

Mrs. Howey was impressed by the bay and the falls. She wrote, "The scenery about Sturgeon was beautiful. The shore of the bay was fringed with evergreens drooping under the weight of frozen mist from the falls. A little Anglican Church with a tower and actually a bell stood on a promontory overlooking the river making ideal copy for a Christmas card." She records one of the first local romances when she tells how a young engineer named Duchesnay courted Lily Whitnal in a canoe on Ramsay Lake and proposed to her on a flat-car coming home to Sturgeon.

An even more romantic story is related by Mr. Roy Cockburn about Donald Smith of the Hudson Bay Co. who later became Lord Strathcona of the C.P.R. On an inspection tour of the Hudson Bay post here he was paddling along the lower reaches of the Sturgeon River when he saw an Ojibway woman clamber out onto a tree overhanging the river to escape from a bear. It is said that the future lord invited the fleeing woman into his canoe and that she later became Lady Strathcona.

Another and less romantic story was related by Mr. L. J. Gilleland of the Royal Bank who probably had it from Miss Mary Richardson. In 1884 the C.P.R. purchased from James Holditch extra land on which to build a round-house and railway shops. Mr. Worthington, manager of construction for the area, wished to cut a huge elm which stood just over the line from the C.P.R. property on Holditch's land. The latter objected and a quarrel resulted and Worthington angrily re-located the projected shops at North Bay.

*Lillie says he never heard this story*  
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