

of the pulp mill. There was no electricity in the town and many people moved away to look for work. Many of the fine homes on King Street, came into French Canadian hands. Abbe Langlois had faith in the town and in 1914 began to construct the Sacre-Coeur Church.

The Sturgeon Falls Masons had a busy year, in 1910. Right Wor. Bro. H.D. Leask was made an Honorary Member of the lodge. New lodge rooms were dedicated in Cobalt and Haileybury. Mattawa Lodge celebrated it's twenty-fifth anniversary and Wor. Bro. A.W. Smith attended the celebrations. He reported back to the lodge on the exciting fraternal evening, which was enjoyed by all the brethren and wives, in attendance.

On May 6th 1910, King Edward the Fourth died. Wor. Bro. A.W. Smith spoke about our late brother. The King's final words were "well it's over, but I think I have done my duty", a final tribute to a great man and a great King. Grand Lodge ordered the charter and alter be draped in his honor, for a period of three months, which was done on June 13th 1910.

The Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company bought the pulp mill in 1912 and hope returned to Sturgeon Falls. Many distinguished and interesting Masons graced the lodge, in the next few years. Right Wor. Bro. A.W. Smith became the second District Deputy Grand Master, from the Sturgeon Falls Lodge, in 1911. His Masonic work was well known, throughout the district. Wor. Bro. J. De Cockburn was installed as Master of the lodge, in 1912. He was a very active public figure, serving on the town council for several terms and mayor, in 1900. Wor. Bro. W.C. Austin was installed as Master, in 1914 and served his lodge well, over the next four decades. Wor. Bro. Canon Piercy was installed as Master, in 1915. He was a very active leader, in the Anglican Church, in those early days. Wor. Bro. Dr. W.C. Pedlar was installed as Master in 1923 and his presence was felt during the next twenty-two years. Wor. Bro. W.H. Armitage was installed, in 1925 and he solidified the presence of the Sturgeon Falls Masonic Lodge, for the next sixty-eight years.

#### CHAPTER 4

When the First World War began in 1917, it took it's toll of young men and had a devastating effect on their families. In a close-knit community, like Sturgeon Falls, with everyone in town knowing each other, the whole community mourned, when a family was told that one of their sons had been killed, in action. As the men slowly came home, the horrors of what had happened, on the front lines, became more real and horrific.

The new highway to North Bay opened in 1920. Father J.A. Lecuyer became Cure and his presence, in the community was soon felt. Under his direction, the St. Jean De Brebeuf Hospital, was built in 1927, on Main Street and it served the district well, until the new hospital was built on Coursol Street, in 1976, and was named the West Nipissing General Hospital.

In 1925, a new clothing store was opened, by J.W. Rochon, on King Street and over the years, with the help of his sons and grandson, became the backbone of the downtown merchants, until December 31st 1993, when the store was closed, after sixty-eight years, of excellent service. Mr. Rochon's grand-son, J.J. Blais became a federal