

## GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. John King of St. Thomas Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary.

On October 22d Mr. John D. King of Her Majesty's Customs, St. Thomas, with his wife, celebrated their golden wedding. Their family and a number of friends were assembled to do honor to the venerable couple. On behalf of the congregation of the Church of the Holy Angels, Rev. W. Flannery, D.D., presented them with some valuable gifts and read the following address:

Mr. and Mrs. King.—We, the undersigned members of the Holy Angels' Church in this city, desire to offer you our warmest congratulations on this blessed and thrice happy occasion of your golden jubilee. The fiftieth anniversary of the brightest and most joyous day of wedded life is of such rare occurrence and so seldom vouchsafed by an all-wise Providence, that we can but reckon it as a singular blessing, accorded only to those whose merits and virtues make them especially favored of God. Since your advent to this parish, now fifteen years or more, we have been witness of those virtues daily but unostentatiously practiced by you and your family. We have at all times been much edified by your piety, by your punctual and reverent attendance at every church ceremonial, and what we consider ranks higher than all, by never-failing charity, which we are assured is the "bond of perfection." As President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you, sir, in time of need and distress have succoured the little ones of Christ, and have brought comfort and sunshine to many a desolate home. In all your works of benevolence and zeal for God and Holy Church, you have, unremittingly and ably, been assisted by your estimable partner in life and by your amiable, exemplary and self-sacrificing daughter. We anxiously avail of this God-given event of your golden wedding, to express in terms however inadequate, our admiration of the many excellent qualities that distinguish you and your household and which have enshrined your names in the hearts of all those who have known you socially, who have partaken of your bounteous hospitality, and who worship with you beneath the same hallowed roof and before the same altar. While presenting you with this testimonial of our esteem and appreciation of your many claims on our deep regard and gratitude, we earnestly pray that God may prolong your useful and edifying life yet for many years among us.

W. Flannery, D.D.; D. J. Donahue; S. B. Pocock; W. P. Reynolds; John and P. Butler; James Brady, Glenworth; C. W. Regan; John C. Coughlin; James Egan; James Clarke, G. T. R.; James Graney, M. G. R.; W. Redmond; Mrs. McNulty; J. H. Price; Dan. Coughlin.

Mr. King was born in the village of Tulsk, County of Roscommon, Ireland, in 1820, and came to Montreal in 1830. At twelve years of age he entered the wholesale house of Kerr & Co., and thence was transferred to the Hamilton house of the same firm, where he remained eight years. He was then clerk for two or three years in the Manchester warehouse, Kingston. In that city he then started business for himself, and subsequently removed to Napanee, where he was appointed to the customs in 1864. He has served successively at Napanee, Wallaceburg, Sarnia, Windsor and St. Thomas, being appointed sub-collector here at the M. C. R. freight house in 1881.

Mrs. King's maiden name was Anastasia Jane Fairman. She is the daughter of the late Wallace Sutherland Fairman and was born in the township of Pittsburg, county of Frontenac, where she was married to Mr. King on the 21st of October 1844, by the Rev. Steven Myles. Sir Richard Cartwright now owns the farm formerly owned by her father.

Mr. and Mrs. King have had ten children, but only four are now living, three sons and one daughter. The sons are Frank, of Cheyenne, Wyoming; John, of Red Oak, Iowa, and Stephen Myles, of the Chicago Times, and the daughter is Miss Anastasia Elizabeth at home.

## A Forgetful Philosopher.

There is nothing more amusing than the absence of mind sometimes displayed by great men. Sir Isaac Newton was reading in his study one evening, when all at once he felt himself growing very cold, and rang for his servant to replenish the fire. After a while the fuel began to glow, and Sir Isaac, who had drawn his chair close to the grate, found himself as uncomfortably warm as he had been cold before. Again he rang the bell, this time with much energy. The man was slow in coming.

"James," said Sir Isaac, when he at last appeared, "it is no thanks to you that I am not burned to death. I am literally roasting already. Remove the grate, you lazy fellow!"

This he said in a loud and angry voice, very different from the mild tones in which the amiable philosopher was wont to address his servants.

"But, master," suggested James, "might it not be more convenient for you to draw back your chair?"

"Why, upon my word," returned Sir Isaac, smiling, "I believe you are right. I never thought of that."

The night clerk at Ocean View Hotel, Block Island, was dozing in his chair a few nights ago and was startled by what he afterward remarked seemed to him to be a regiment of soldiers coming down stairs.

"I'll be goldurned if this ain't the worst place I've ever struck."

"What's the matter now?" asked the clerk who, by the way, has had considerable experience with the same kind of people.

"Well, by gosh, there's the durndest smell up in that room of mine that beats any old sewer I ever smelled. I've been trying to sleep for some time, but it seems to be getting worse all the while."

After few suggestions as to what might be the cause, the clerk intimated that the gas might possibly be leaking.

"Not by a darn sight," replied the granger; "that can't be the cause, for I blew that out an hour ago."—*Norwich Bulletin.*



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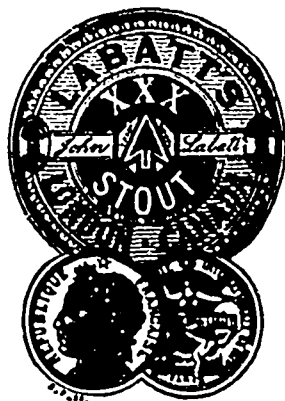
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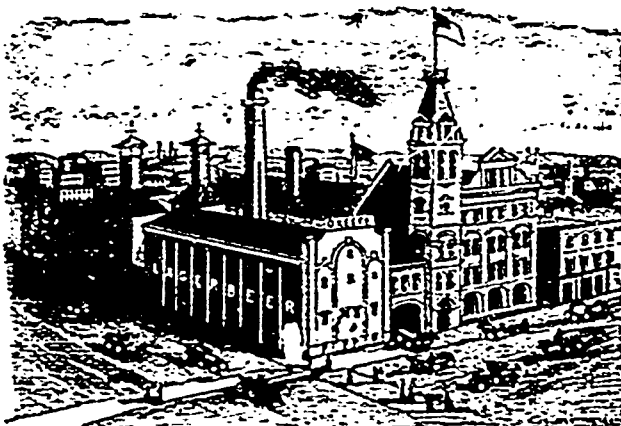
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