

One said "Yes", the other said "No"². There was nothing more to negotiate, even though of a trifling nature.

"Two little kittens, one stormy night,
Began to quarrel, and then to fight."

This Railway tree episode was truly a kittens' quarrel. The Railway contractor vowed that Sturgeon Falls would not have a Round House. So it was. The Round House was built in North Bay. It has been said that the City of North Bay named one of its streets in honour of the contractor. This bit of gossip can not be verified.

The coming of the Railway caused a stir in religious circles. The Church of England was the first to have regular church services. A missionary came from Mattawa once a month.

The Presbyterians came second, erecting a small frame building. At the opening service of the new church, it was proposed to have flowers on either side of the pulpit. It was found impossible to obtain these in the pioneer town. But when the worshippers assembled, to their great surprise, two large bunches of flowers were seen - one purple and one white, artistically arranged in two deep soup bowls. These were the offering of Mrs. McLeod who kept the Post Office. Her Irish potato patch supplied the coloured blossoms.

Next came the Methodist Church, the first missionary being John Ellis. Services were held in the old log school-house which stood a few feet north of the present Public School building.

Before the different denominations built their churches, a Sunda School was organized, which also met in the log school-house. This proved to be a real union school, and was so called. The children as well as the adults of the churches attended. The first Superintendent was a Mr. Parker who had come from the Gravenhurst district.

When there he had walked three miles each Sunday from his farm to his Sunday School. He knew hard work; and was ready for the Union Sunday School.