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JOHN KELLY RECALLS OLD PORTLAND DAYS ON GOLDEN WEDDING

Veteran and Bride of 50 Years Ago Today Observe Anniversary of Marriage; Talks of Days Before Union in Business and Civic Politics

In celebrating their golden wedding anniversary today Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly of 814 Rockland road represent a link with the busy, useful life of Saint John for more than half a century—a link with the formerly separated town of Portland and with the early period of Saint John and Portland as amalgamated communities.

MARRIED IN OLD ST. PETER'S

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were married by the late Rev. W. F. Chapman in the old St. Peter's church back of Port Hope on Sept. 23, 1875. Mr. Kelly was then established in the carriage-making business. His bride, Susan McElroy, was the daughter of Thomas McElroy, who established a grocery and deli business in Portland as early as 1826. The late Michael A. Finn was groomsmen, and Miss Elizabeth McGoldrick was bridesmaid. This family of McGoldrick operated a mill on Strait Shore and was not related to the late Alderman John McGoldrick.

FAMILY OF 12

The bride and groom left town on their honeymoon trip by public conveyance to Fairville, where the western extension of the European and North American Railway took them to Woodstock by laborious journey of an extraordinary number of hours. There have been 12 children by this marriage, seven sons and five daughters, of whom four boys and three daughters are living today. One son, James, is married; another, Hayden, is an official of the Board of Health, and another boy, Roy, is a member of the legal profession. The last-mentioned was an overseas volunteer, though under age at the time of his enlistment.

A CONSPICUOUS CITIZEN

John Kelly is still one of Saint John's conspicuous citizens. As chairman of the Sub-District Board of Health, his long association with civic utility matters as a councillor—the former town of Portland and as an alderman in the Common Council of Saint John—a relative memory and an unusual value to that body, of which he has been the honored head since the inception of the Health Act four years ago. Though 77 years of age, Mr. Kelly's grasp of nearly every subject brought before the board is as strong as ever, and it is illuminating to have him explain problems of the board—particularly along the lines of sanitation, water supply, etc.—in the light of long experience and the insight of civic progress in this department.

INSPECTOR OF LIGHTHOUSES

As Inspector of Lighthouses under the Federal Government for 30 years, Mr. Kelly has, as it were, kept bright the boundary waters of the State of Maine to the inhospitable shores of the Gaspe winds. In all 138 lighthouses he came under his supervision, and up and down this jagged stretch of coast-line the inspector's cheery disposition and fatherly bearing endeared him deeply to those who came into contact with him. He was a man of few words, but his little sayings were full of wisdom and insight. So say the lighthouse men, and it is a worthwhile tribute.

BACK TO HIS PEOPLE

Now, in the autumn of his life, the Rockland road resident is devoting himself to private business interests which, strangely enough, bring him back to scenes of his early career in Portland. Though somewhat disconnected from civic affairs for a generation and a half through insipid duties, Mr. Kelly is being welcomed back among his people and is enjoying it immensely. Of recent months he has been in the city for his activities in health circles have been punctuated with little laudatory inspection character for the board members, marked with a touch of sociability, clearly, organized by the genial chairman.

APPRENTICED AT 14

John Kelly was born in this city, in the Strait Shore district, and a boy of 14 was apprenticed to the carriage-building firm of Price & Shaw, in the Town of Portland. These were the days of such stately equipages as the English victorias and broughams, German landaus, French barouches, and other modes of conveyance. The United States, from which Canadian makers were copying. Rubber tires were quite unknown, and, of course, the automobile had not been thought of. The glistering coach as we have it today was in its palmyest period.

CHUM OF McLAUGHLIN

Later on when young Kelly was working in London, Ontario, he had as work-fellow a youth named McLaughlin, who afterwards became the owner and founder of the McLaughlin Carriage Co., forerunner of the present McLaughlin Motor Corporation so well-known to Canadians. Mr. McLaughlin was a carriage blacksmith and he and John Kelly were boon companions. This was in 1890.

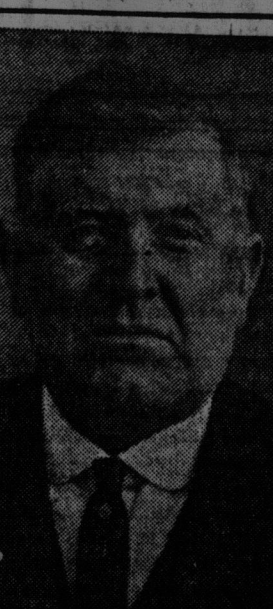
A TRICK OF FATE

After a sojourn in the United States Mr. Kelly returned to Saint John and started a carriage factory in association with his brother Michael and his present brother-in-law, George M. Murphy, under the trade name, Kelly Bros. & Co. The firm employed twenty-five men and did a profitable business. During this period Mr. Kelly visited one of the American centres with the late Samuel Hayward to investigate new and cheaper types of carriages that were beginning to menace the Canadian market. Mr. Hayward was anxious that Mr. Kelly should enlarge his manufacturing facilities to embrace those cheaper lines and Mr. Kelly was on the point of doing so when a cross-current fate swept him into politics.

ENTERS CIVIC POLITICS

It was in 1890 that he was elected to a town council of Portland. Shadrach Kelly, father of Walter Kelly, Rothery, of the firm of Sayre & Holly, was mayor of the town at the time, and among the councillors were Edward Ingley, father of the present Chamber-

50 Years Married



JOHN KELLY.

who, with Mrs. Kelly, today celebrates golden wedding.

Weddings

Kee-Bustin.

One of the prettiest of the home weddings of the month is to be solemnized this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bustin, 244 King street east, when their daughter, Annie Mildred, will become the bride of Charles Sinclair Kee, B. C. of Grand Forks, Que., son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Kee of Pitt street in the presence of about 100 guests. Rev. Ernest E. Styles, pastor of Exmouth street United Church, will perform the ceremony, assisted by Rev. George F. Dawson, M. A., pastor of the Sussex United Church, formerly of Exmouth street and an intimate friend of the family. The house has been prettily decorated with ferns and flowers, autumn tints with white being tastefully combined. Mrs. William L. Beville will play the wedding march and Miss Louise Knight will sing "O Perfect Love." The bride was a former pupil of Miss Knight.

HAD A PET SCHEME

Years rolled on and then came the union of Portland and Saint John in 1899, 26 years ago. Mr. Kelly represented the Dufferin Ward through a period when Main street and other principal thoroughfares received their first paving treatment, that of the block work, and when sewerage and water services became comprehensive in their extension. Mr. Kelly does not deny that he opposed the idea of a united community and one of his pet projects just before the consummation of the merger was a \$60,000 town hall and civic centre to be located near the foot of Main street. But of course all this, he said, was knocked into a cocked hat when ratepayers voted to amalgamate.

TAX REDUCTION SWEEP

When the "tax-reduction party" came, pinned themselves into civic power some years after the two communities were joined Mr. John Kelly went into the electoral discard with every other member of the Common Council save Dr. William Christie who defeated Count de Bury, and John McGoldrick, who defeated Michael Mahoney. Mr. Kelly's successful opponent was the late Thomas Millidge, lawyer and private owner. The people were greatly agitated in favor of reduced taxes, said Mr. Kelly, and naturally it was practically a landslide for the old councillors. But as history proves, he asserted, taxes did not come down materially but have been kept climbing, simply because Saint John's growth and place in the community of Canadian cities demanded increased facilities and improvements in Portland. The necessity was an absolute necessity. Mr. Kelly relates with a twinkle an interview with the late Bishop Sweeney during the best of this campaign and of His Lordship's refusal to vote for him because the other party had promised to cut taxation in half, an accomplishment Mr. Kelly averred to the Bishop was not in the realm of possibility.

STILL GOING STRONG

And so with this tax-reduction campaign the male principal in today's golden anniversary went out of one phase of public life into another. His irrepressible public spirit and buoyant hopefulness for the continued prosperity of his native city is not in the least dampened by recent superannuation from federal service. He is hale, hearty and happy, he retains the same characteristics that marked his whetting days of apprenticeship in the old Price & Shaw factory in Portland. Thirty-three years of gratuitous public health service must be added to the credit side of his citizenship, and few there are in public life who can claim so long and active a period of work-conduct to the public weal.

In the family circle and in her social relations, Mrs. Kelly has been a worthy helpmate of her husband. Kindly and warm-hearted she has gathered about her many women friends as the years succeeded each other in her useful life. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and family members including their daughter, Mrs. D. D. deBolis, and three children, of Ottawa, attended early mass at 7 o'clock at Holy Trinity in observance of the jubilee. The celebrant was Monsignor J. J. Walsh. Luncheon was served at a quiet family party at noon at the residence, Rockland Road and this afternoon and evening Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will be at home to their friends. Many gifts of flowers and a substantial gift of gold from the seven grand-children have commemorated their anniversary in a practical manner. Telegrams have come from many parts of the country with letters and congratulatory messages.

Evacuation Of All Cologne Zone Soon

Canadian Press.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—A Cologne despatch to the Tagblatt says that it is learned from high authority on the Rhinefront Commission that the evacuation of the Cologne zone will be completed at an early date. Mid-November, at the latest, is mentioned as the time.

Street car companies in Hamburg

requiring a passenger to buy an extra ticket if he is carrying a handbag or suitcase.

FORMER MINISTER HERE IS BEREAVED

Wife of Rev. Christopher Burnett Dies in Calgary—Personal Baptist Notes.

The former items are from the Maritime Baptist.

SACKVILLE, Sept. 22.—A very pretty wedding took place at the church of the Holy Rosary, Middle Sackville, Monday morning, when Miss Norma Bourque and Walter Cormier were united in marriage. Rev. Father R. B. Fraser officiated. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The wedding march was played by Stanley Comeau, and the children's choir, led by Miss Eva Wood, sang the nuptial mass. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Cormier left by auto for Halifax. They will reside at Middle Sackville.

Ernest E. Styles, who underwent an operation at the Yarmouth Clinic on August 23, is making steady progress towards recovery. After a well-earned rest he will return to his duties at Freepoint, N. S.

A despatch from New Glasgow, N. S., states that Rev. W. J. Hurlow, for the last five years pastor of the First Baptist church there, has resigned and will spend the next eight months in Bermuda, supplying the Presbyterian church at Hamilton.

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Deaths

Michael Ross.

MONTREAL, Sept. 22.—In a beautifully selected spot on Mount Royal, Michael Ross, late sergeant of No. 3 Selge Battery, C. B. F., for 20 years connected with the Union Bank of Canada in Montreal and Toronto, was laid to rest recently. Mr. Ross was a son of Thomas Ross, farmer, Burvaird, Glenelue, Wigtownshire, Scotland. He began his banking career in the National Bank, Stranraer, Scotland, and he came out to Canada about 20 years ago and entered the service of the Union Bank, where he held responsible positions until his death. He was held in highest regard.

Schools Re-opened To Bourgeois Students

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SEEK PACK PEDDLER

N. S. Syrians Ask Attorney-General's Department to Probe Disappearance.

Canadian Press.

HALIFAX, Sept. 23.—Local compatriots of Charles Peters, a Syrian pack peddler, today will ask the Attorney-General's Department to investigate his disappearance. He was seen three weeks ago at Mill Cove, Lunenburg Co., but had not been heard from since. His friends fear foul play. Peters always carried considerable money on his person and his pack was valuable.

Deny Prince's Train Was Interfered With

Canadian Press.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 23.—Dental was given last night to a report said to have originated in Junin and published in the United States and elsewhere, to the effect that an engine, which was to have pulled the train of the Prince of Wales from Junin to Buenos Aires, had been tampered with. Members of the suite of the Prince of Wales, and Manager Usher Usher, said the report was entirely without foundation.

Stores Open 8.30; Close 5.55 p.m. Saturday 10 p.m.

Telling Touches On Autumn Hats



Fashion may be a whimsical creature, but she is very decided about certain things, especially hats. This year she gives free rein to small velours and felts; lets their brims be turned up, turned down, slashed, rolled—and sometimes lets them almost disappear. Appliqued motifs and brilliant bugs are strongly in evidence.

Autumn shades are deeper and richer than those used earlier in the season. Among the most popular are Wine, Black Prince, Brilliant Titian like gold-red autumn leaves, then dark greens, bright blues, purples and the more subdued greys as pearl and steel.

These are all to be found now in our millinery salon (2nd floor.)

Down Filled Comfortables For Chilly Autumn Nights

These are Best British makes and are as attractive looking as they are comfortable. Coverings are of fancy saten with borders and panels of plain saten to correspond with outstanding color of fancy pattern. A lovely assortment priced from \$12.75 to \$23 (Housefurnishings, 2nd floor.)

Linoleum Week Continued

In our assortment you will find just the right design and color for any room in the house. There are tiled effects, stripes, blocks, floral patterns and plain grounds. These are showing in all grades and widths. You can readily see that all your needs can be supplied from the largest floor space to the tiniest niche.

During Linoleum Week Your Special Needs in Linoleums Will Receive Our Most Thoughtful Attention. (Carpet, Carpains street entrance.)

Bright New Arrivals in Princess Slips

Warm Flannelette Underwear Also Awaits Your Choosing

Tricolette Princess Slips in all the latest colors as: Saxe blue, rust, fawn, green, grey, navy, black, white, pansy and flame. Price \$2.00 ea. Tricolette Princess Slips, (shadow-proof.) These also are in bright colorings and newest shades. Price \$3.50 ea. Tricolette Bloomers. All colors. Price \$1.50, \$1.75, \$3.15 ea. Silk Bloomers. A variety of colors and priced from \$2.50 up to \$5.50

Flannelette Gowns. Low neck and short sleeves. Flannelette Gowns. High neck and long sleeves. Flannelette Gowns. V neck and long sleeves. Colors: White, blue and honeydew. Price \$1.10 to \$2.25. Flannelette Pyjamas. White with colored stitching. Now neck and short sleeves. Flannelette Pyjamas. High neck and long sleeves. These are in white with blue bindings. \$1.95 and \$4.75 per pair. Flannelette Bloomers. Price 80c. Flannelette Underskirts in medium and outsize at \$1.10. (Whitewear Dept., 2nd floor.)

Bunty Umbrellas

Styles with sixteen ribs. All silk covering. Colors: Navy, brown, green and purple. Fancy handles. Tips of amber or grey. Price \$8.25 to \$10.75. Umbrellas with gloria coverings, fancy handles and amber tips. Navy blue and purple. \$3.85 to \$5.50. Gloria Umbrellas in black with fancy handles. \$2.75 to \$11.50. Children's Umbrellas in black and colors. \$2, \$2.15, \$2.35, \$2.50 (Silk Dept., 2nd floor.)

Percolators

From such a selection as shown in our household appliance stocks, a lovely Percolator may be chosen to suit almost every preference. If you've been considering adding a percolator to your electrical equipment, do not fail to see the lovely variety we offer priced from \$6.50 to \$28

Heaters

The time has arrived when almost every home would be more comfortable with just a bit of extra heat in mornings and evenings. Electric Heaters such as our stocks provide will supply that extra heat and coziness and cost but little. See the lovely heaters we are showing here priced from \$5.50 to \$10.30

Household electrical appliance department, 1st floor King street entrance, 3rd floor Germain street entrance.

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