

MORE THAN 67 YEARS MARRIED

Charlotte County Couple With Probably Most Remarkable Record

MR. AND MRS. A. B. CROSS Both Active at Ninety and Eighty-two Years Respectively, in the Home of Their Daughter, Mrs. John Dinmore, at DeWolfe Corner.

St. Andrews, N. B., Dec. 28.—The newspapers have recorded the names of many venerable couples who reside within the bounds of the Dominion of Canada, but none have yet been noted who equal the ages of an esteemed old couple who live in Charlotte county.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew B. Cross, who for four years have made their home with their daughter, Mrs. John Dinmore, DeWolfe corner, are probably the longest married of any couple living in Canada, having been more than sixty-seven years together. They are both as smart as can be, and take a keen interest in the affairs of every-day life.

Andrew B. Cross was born at Grand Lake, on the River St. John, in 1814. When a little boy he removed with his father and other members of his family to Beaver Harbor, where he passed through his boyhood and early manhood stages. Several representatives of the Cross family are still among the honored residents of that beautiful little village.

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Mrs. Cross is a native of White Head Island, Grand Manan parish, where she was born March 29, 1822. The early part of the life of this happily wedded couple was spent at Beaver Harbor. Fifty-five years ago they removed to St. Stephen, where they made their home until advancing years compelled them to enter the welcome shelter of their daughter's home at DeWolfe corner.

Four daughters and three sons have been born to them, of whom four are still living. The sons living are Aaron, of St. Stephen, and Patton, in the Klondike. Their daughters are Mrs. John Dinmore, of DeWolfe corner, Mrs. Adams, of Lowell (Mass.).

They have nineteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. The oldest great-grandchild is Walter Lesman, of Manchester (N. H.), aged twenty-three years.

Almost everyone in St. Stephen can recall pleasant recollections of this kindly old couple, whose home was for many years in Elm street, in that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross are members of the Baptist denomination.

Queens County Grammar School Examination. Gagetown, Dec. 24.—On Friday, December 24, the examination of the Queens County Grammar School held its public examination. A large number of visitors were in attendance including the trustees—John Law, Fred Dingee, Fred Fowler, Sec. J. J. Spenser, J. R. Dunn, Arthur Ebbett, T. S. Peters, John Bulley, Rupert Scott and others.

The scholars were examined in Arithmetic, Geography and British History. J. R. Dunn also examined them quite lengthily in geometry and Caesar. He expressed himself as gratified with the way they had acquitted themselves.

Miss Daisy Spenser, Mollie O'By, Maggie Low and Nora Peters received on this occasion their provincial certificates of High School entrance. Principal M. R. Tuttle then presented Miss Daisy Spenser, a daughter of Rev. J. Spenser, with the medal awarded by Gov. Snowball for the best marks in the counties of Sunbury and Queens.

The examination of the primary department taught by Miss Muriel Law, took place on the preceding day. There were a number of visitors and the pupils gave a very creditable examination in arithmetic, reading, Canadian history and geography.

Riverside Masons Elect Officers. Riverside, A. county, Dec. 28.—Albert Lodge, No. 34, F. & A. M., on the evening of St. John's Day, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: H. D. Cleve, W. M.; W. J. Baldwin, S. W.; Capt. C. E. Wood, J. W.; W. A. Trueman, P. M.; treasurer, J. W. Fullerton, chaplain; H. J. Wry, S. D.; A. M. Downing, A. D.; Fred Bates, S. S.; Archie Milburn, J. B.; Geo. Lunn, I. G.; Bert Downie, D. O.; C. S. Paterson, I. P. M., Tyler. The members of Albert lodge will hold a Masonic supper on the 25th of January. Howard Lodge, Hillsboro, is invited to be present.

Engineer's Desperate Deed. Thomaston, Ga., Dec. 29.—After killing his mother-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Parrish, making a desperate attempt to kill his 18 year old wife, and shooting himself twice with Winchester rifle here today, J. B. Baurion is in a precarious condition closely guarded by officers. He is a railroad engineer and had been married only two years. Domestic infidelity is given as the cause for the tragedy.

Young Men Become Independent. Our school boys of the Victoria Group in the city of St. John, N. B., are becoming independent. They are now able to support themselves and their families. They are now able to support themselves and their families. They are now able to support themselves and their families.

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Toronto Globe Wrong in Its Statement About Probable Re-transfer of French Newspaper

FINAL PAYMENT NOT DUE It Does Not Come Until April, and All Others Have Been Promptly Met—Another False Report Set Right.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—(Special)—It was stated in the Toronto Globe, on the 27th, that the last payment of the purchase of La Presse becomes due this week, but the bargain may be abandoned by mutual consent, and that Mr. Berthiaume will likely succeed in inducing Mr. David Russell to cancel the transaction and surrender the property.

Mr. Russell states positively that the final payment matures next April, all others having been promptly met, and that he and his friends have no intention of reselling the property.

Weddings. The marriage of Miss Edna Beatrice Walker McMurray, daughter of the late Alexander McMurray, to Robert S. Callender, took place in the St. David's church, Wednesday the ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Lang and was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom. The bride, who was given away by her brother, J. A. McMurray, was attired in a becoming and handsome traveling gown. Mr. and Mrs. Callender left on the C. P. R. at noon on a trip to Moncton and points along the North Shore. They will make their home at 28 Wright street, and Mr. Callender is an electrician on the steamer St. Croix.

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Improve the Cow. (By Mark Constock, in New York Sun). The \$3,000,000 worth of this country's dairy farms, leaving little for exportation, yet the dairy farmer has never, until the average yield of milk per cow in this country is less than that of any other country in the world.

Not only is the dairy stock of the country the poorest, but the milk is also the poorest. The good milk has not been persistently bred to the soil as in the case of the other animals in the situation with dairy points as with beef. Besides the average yield of milk per cow in this country is less than that of any other country in the world.

WAS A GOOD YEAR IN BUILDING HERE. Fine Structures Added to City's Architectural Beauty—Large Money Value Represented.

The number of new buildings erected in St. John during the year now closing is the largest in the history of the city. Several structures, notably the new Free Public Library, have added to the architectural beauty of the city, while such business premises as the O'Regan building, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in King street; the new Emerson & Fisher building, in German street, and the McLaughlin carriage depot, in Union street, present an imposing appearance.

In Prince William street there has arisen from the remains of the Canadian Drug Company's fire, a fine looking red brick structure, occupied by the Canada Life considerable amount of business have been done from their premises in Dock street, and Ogilvie's flour concern in Dock street, and the street railway have a fine set of offices at the junction of Dock and Union streets.

The Union Club have greatly increased their floor space by the addition of the new wing, besides giving to their building a finished and solid appearance which has been in the builder's hands, and is now remedied and greatly improved. The work on the General Public Hospital was commenced last year, but must be included in the list, as its completion is of recent date. Passing reference should also be made to the impending addition to the Telephone building, as the contract is signed and the work begun.

Quite a number of private residences have arisen in all directions. In Douglas avenue there are several new houses, and a fine building has been completed for G. A. Dunlop in King street east, while Queen square boasts a fine addition in H. P. Hayward's new home.

A calculation based on a general estimate makes the value of the new buildings and additions at about \$250,000, and the designs, in nearly every case the work of architects in the city, have met with universal approval.

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Frank Allison Dixon. Halifax, Dec. 27.—Frank Allison Dixon, for twelve years town clerk of Wolfville, died suddenly yesterday of heart failure. He was a native of Liverpool, England, and came here sixteen years ago. He was a prominent Mason and leaves a widow and several children, as well as two sisters in London.

James Murphy. There will be much sorrow occasioned by the death of James Murphy, which occurred Wednesday at his brother's home, 97 Queen street, in the thirty-fifth year of his age. He was the second of the old day of his age, and leaving his wife, one daughter and three sons. His funeral will be held at 2.30 o'clock Friday.

Miss Cora Crawford. News of the death of Miss Cora Crawford was received here yesterday. She passed away at Newton (Mass.), on Dec. 26, after an illness of about three years duration. She was the daughter of the late James Crawford, carpenter, who lived in Queen street here, but she removed from St. John about ten years ago to the States, studied nursing and practiced her profession until ill health caused her to give up active work. The family left St. John some time after Miss Crawford went to the States. Miss Crawford is survived by her mother, one brother, H. Crawford, formerly of The Telegraph, and three sisters—Miss Lillian, in New Brunswick; Mrs. G. H. Clark and Mrs. W. A. Clark, of Cambridge (Mass.). The body will be brought to St. John and the funeral will be from the I. C. R. station on arrival of the Boston train, about noon Friday.

W. S. Hopper. The death took place at Exlin, Albert county, on the 24th inst., of W. S. Hopper, aged seventy-six years. Deceased had been in poor health for three or four years, but was confined to his bed for only a few

HERE WILL WRITE TO BUSINESS MAN'S TEN TIMES

True conditions as to chances of employment on reaching St. John or Halifax. This business man had given his household help the evening to themselves and so when the door bell rang he answered it. The caller was a stranger, evidently an Englishman, judging by his accent, and he asked for money enough to pay his lodging for the night. It was given to him.