

Rotary Club of North Bay
Chartered May 17, 1923

Dr Dudley - Rotary President 1923

The first Rotary Club of North Bay president was Dr Rupert Lorne Dudley, a pioneer dentist and active resident of our town. He was born at Westmeath, near Pembroke, in 1879 and came to North Bay in 1903 following graduation from dental school. Dr Dudley was prominent in business and education.

In partnership with George Leach, he built the block in which the North Bay Garage, the original General Motors dealer, operated for almost 40 years - building located Main and Sherbrooke. Rotarians Sutherland (joined in 1928) and Trussler (1947) owned and operated North Bay Garage. Dr Dudley's residence was across the street and later on Jane Street.

A dedicated, public-spirited individual, he served numerous community organizations - president of the Board of Trade, Collegiate Board, Hospital Board to name a few. He was first appointed to Collegiate board in 1911 and served until 1916; was re-appointed in 1929 and remained until his death. He served as chairman of the Collegiate board in 1915 and 1932. Dr Dudley died May 12, 1935.

He was survived by his wife, daughter Mrs. James Stewart and three sons, Rupert, Allan and Gordon, all of North Bay. Well-known Rotarians attending his funeral included Dr Duncan Campbell, Norm McCubbin, George Lee, Carl Sanders, Jack McKerrow as well as Senator Gordon and Judge Valin, among others.

Charter Members

| Name | Classification |
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| Angus, Robert Y | Architect |
| Campbell, Duncan A | Physician |
| Coleman, Chas E | Fuel Retail |
| Doan, Ebenezer Asa | Hardware Retail |
| Dudley, Dr R L | Dentist |
| Fosdick, F S | Bookseller |
| Holmes, John E | Telegraph Service CPR Telegraph |
| Brown, Chas F | Customs Broker |
| Knox, Cloe James | Banker Sterling Bank |
| Lee, Geo W | Gov't Railway |
| Mason, Stuart J | Newspaper Nugget Publishing Co |
| Milne, WH | Lumber Manufacturing Partner: Wm Milne & Sons |
| Mulligan, TM | Life Insurance |
| MacPherson, JM | Plumbing & Heating |
| McDonald, JH | Barrister |
| McGuinty, Maurice | Furniture Mft McGuinty & Heavener |
| McKerrow, John O | Paper Manufacturer Abitibi Power & Paper Co Ltd |
| Neal, William Merton | Railroad Transportation General Superintendent, CPR – Algoma District |
| O'Leary, John J (Rev) | Priest |
| Patton, Thomas J | Real Estate |
| Rorabeck, Arthur Cecil | Druggist Retail |
| Sanders, CJ | Fruits Wholesale Mgr. Gamble Robinson |
| Thomas, James A | Jewelry Thomas Co |
| Thompson, Howard, H | Grocer Retail Star Grocery |
| Wallace, Frank D | Educationist NBCI |