

member of parliament and was instrumental in getting the "Stats Can" Building in 1989. This building also houses the new town hall, fire hall and library.

On January 12th 1928, Wor. Bro. Jas. Lillie was installed an Master of the lodge. He had been a councillor for a number of years and was the mayor of the town, in 1914, 1915, 1920 and 1925. His father, Robert, one of the town's earliest settlers, started a Hardware Store, on the corner of King and William streets. Wor. Bro. Jas Lillie brought new life to the lodge. The North Bay lodges invited the Sturgeon Falls Lodge to attend the laying of the corner stone of their new Masonic Temple, on May 1st 1928 and six months later, they invited the lodge to the dedication ceremony.

By 1929, Sturgeon Falls had a population of five thousand people, most of which, were French Canadian. When the mill closed again in 1930, the terrible results of the Great Depression became evident, from the number of people leaving town. Those remaining, depended on government handouts. The town was considered an easy place to get government assistance and the system became abused. The Department of Municipal Affairs instituted special controls, but the town's reputation suffered. The number of buildings and homes that were boarded up or left empty, attested to the tragic toll of dreams and hopes which occurred, during this period of the town's history.

The District Deputy Grand Master for 1931 was Right Wor. Bro. Dr. B.F. Nott, from North Bay. This very highly regarded Mason brought hope and encouragement, on his "Official Visit", on October 15th 1931. Wor. Bro. W.C. Austin welcomed our distinguished visitor and an excellent evening of harmony and brotherly love resulted. Right Wor. Bro. Dr. B.F. Nott's Masonic career continued and in 1950, he was elected to the Grand Executive of Grand Lodge, as chairman of the Warrant and Dispensations committee.

The lodge was struck with sadness on June 9th 1932, with the passing of our first District Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. A.J. Young, in North Bay Ontario. Plans were immediately made to have as many brethren of the lodge as possible, attend the Masonic Funeral Service in North Bay. An arrangement committee consisting of Wor. Bro. H.A. Blanchard and Bro. G. Holder was formed and the brethren went to North Bay, where a large delegation from the North Bay lodges, joined the Sturgeon Falls brethren, in honoring our departed brother.

At the lodge meeting of February 13th 1936, the Grand Lodge requested that all Masonic Lodges drape their alter for a period of three months, out of respect for our late King George the Fifth, who recently died and that any social activities be reduced to a minimum.

In 1936, the High School was opened, in the Old Model School building and in the Continuation School, beside it. Cyril Watson was the principal for many years.

On October 15th 1938, Bro. L.J. Gilleland informed the lodge that he and Wor. Bro. W.C. Pedlar had bought and installed a new wood-burning furnace. For almost the next two decades, the brethren supplied wood, to keep the lodge warm, during the cold winter nights. The wood-fire added to the warmth and comfortable feeling, of the lodge room.

During the next years the Sturgeon Falls Lodge was guided by many excellent, hard working, diligent Masons who freely gave up their time to insure that Masonry would