

MRS. JAMES HOLT REACHES HER 103D BIRTHDAY

Venerable Carleton Woman Active and Bright at Wonderful Age

Talks With Interest of Days in the Long Ago, and Thinks People and Times Were Better Than Now—Recalls Old Customs and Contrasts Past and Present—Sits for Her Picture and Enjoys It.



MRS. JAMES HOLT Picture Taken for The Telegraph Tuesday by Erb & Allbright, at Her Home in Carleton.

March, 1803—Lying in a cradle in Ballyshannon (Ire).
March, 1806—Sitting before a camera in St. John (N.B.).
'Now then, just a moment,' said the photographer, as he raised a warning hand. 'Stay as you are. Don't move, please. That's good,—ah, that's splendid.'
The mother of the west side, Mrs. Jas. Holt, who was 103 years old Thursday, sat for her photograph in her home in Duke street on Tuesday, and she bore the ordeal with marked fortitude.
'All right. You've been taken.'
'Are you through, then?'
'Yes, and it'll be your very best likeness.'
'Oh, my dear young men, I wonder who'll be taking your pictures when you get to be my age?' (this, with a long breath of relief, and light laugh).
'Why not live 100 years?'
The photographer and the serene venture to predict that they would never live to be hailed as centenarians, but of this prophecy, Mrs. Holt had her own views.
'And what's to prevent you?' she exclaimed, bowing her visitors over the threshold, 'so long as you are both temperate and righteous. Tell me, what's to prevent you?'
To Mrs. Holt, who has lived continuously in this city for ninety-seven years, the distinction of being the oldest woman in the city is a thing which she has not had for many decades before the era of steam navigation. The west side was wilderness, brick blocks, plate glass windows, asphalt walks, telephones, and the scores of present day necessities, were then all of the future. At the time she left her Irish home for the new world, a voyage across the western ocean was something to be undertaken with a prayer, and she accompanied her husband on his voyage across the sea. The shadow of Bonaparte lay over all Europe.
'E took me six weeks to cross,' she assured a Telegraph reporter, 'and I never forgot it. Where were all the wharves and the big houses and brick walls and the ground of the soldiers? They were there long prior to the confederation, and was well along in years when the civil war convulsed the States. Her life has spanned all of the great historical events of the nineteenth century; a wonderful woman, surely.
Mrs. Holt recalls the city's chief thoroughfare, King street, when it abounded in huddlers, ruts and weeds.
The Remembrance of an Old Tobacco Shop.
'There was a little tobacco shop kept at the top of the hill,' she said, 'by the Doherty brothers. One was tall, and the other short. I used to call the tall one Long John.' She chuckled, and remarked that in her youth, there wasn't anybody bubbling up with more fun than she.

were building over there. They were building all about the harbor.
'Great ships sail out of here?'
'Indeed yes. Did you ever hear tell of the Royal Tar. Well let me tell you about that ship. (Her tone became confidential.) You see, the Royal Tar was driven by steam. She was one of the first steamships ever seen here. She took on board once a lot of wild beasts, or I should say, a circus. She put to sea. What do you suppose happened? The Royal Tar was lost, and the wild beasts and everything on board that lived, drowned.
'And you think the shipbuilding times will never come again?'
'I won't live to see it. As I said, the people of today are so different. It's expensive to live. We've got too many luxuries. Things cost so now. Why, in the old days I've seen myself go down to the wharves and buy a couple of turkeys for ten cents. You don't see such splendid turkeys nowadays. And then the potatoes were better, too. I used to buy the Early Blue and the Christmas. I don't know if you know that for half the price of what's paid today. I've bought fine chaps that were almost too heavy to carry home. I'd pack them away in ice for the winter.'
'You haven't been across to Ireland?'
'She shook her head.
'Who would I know now? And who would know me?'
Loves the Home Land.
But Mrs. Holt, nevertheless, retains most affectionate memories of the country that gave her birth. She loves to repeat the legends and traditions of her native land, and she readily tells you about the life and loves of Erin's immortal saint. She will dilate upon the circumstances that surrounded his youth, and with many a telling gesture elaborate upon the great work he performed in evangelizing his native land.
When it was first suggested, about a month ago, that she should be photographed, Mrs. Holt was suffering acutely from the erysipelas and while not aware that the sitting be postponed until she felt stronger.

'There is a photo of me here,' she remarked at the time, indicating the mantle, where her picture stood in a small frame, 'but it was taken years and years ago. I was with friends in the city, and we were going along Charlotte street when they insisted that I step right into the first studio. I said I didn't want to, for I hadn't made any preparations, but they said I looked just fine, so along I had to go. It was long after dark.'
When the photographer called on Tuesday last, Mrs. Holt and her daughter were alone in the house. Both were as pleasant and gracious, as any woman could be, with black lace and cap, and without even the aid of a cane, Mrs. Holt walked into the front room to greet her visitors.
'Will you take it here?' she queried, looking around as though calculating the effect of light and shade.
'No, better come and have been chosen. It was large, light and airy. A chair was placed by the window, a chair with rigid back.
'Hadn't you better take a rocker, mother,' suggested her daughter.
'Dear me. What do I want with a rocker, when I'm sitting for my picture? I'm going to sit as I sit in my chair, and going to sit straight,' she declared, in the relentless face of the camera.
'Will I fold my hands suggested a book, and a small prayer book was passed to her. She partly opened it, and letting it rest in the hands which have been busy for more than a century, gave up the effort.
Then when the picture was taken she heard her visitors a hearty good-bye.

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HAD IT HARD OFF POINT-LEPREAUX

Gale Monday Night in the Bay About as Hard as I've Ever Seen It," Says Captain Reicker—Repairs Will Be Made Here.

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A BIG MILLING DEAL IN THE WIND

Lake of the Woods Milling Co. May Take Over Keewatin Milling Co.

PRICE SAID TO BE LARGE

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A Rumor of a big flour milling project were floating around the "Street" today, somebody having given the snap away to a Toronto newspaper. According to the rumor, as printed there, the Lake of the Woods Company will take over the Keewatin Milling Company, which has a mill capable now of turning out 4,000 barrels a day, with possibilities of 7,000 barrels.

It is not believed in Montreal that the Lake of the Woods Milling Company will take over the Keewatin Milling Company, which has a mill capable now of turning out 4,000 barrels a day, with possibilities of 7,000 barrels.

Herbert and Lorne Langen of Chatham, left Tuesday night for Cranbrook (B. C.), where they are employed in the King lumber mill.

The estate of John D. Burns, of Halifax, amounts to \$10,000. Of this, \$7,000 is his insurance. There was no will, and the widow has been granted letters of administration.

Miss Minnie Fowler, who was formerly a teacher in the Aberdeen school, and who went west, is now principal of a school in Clearmont, Southern Alberta. She likes the country well.

Thomas Tensdale, son of Rev. J. J. Tensdale, of Fredericton, passed away Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock. He leaves his wife and three children, who reside in Fredericton.

Reginald J. B. Jones has a letter from the matron of the North Bennett street Day Nursery, Boston, asking for information about John Gregory, a Pole, who was said to have died here.

The local board of health officials say they have the smallpox situation well in hand now. It is recovered and will be given their liberty in a few days.

Sheriff Stewart of Charlotte county brought in George James to begin three years confinement there. The boys, who are eight and ten years old, were sentenced for stealing.

The bodies of Malcolm MacLean, who died in Boston, and is to be buried at North Wilshire (P. E. I.); Lucy P. Ross, who died at Fitzburg (Mass.); and is to be interred at New Glasgow, and Christina McDonald, who died in Boston and will be interred at Antigonish, were brought here on the Boston train Thursday.

SPECIAL SALE

New Cabinet Grand Pianos

To extend our mail order trade, we purpose selling a limited number of our most popular style pianos at a Reduction of \$50

These instruments are guaranteed for 10 years. Unexcelled for durability. Beautiful tone. Guaranteed Ivory Keys. Contain every modern improvement, including third pedal and "Grand" iron frame.

Pianos shipped on trial for 10 days to any Home in the Dominion and if not satisfactory can be returned at our expense.

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Mr. Robert Meighan, the president of the Lake of the Woods Company, said that he had always made it an invariable rule that information of this character should be given to the shareholders before it appears in the press.

Mr. Meighan said that the shareholders will be notified without any delay as to the progress of the transaction.

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Please send me catalogue "A" and information in reference to \$50.00 reduction on your most popular style Pianos.

Name Address

UGH! REDMAN WANT BLANKET

W. H. Barnaby's Camp on South Branch Broken Into--Guide Takes the Trail.

Bernard Allan, who lives near Gaspereux Station, arrived in the city last night with the report that Indians had broken into the club house on the south branch of the Ormoreto, owned by W. H. Barnaby and others of this city.

Mr. Allan says that the intruders forced the lock, but that so far as he knows nothing more than a few blankets were taken away. He says he was at work in the woods near his home, which is not far from the club house, when his wife called his attention to a couple of strangers out on the lake. (She procured the spy glass and saw that they were Indians. Mr. Allan having his suspicions, proceeded to the club house and found it as described. He then determined to come to the city at once and sent a telegram to Mr. Barnaby, who met him in the depot last night. This morning Mr. Allan, who is confident of locating the aspects before the end of the week, will start on their trail. When last seen they were going in the direction of Victoria Lake. Mr. Allan also says that the club at Disappointment Lake, owned by D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., and D. H. Nason, was recently entered.

Record of Infectious Diseases. This winter has been a busy one for the board of health authorities. Ninety-two cases of infectious diseases have been reported and the majority being quite serious needed close attention.

The number of different diseases reported in January was as follows: Diphtheria, 23; scarlet fever, 2; measles, 5; smallpox, 1. Three of the diphtheria patients died.

For February: Diphtheria, 29; scarlet fever, 2; measles, 5; smallpox, 2. Four of those suffering with diphtheria died.

For March: Diphtheria, 19; measles, 4; typhoid fever, 2. One death occurred from typhoid fever.

This out of 92 cases only 8 deaths resulted. The board of health officials say that there was little difficulty in keeping any of the diseases from spreading much, as they were nearly all in one portion of the city.

Little Lepreaux Notes. Little Lepreaux, N. B., March 14--Wild geese are quite plentiful around here.

Lobsters have been very scarce this season, but a good price.

Hanson Bros. and Brown Bros. expect to begin canning clams in a few weeks.

Charles Brown, who has been laid up with a cut foot this winter, is now able to go to work.

Another Big St. John Company

Fredericton, N. B., March 14--(Special)--The new city council was sworn in to office by Mayor McNally at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Immediately afterwards an informal meeting was held and the standing committees appointed for the ensuing year. The chairman of the most important committees are: Roads and streets, Ald. Everett; street, light and administration of justice, Ald. McGinnis; finance, Ald. Colter; sewerage, Ald. Scott; city hall, Ald. Hanlon; fire, Ald. Bowyer; water, Ald. Moore; market and wharves, Ald. Boyce.

The sewerage committee is composed of Ald. Scott, Colter, Boyce, McGinnis and Maxwell.

William G. Scovill, Frank C. Smith, James M. Scovill, Jr., Sydney C. Young, of St. John, and James M. Scovill, of Hampton, are applying for incorporation as Scovill Bros. Ltd. The object is to acquire and carry on the business of Scovill Bros. The proposed capital stock is \$100,000.

FITZPATRICK AND BORDEN AGREE FOR CLEANER ELECTIONS

(Continued from page 1.)

'Upon more than one occasion this house has passed a resolution on the question of home rule for Ireland. I believe that the rights within our power and within our rights as British subjects to express opinions as to conditions which may affect British subjects in any part of the world, but I think we should hesitate somewhat, or at all events take some care to reflect, before we interfere in a matter which is purely within the domain of the foreign office and the relations of England with any foreign power.

'If we have full plenary power it would be for us to determine whether it would be advisable for us to interfere over so slightly with the domestic conduct of any other nation. The relations of England at the present time with Russia are the relations which simply belong to the diplomatic service of Great Britain, and in that service we have no voice whatever.'

Mr. Borden supported the resolution, and R. L. Borden agreed with the stand taken by the first minister, although technically the people had a right to address the king on any subject whatsoever, and therefore parliament might be well justified in passing such a resolution.

Mr. Borden thought there was too much fictitious sentiment in respect to the question. Quebec was the first part of the British empire which gave the Jews their rights. His grandfather was the first to make a move in the matter. He, however, did not agree with the passing of such a resolution. Would it be right to pass resolutions against lynching in the United States, or against the Turkish government for having Christians slaughtered within its territory?

Carleton County Court. Woodstock, N. B., March 14--(Special) The county court, Judge Carleton presiding, concluded its business today. All non-jury cases were laid over until March 20th.

John J. Rogers vs. Helen Stewart, administrator of the estate of Geo. W. Gibson, deceased. The plaintiff sued for \$300 due for boarding deceased sometime previous to his death. Verdict for plaintiff for \$200 and costs. F. B. Carvell for plaintiff; D. McLeod Vince for defendant.

Peterson vs. Green, the plaintiff sued on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff for amount of note, \$100. F. B. Carvell for plaintiff; Charles Comden for defendant.

H. Smith, who has peddled fish in the vicinity of Oxford (Que.), for 49 years, always kept his accounts on the face of a pump near the house of the other party. The sale of a house or a newly-shingled barn also served him. However, he recalled that any one ever altered or disputed one of the accounts.

END LOCAL HOUSE SESSIONS WEDNESDAY

Prorogation, it is Announced, Will Be Made on That Day.

Fredericton, March 14--(Special)--It is announced that the legislature will be prorogued on Wednesday of next week. The announcement was made by the chief commissioner at the public accounts committee meeting this morning.

Past Lieutenant Colonel LaSalle, following of St. John, has installed the following officers for Fowler Division, Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank: Captain, W. H. Gray; 1st Lieutenant, T. L. Foster; 2nd Lieutenant, John Oldham; recorder, R. Stapler; treasurer, T. A. Wilson; guard, A. B. Kitchen; sentinels, G. F. Wilkes.

Last evening Fowler Lodge K. of P., entertained a number of friends at their lodge room during intermission of the regular meeting of the lodge.

A. E. Hanson has purchased the Butter property at the corner of George and St. John streets, at present occupied by him. At Burton, Sumbury county, last night Edward Scott, a respected resident died. He was in the 79th year, and is survived by one son—Thomas, and four brothers.

Weddings. Capson-McKay. A very interesting event took place Tuesday afternoon at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, R. D., when George Capson was united in marriage to Miss Lottie McKay, both of this city. The bride looked very beautiful in a blue traveling suit with white trimmings and hat to match. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a brief visit to their old home in St. Martins. On their return they will reside in Charlotte street.

Chisholm-Ward. A happy event took place Tuesday night at the residence of James Chisholm, Fredericton, when Edward Chisholm, teamster, was married to Miss Laura Ward, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, pastor of the Tabernacle church, officiating. After a ceremony of some magnitude Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm will keep house in Fredericton street.

Boudoin-Jones. Mrs. W. H. Jones of this city, was married in Los Angeles on March 7 to L. A. Boudoin, contractor, of that city. The ceremony took place in St. Paul's cathedral, Rev. J. J. Wilkins, S. D. D., dean and rector, officiating. The St. John friends of the bride, who conducted the business of florist here, will wish her much joy in her new far-away home.

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Bears the Signature of J. C. Fitcher

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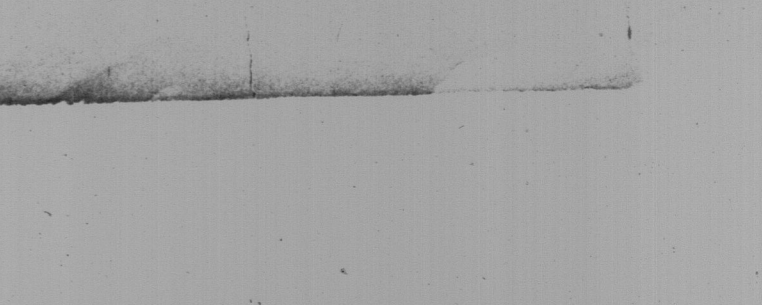
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