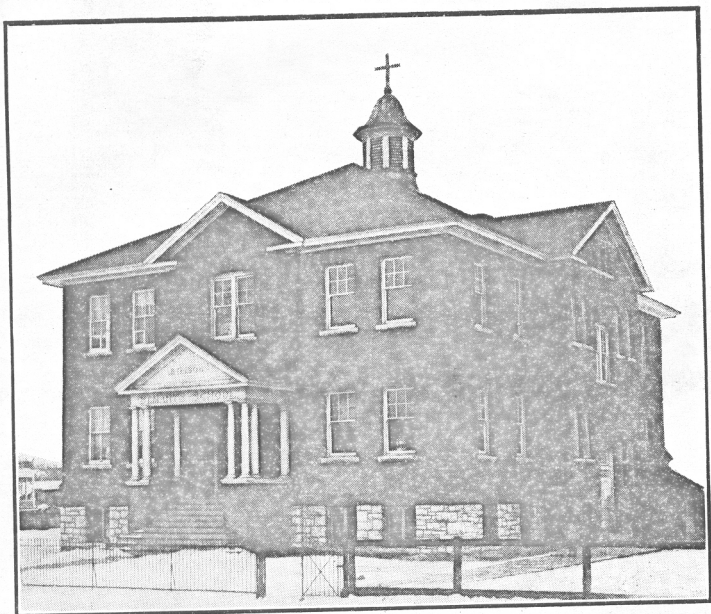


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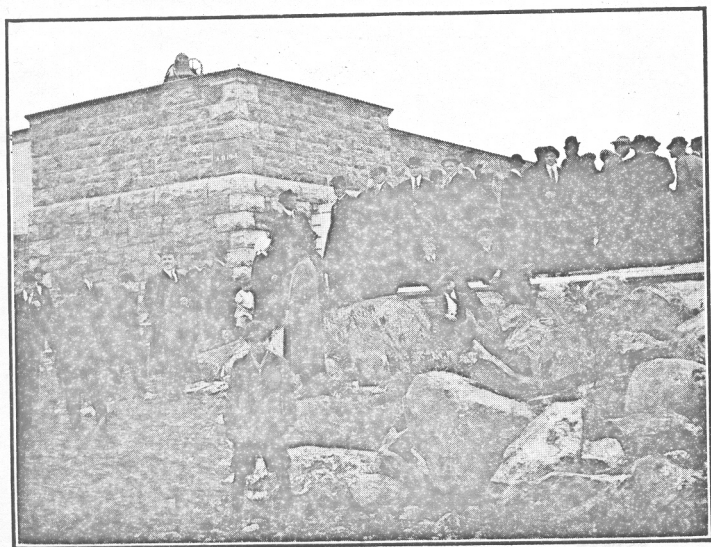
patience and wisdom. He soon made his presence felt in the community and instilled into the parish a spirit of advancement which showed itself in every phase of parochial activity. He was ably supported by his people; their co-operation was evident everywhere. Ways and means had to be found to cope with the constantly grow-

ing material needs of the parish, and few there are who do not recall the monster picnics that brought thousands together, from far and near, every summer to join in sports and to listen to speech-makers. Those annual picnics became looked-for events. Other denominations helped to augment Catholic numbers, thus fostering a spirit of peace and good fellowship that has left its mark on the tone of our city.

One of the first steps of importance undertaken by Father Scollard was the purchase of the land upon which the cathedral now stands; this was in January, 1898. More pressing, however, was the demand for further school accommodation, and with this end in view, a school site was purchased in Feb-

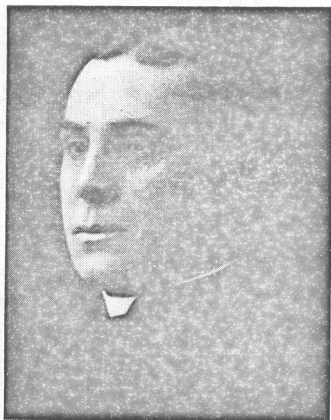


ST. MARY'S SCHOOL



CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (FRENCH)

ruary, 1902, on First Avenue West; the erection of St. Mary's School followed shortly, and was opened in 1904. The school cost \$15,000, contained eight class-rooms, and for a time met the growing demands of the town. In the meantime funds were being

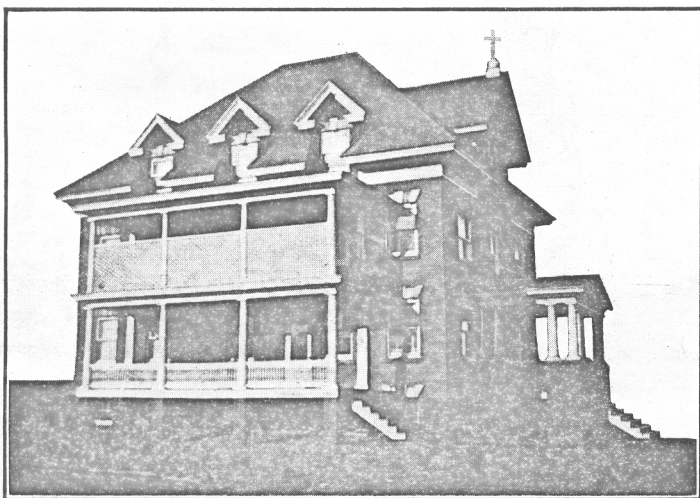


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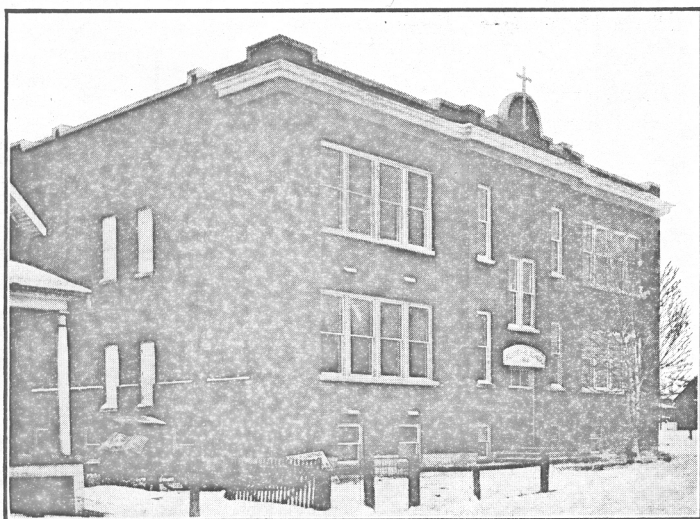
collected for the erection of a new church. Plans were prepared and his Lordship Bishop O'Connor came to North Bay to inspect them. Finally, in 1904, actual work was commenced, the corner stone being laid by Bishop O'Connor on June 19th, 1904.

It was about this time, when the new St. Mary's

School had been completed and the church under construction, that news of great importance reached our people. His Holiness Pope Pius X had been pleased to create the new Diocese of Sault Ste Marie, and our parish priest was to be its first Bishop. This news was received with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow. With joy, in that such a signal favor should be bestowed upon one so worthy, and with sorrow, for it was feared that the pastor, whom the people had learned to know and revere, would be removed. However, this fear was later dispelled when His Lordship Bishop Scollard expressed his desire to continue his life's work in our midst. Bishop Scollard was consecrated first Bishop of Sault Ste Marie

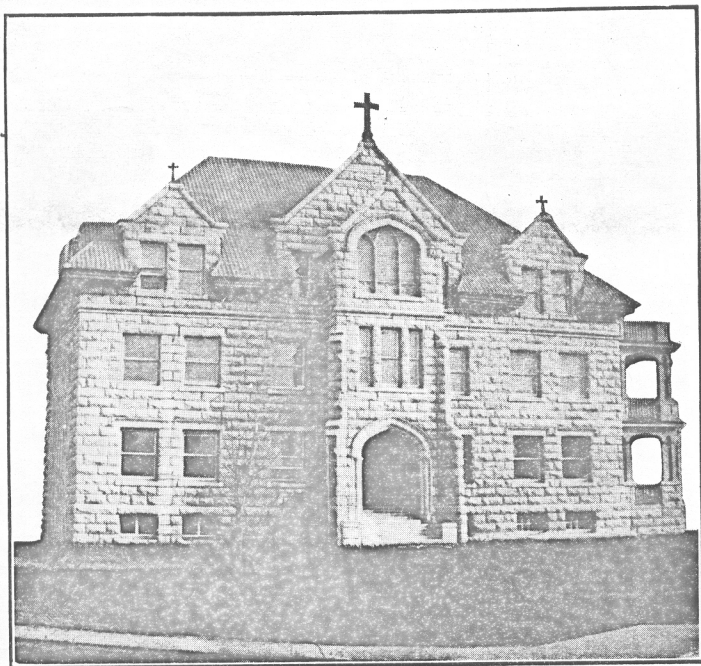


ST. MARY'S CONVENT



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

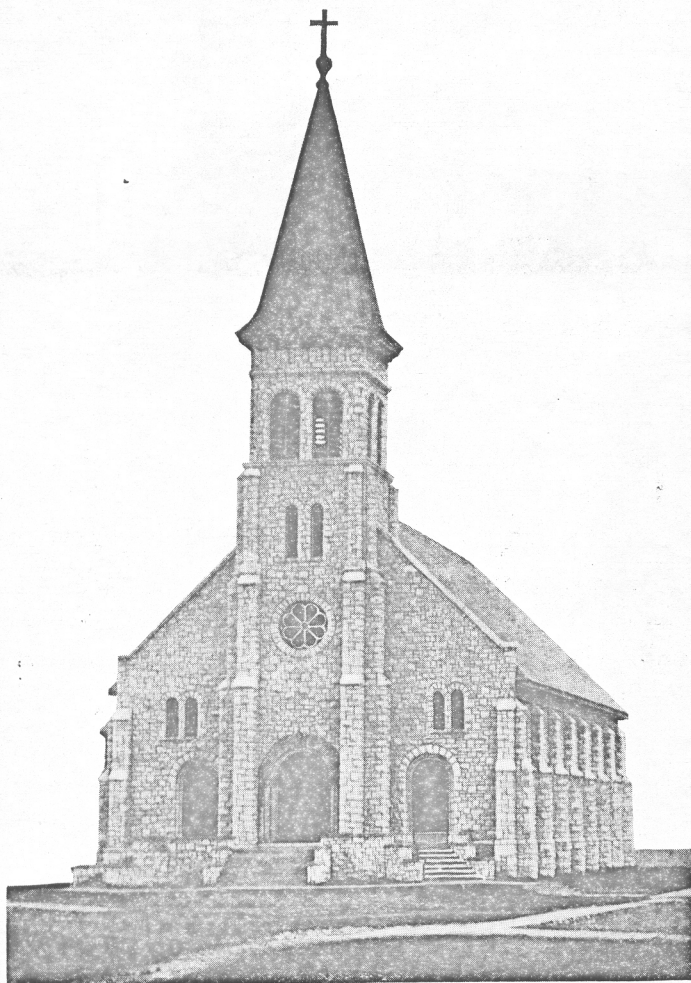
at Peterborough, February 24 1905, by the Right Reverend R. A. O'Connor. The consecration was witnessed by many of our parishioners, and upon his



BISHOP'S RESIDENCE

return to town His Lordship was royally received by the community at large, regardless of race or religious belief.

The responsibilities of so large a diocese necessarily occupied the greater portion of our new Bishop's time; nevertheless, his interest in his home parish had not abated, but on the contrary seemed to increase with passing years. It would be impossible to enumerate herein all the work accomplished by Bishop

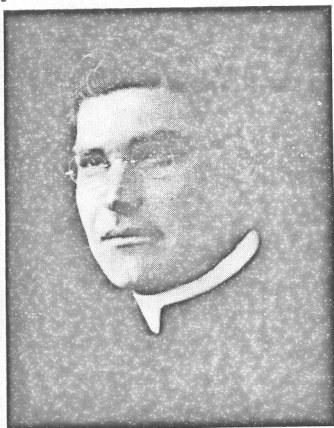


OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

PRO-CATHEDRAL

Scollard in this parish since his consecration; notwithstanding the many and exacting duties of his office. Let us recall, briefly, the main incidents during the ten years which have elapsed since then.

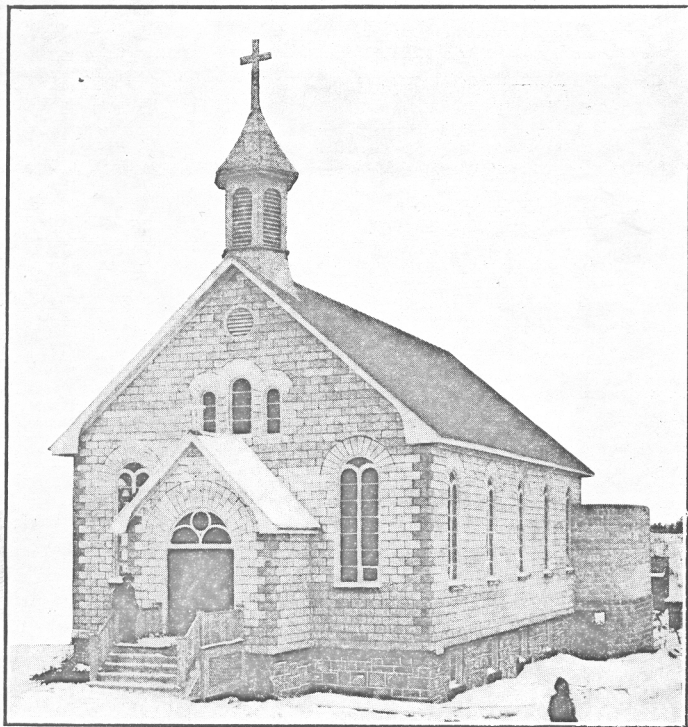
As has already been mentioned, the church was still incomplete, but work upon it was hastened, and the first Mass was celebrated in the new edifice on the last Sunday of Advent, 1905. It is a handsome stone edifice which cost \$65,000, and seats a thousand people. The basement is used as a parish hall where concerts or other entertainments may be held.



REV. L. BELCASTRO

The next event of interest was the introduction of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1906, to take charge of the school. The Sisters for a time occupied a rented house on First Avenue West not far from the school. More suitable quarters, however, were provided in the building of St. Joseph's Convent adjoining the church. The Convent was opened on the last Sunday of October, 1908; it cost \$10,000, and is occupied entirely by the Sisters of St. Joseph. This Community was founded at Le Puy, France, in 1650; it came to the United States in 1837 and to Toronto, Canada, in 1851. Besides teaching in the primary schools the Sisters maintain academies for the higher education of young ladies, while many of the Catholic hospitals, orphanages and homes for

the aged in Ontario are under their care. The influence of the Sisters of St. Joseph for good cannot be over estimated; and whether it be in the education

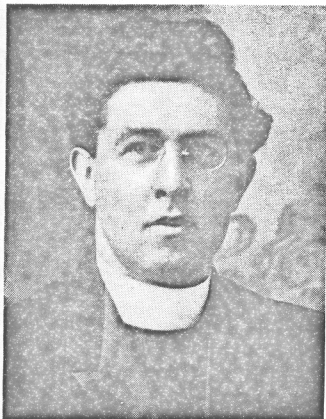


ST. RITA'S CHURCH (ITALIAN)

of the young, in the nursing of the sick, or in the care of the aged, they have always shown a wonderful charity and personal sacrifice without which such good works could not be accomplished.

During the time these many undertakings were being conceived and carried to completion, the house on the hill still continued to serve as the priest's

residence, much to the regret of the people who felt that their clergy were deserving of better things; but it was not until school and church and convent had been completed that the building of a new residence was entertained. The "Palace", as it is now

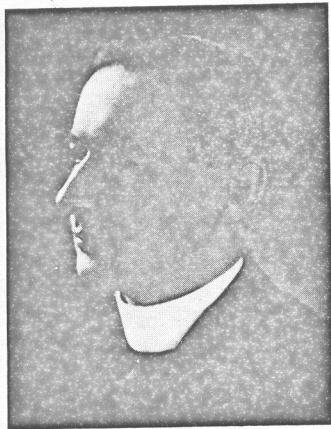


REV. L. SEGUIN

called, stands adjacent to the cathedral and is, like the latter, built of Longford stone. It was erected at the cost of \$35,000, and serves not only as official residence of the Bishop, but also accommodates the clergy of the diocese during the annual retreat. Formerly, owing to lack of accommodation, the retreats were held at Sudbury.

It has been remarked that North Bay is a cosmopolitan city, different races being represented in its citizens. Among these may be mentioned the Italian people who number about one hundred families, together with many unmarried men. This portion of the Catholic flock was attended by Father Bruno, S. J., who came once or twice a year to conduct a mission for the Italians, these missions being held usually in the chapel under the sacristy of the cathedral. Later, St. Rita's Italian Church was built, and the first Mass celebrated on Christmas Eve, 1913. Father Renaldo was the first resident Italian priest; a short time later he was suc-

ceeded by Father Menella who, in turn, was succeeded by the present pastor Rev. Father Belcastro. The corner stone of St. Rita's was laid by His Lordship Bishop Scollard on June 19, 1913. His Lordship who takes a deep interest in his Italian children,



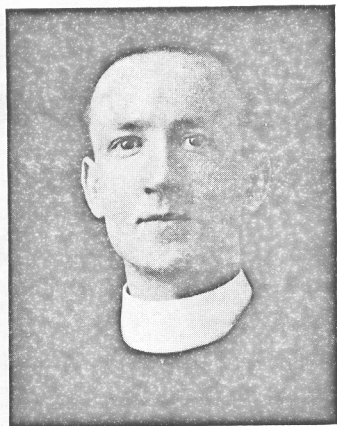
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urged them to be steadfast to their Church, the one true Church of Christ, and also admonished them that while loving the land of their birth they should also love the new land in which they now live, and be ready to obey its laws.

It will be noted that a considerable portion of this narrative deals with school affairs, and again

at this point the same topic must reappear. The town having grown and extended in all directions, Bishop Scollard decided to purchase a site for further school accommodation, this time in the east end of the town. The site originally selected was John Street, north of the Chippewa Creek. Later, the building of the Canadian Northern Railway impaired the desirability of this property as a school site, and as a result a dispute of some celebrity arose between Bishop Scollard acting for the Separate School Board, on the one hand, and the Canadian Northern Railway, on the other. This dispute delayed the erection of the school for some time; finally an understanding

was reached which resulted in the present site of St. Joseph's school, First Avenue East, being secured. The heroic stand taken by Bishop Scollard on this matter is proverbial, and when the controversy



REV. T. CROWLEY

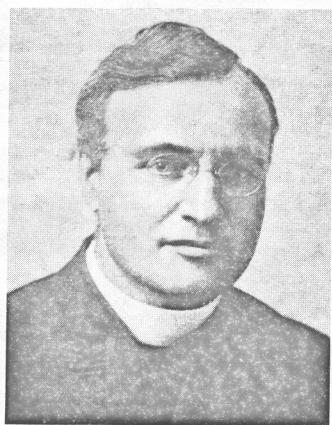
was finally settled no ill-will remained, His Lordship even receiving the warm appreciation of his adversaries in this struggle. The building of the school was pushed forward rapidly and was blessed by Bishop Scollard on Sunday January 3d, 1915. The school cost \$30,000. It is very modern in design and will compare favorably with

any other school building in the Province. While St. Joseph's School was in the course of construction classes were held temporarily in the basement of the cathedral, and even "the school on the hill" was also called into use. The opening of the new school, however, relieves this congestion and will probably meet requirements for some time to come. The staff comprises fifteen teachers, and the number of pupils enrolled is now eight hundred.

The French Catholic Church

In the beginning the Catholic families could be classified according to their language as "English-speaking" or "French-speaking," as the case might be. With the continued growth of the town both

races increased in proportion, and, finally, it became the desire of the French-speaking people to have a church of their own. Permission was granted by His Lordship, and a site was secured on the corner of Wylde Street and Fourth Avenue East. Excavation was begun on September 21st, 1913, and the basement was com-

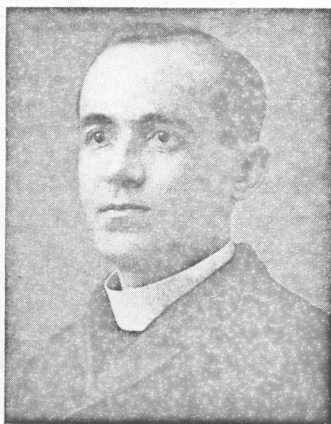


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pleted in October, 1914. This basement, at present used as a church, was blessed by Bishop Scollard on October 18th, 1914; the first Mass was celebrated the same day. The building, as it stands at the time of writing, represents (with land included) an outlay of \$25,000. The Rev. Lionel Seguin, who was stationed at North Bay as one of the assistants of the Bishop, took a leading part in the organization of this new French parish. The first pastor named was the Rev. J. A. Lecuyer who is still in charge.

Curates of the Parish

During the nineteen years of his pastorate in North Bay His Lordship Bishop Scollard has been assisted at various times by faithful priests, each



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of whom, in turn, has done his share to promote the welfare of the parish and the well-being of its people. Their work has on different occasions been commended by His Lordship, and though most of them have now passed on to other fields of labor, yet they are gratefully remembered by those here whom they once served.

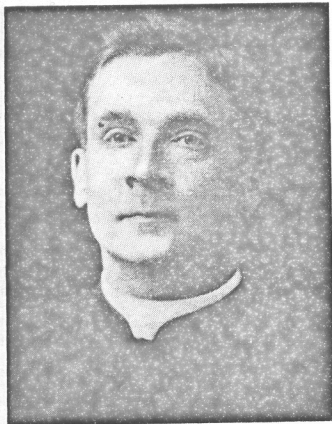
In their order of service in North Bay the list of curates is as follows:

Rev. Father Phalen, 1896.

Rev. T. J. Crowley, Feb. 1903 to March, 1905. Father Crowley was transferred to Warren and later to Copper Cliff, where he now resides.

Rev. J. J. O'Brien, April, 1905 to March, 1911. Father O'Brien was transferred to Lakefield in the Diocese of Peterborough, and afterwards to the Church of the Sacred Heart in the city of Peterborough, of which he is parish priest.

Rev. O. Dufresne, December, 1905 to April, 1909, was transferred to St. Charles, and is now parish priest at Blezard Valley.



REV. L. P. THERIAULT

Rev. L. P. Theriault, April, 1909 to September, 1910, moved to Elk Lake and Field.

Rev. P. J. Monahan, September, 1910 to April, ~~1914~~. He and Rev. J. Bourgeois are at present assistants of the Bishop.

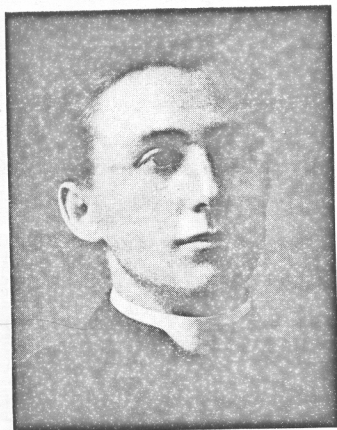
Rev. C. C. Fawcett, July, 1911 to Feb. 1914, now assistant at Sault Ste Marie.

Rev. L. Seguin, September, 1913 to October, 1914, now parish priest at Warren, Ontario.

Religious and Fraternal Societies

The chief Catholic religious and fraternal societies are all represented in North Bay. The C. M. B. A. was introduced in the year 1887, the Catholic Order of Foresters in 1895, the Knights of Columbus in 1905, the Union of St. Joseph in 1910. In addition to these, there are the League of the Sacred Heart, established in 1900, the Children of Mary and St. Anthony's Society. This last named was organized on December 5th, 1909; its purpose is to provide for the poor and needy of the parish. It has received the generous

support of the people, a circumstance which has

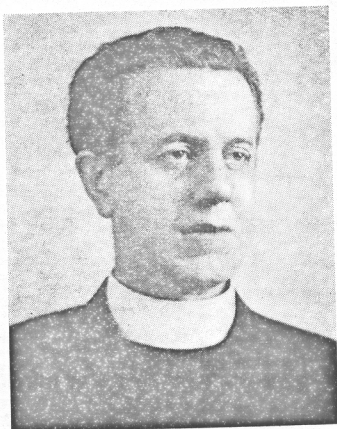


REV. C. C. FAWCETT

been a source of much encouragement to the good ladies who so charitably and so unselfishly devote themselves to this good work. Many a family in moments of stringency and want has had occasion to be thankful to those who have quietly and unassumingly cared and provided for them in sickness and distress.

Orphanage Fund

The three most necessary accompaniments of any Catholic community are: first, the church; secondly, the school; thirdly, its charities — the hospital, the orphanage, the home for the aged or infirm, the society for the relief of the poor. All these have been well provided for in this parish, but more is contemplated, for His Lordship has already in hand a sum of money which is to be devoted to the erection of an orphanage for the Diocese. It will then be seen that the needs

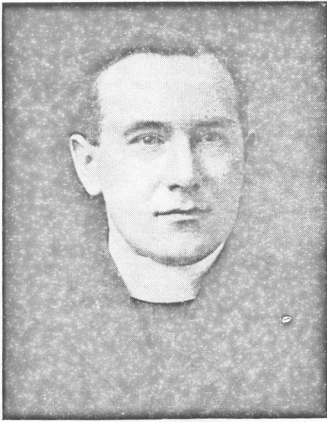


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of all have received the earnest consideration of our beloved Bishop.

The Tenth Anniversary

This, dear reader, brings us to this eventful day, the tenth anniversary of the consecration of our beloved Bishop and his twenty-fifth year in the priesthood. What fruitful years these have been! What tireless effort! what wonderful self-sacrifice on the part of him whom we all love to honor on this day! It is also the thirtieth year in the history of St. Mary's of the Lake. Beginning with what was



REV. P. J. MONAHAN

but a clearance in the woods, we have travelled together down the pathway of time, and on our journey have paused here and there to gaze in our mind's fancy at the land-marks which speak silently but eloquently of those who raised them. Together, too, we have renewed the ties of affection and the debts of gratitude we owe the different pastors who have served us during those thirty years. Most of them have passed on to other fields of labor, but our beloved Bishop remains. Let us thank God today and in the fulness of our hearts exclaim

Ad Multos Annos!

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