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THIS COUPLE MORE THAN SIXTY-SIX YEARS WEDDED

Married Life of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunfield, of Kings County, Rivals That of Any Couple in Canada—Hale and Hearty in Honored Old Age.

The worthy couple whose pictures are printed here have probably the distinction of having lived together longer than any couple in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. James Dunfield were married in 1838, and have been husband and wife more than sixty-six years. Efforts were made by one of their descendants recently to ascertain if

reading this paper, to which he has been a subscriber since the first. Mrs. Dunfield was born also at Sussex, on Jan. 30, 1818, and is of Loyalist descent. Her maiden name was Sarah Teakles. They were married on Aug. 2, 1838, by Rev. Nelson Arnold, of Sussex, and have therefore passed several months into their sixty-seventh year of happy married life. Six children blessed their union.



JAMES DUNFIELD



MRS. JAMES DUNFIELD

there was such another couple in the dominion, but while several who have been more than fifty years married and some who have been nearly sixty years found, yet none were heard of to equal the remarkable record of Mr. and Mrs. Dunfield.

Their home is at Portage, Kings county (N. B.), and their hospitable house has been the calling place of many summer visitors and sportsmen anxious to see and talk to the venerable couple who have been so singularly blessed and who can recount in such entertaining way stories of olden days when conditions of life and travel and business and everything in fact were so totally different from the present. Mr. Dunfield is eighty-eight years of age, a descendant of the Loyalists, having been born on Oct. 17, 1816, at Sussex, so called—now Penobscot. He has been well known in the district of his four sons and more years is plain from his hearty appearance. When he was but three years old his parents removed to Portage and there, on the one farm he grew to manhood, passed into the prime of life and progressed on the descent into honored old age, always holding the respect and esteem of his neighbors. One of his pleasures, ever since the publication of The Telegraph began, has been

and of those all are living except George, the eldest son, who for years was a prominent business man in St. John. The children surviving are four sons and one daughter, and there are also twelve grand-children and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Dunfield has always been an active and energetic worker in church circles and has been a deacon in the Free Baptist church for something like forty years. Mrs. Dunfield, like her husband, is hale and hearty and both are worthy examples of the honors and blessings attending a well spent life. Their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary was celebrated on Aug. 2 last, and during the year they have been the recipients of many beautiful gifts in honor of their remarkable career as husband and wife.

They are very interesting talkers and have many entertaining stories. The early settling of the Kennebec river, the days of stage coach from Moncton to St. John, and the building of the Intercolonial. The fishermen who visit that section of the river from this city and other points, and who have been entertained at the old homestead, know this to their pleasure. These and other friends will join in wishing the venerable couple many more happy years together.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

The N. B. Telephone Company has re-established communication with Fredericton which was disturbed by the recent storm. The line is now in good order again.

Word was received recently of the serious illness of Oliver Irvine, formerly of the I. C. R. here, but now in the C. P. R. at Calgary (N. W. T.). He is improving at latest report.

Howard D. Troop, while in Boston lately, was informed by the charterers of the ship Troop that the vessel since she was reported spoken with her last on home had called at St. Helena and had been ordered to London.

Friends of Thomas J. Fitzgerald, of the C. P. R. telegraph staff, who left here some weeks ago for Winnipeg, will be pleased to learn of his early success. He is now agent of the company at Regina, with a staff of three, and will be there likely until January.

Fifteen deaths occurred in the city last week from the following causes: Consumption, 3; accident, 2; suicide, phthisis, carcinoma of bowels, diabetes, typhoid, senile debility, malignant disease of liver, pneumonia, cancer and hemorrhage, one each.

Ralph Markham is expected home from South Africa on the steamer Manchester Exchange tomorrow. He was an officer in the Canadian Mounted Rifles, was wounded in the Hart's River fight, but after about three months in hospital he rejoined his regiment and was on the veldt at the time of the surrender.

Little Elsie Taylor, two and a half years old, daughter of Joseph Taylor, Carleton, had a narrow escape from death Thursday. The little one has been suffering from eye troubles and the physician prescribed drops externally, and a medicine for internal use. The child's grandmother in mistake gave her a dose of eye wash. Dr. F. L. Kenney was summoned and by his treatment the little one is now out of danger.

Canada's winter port opened the season of 1904-05 Sunday morning when the large Allan liner Ionian was docked at No. 2 berth, Sand Point. The warehouse soon became a busy spot as the men were handling the cargo and the disembarkation of the 119 passengers brought here along with many other instances of winter port bustle made the place suddenly awakened from the summer rest as far as this kind of traffic is concerned.

Nine marriages were solemnized in the city last week. In the same period there were fourteen births.

So far this month twelve cases of diphtheria have been reported. Ten of these are on the east side, one in Carleton and one in St. Martins. One case of scarlet fever is reported from the school for the day.

In the probate court letters of administration of the estate of Edward Ring have been granted to William E. Scully, son-in-law, and Gertrude Ring, daughter of deceased, \$2,500 personal property; J. B. M. Baxter, proctor.

Garfield Smith, son of J. W. Smith, of Hampton Station, is at present in Peru (S. A.). He was formerly in the North-west Mounted Police. When he obtained his discharge from the force, he went south, and in a recent letter to his parents mentioned that he expected to be soon leaving for Ecuador.

An Ottawa despatch says that a military gazette announces that the formation of an organization to be the Carleton Cadet Corps, No. 123, at St. John West, has been authorized. The officers commissioned are: Captain, C. Wright; lieutenant, G. Clark; second lieutenant, K. Allaby.

The body of Capt. Frank S. Israel, of the steamer Admiral Dowie, who died at sea last week while his vessel was on a passage from Jamaica to this port, left here yesterday on the steamer Boston for Yarmouth, accompanied by his wife. Burial will be at Hebron (N. S.), the captain's native place—Boston Globe Saturday.

The local Customs House staff has formed a social association. The following officers were elected: Hon. A. T. Dunn, president; George F. Matthews, 1st vice-president; S. W. Kain, 2nd vice-president; L. E. Tapley, secretary-treasurer; H. P. Sandell, Thomas Finlay, K. A. Barber, J. B. Dily and H. P. Allingham, board of management. Francis Gallagher was elected an honorary member.

Mr. and Mrs. Longley, the superintendent and matron of the Boys' Industrial Home, have resigned. The resignations were received at the last meeting of the board and are to go into effect the new year. As far as could be learned no particular reason is assigned for the action of Mr. Longley and his wife. They have been at the institution for the past three years and were regarded as capable. A large number of applications for the positions have been received but no appointments have as yet been made.

BACK FROM WORLD ROAMING TRIP

Lower Cove Lad Who Went from Here as Stow-away.

BACK ON THE MONTROSE

Tom Rogers Returns After Three Years of It—Was in South African War, and Also Sailed the Vasty Deep to Foreign Parts.

Tom Rogers, only eighteen, but with the South African war medal dangling on his vest, returned to the city Monday. He was a passenger from the old country by steamer Montrose, and came back with a reasonable amount of knowledge of the ways of the world. He is the son of Bartholomew Rogers, pilot, No. 225 Pitt street.

Three years ago, with three comrades, or "pals"—Harry Doherty, Tom Stone, and Jarvis Rogers, the latter his brother—stowed away on board a steamer running between this city and Cape Town. Since then his three associates having returned and observed, eventually wandered back again, but he has been seeing sights, and accumulating experiences on land and sea between London and Hong Kong.

His first venture was to sail out against the Boers in all the fearsome regalia of a British bugler. He joined Marshall's horse, went up country, subsequently went into action, was captured, and his dress and accoutrements so captivated the fancy of the burghers that they could not resist stripping him. Ultimately he made his way back to his own lines, but it was accomplished only under the most embarrassing of circumstances.

After peace was declared he proceeded to England, and again enlisted, but only for a few months. The pay was inadequate and though he was a uniform—a real nobby one, at that—there was not the remotest chance of the picturesque possibilities in the doughy ranks of Marshall's Horse.

From a defender of Empire he assumed the role of deep sea raider, and voyaged as a steamship sailor to Calcutta, Suez, and other ports, and later he visited China, and numerous ports en route. He recalls particularly one experience while at sea. It had to do with an unkind mate, a pang of great force of character, one who displayed remarkable prowess in the exercise of physical strength and selection of harsh language. Young Rogers and his superior parted as soon as possible.

For the past year the former has been living in London. He's back again in Canada; he's seen the rest of the world, and is now content to stay, for a while at least, in the place of his nativity.

NO ADVANCE IN COAL LOOKED FOR

Boston, Nov. 18.—The statement that there had been recently, or is about to be, made an advance in the price of anthracite coal amounting to 25 cents a ton is pronounced untrue by coal dealers. The alleged reason for the increase, that the dealers had been getting back some of the money they had lost in the past year or two is said to be equally far from the facts.

A well-known coal dealer said to a Globe reporter yesterday: "The man who wrote those statements must have been dreaming. Coal has not advanced since last September, and it is not contemplated that an increase will come soon. We are selling anthracite now for \$7 a ton. Before September it was selling for \$6.75. So far as we know the price will continue at \$7 for some time to come."

"I can also say that the idea that the coal dealers have lost a lot of money in the last year is not so. That statement is silly. I can say, however, that the cost of delivering coal has increased a good deal in the past five years. There is not so much profit for the dealer as there was. Labor and every other element that enters in the handling of the coal has decreased our profits."

TWO LOWELL PEOPLE DEAD FROM GAS FUMES

Lowell, Mass., Nov. 20.—Two persons were asphyxiated and a third overcome and made critically ill by illuminating gas in their homes during the night.

The dead are: Miss Lizzie A. Molloy, a school teacher, 38 years of age, of 238 Gorham street, and William Fitzgerald, aged 40 years, who resided at 619 Gorham street. John Crowe, a room-mate of Fitzgerald, was overcome and remains in a serious condition. Medical examiner pronounced death in both instances to "accidental gas suffocation."

Miss Molloy formerly taught in this city but resigned about a year ago.

New Port Arthur Schedule. It is reported that O'Ku, O'Yama and Kuro Pat Kin are trying to postpone the fall of Port Arthur to March 11.—New York Mail.

OBITUARY

William MacKay. Moncton, Nov. 18.—The death of William MacKay, which occurred at his home in Moncton about 1.30 this morning, removes another of Moncton's old landmarks and a highly esteemed citizen. Mr. MacKay has been a prominent resident of Moncton for some 18 years. He was born at Barrhead, Scotland, in 1815, and lived there until about 21 years ago, when he emigrated to Canada. He came out here to take charge of the paper mill near Penobscot. A short time after his arrival in this country he removed to Moncton, where his son, A. S. MacKay, conducted a shoe business for a number of years. Mr. MacKay was 89 years of age and was twice married. He is survived by his wife and two daughters—A. S. MacKay, living in British Columbia; Mrs. William Ritchie and Mrs. John Mott, Moncton. Funeral on Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Wright. Arthur Wright died Friday night at his home, 46 Wright street, after a lengthy illness. He was for years secretary of the Paris cotton mills and later was connected with the St. John Railway Company, but for some years he had been an invalid. In his active days Mr. Wright was connected with the Masonic fraternity. He was aged seventy years and is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters. The sons are John, of the Bank of Montreal here; Harold, who is in Vancouver, and H. C. T. Wright, in the Dominion Bank, Quebec. Miss E. E. and Emma L. Wright at home and Mrs. M. S. Hoeken, of Chatham, are the daughters. Mr. Wright led a quiet, unostentatious life and held the esteem of all who knew him.

Mrs. John J. Macfarland. Mrs. John J. Macfarland died at her home near Whitehead, Kings county, on Thursday night last after several years' suffering caused by valvular lesion of the heart. Deceased was the youngest daughter of the late John Murphy, coroner of Head Line, Petersville, Queens county. Besides her husband she was an adopted daughter are left to mourn the loss of a loving wife and the kindest of mothers. She was widely known for her unimpaired hospitality and kindness of heart. Being becoming an invalid she was always ready to lend a helping hand to suffering humanity. No wayfarer ever left her door without having his way made attended to. The hungry were always fed and the cold always received a large share of a good fire.

John Murphy, of Hoyt Station; Robert, of Petersville, and William, of Boston (Mass.), are brothers. Mrs. Edward Sargent, of High street, city, and Mrs. Cunningham Green, of Moss Glen, Kings county, were sisters.

Funeral will be Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. John J. Macfarland was interred in St. Paul's cemetery at Whitehead, Kings county, Sunday afternoon. The long procession that followed the body from her late home to their last resting place bore testimony of the great amount of sorrow in which the deceased was held. A large number of friends drove from the city to pay their last tribute of respect.

The Rev. Hastings S. Walworth, rector of Kingston, read the burial service. The pall bearers were John, Charles and John Macfarland, three nephews, who were assisted by Charles Travis, a life-long friend of the family, and William Birch and Charles Addison two young men to whom the late Mrs. Macfarland had stood from their childhood until her death, as a loving mother.

Mrs. Frank McManus. Saturday morning at Pleasant Point, Mrs. Frank McManus, aged 62 years, passed away. She had been in poor health for a year. Besides her husband, Mrs. McManus leaves three step-daughters and one step-son. Mrs. T. Sullivan, East Boston, is a sister, and John McGuire, of Lynn, and Wm. McGuire, of Boston, are brothers.

Clarence Gammon. Bathurst, Nov. 18.—A telegram from Philadelphia last evening was received by Samuel Gammon, informing him of the death of his son, Clarence, from appendicitis after three weeks' illness. Mr. Gammon was twenty years of age.

Donald C. Wright. A very sad event occurred in Shannvale (N.B.), recently, when the body of Donald Campbell Wright was brought home for interment. He had gone west on the harvest excursion on August 21. On November 2 he left the harvest fields and went to La Salle, where he remained for almost a week, and then started home. On reaching Winnipeg he became very ill, but insisted on continuing the journey. The disease, however, rapidly developed into double pneumonia, and when he arrived at his home on November 13, he was found dead. His condition became so serious that he had to be conveyed to the hospital there, but medical aid was useless, and he gradually grew worse, and passed to rest on Sunday morning, November 13.

His body was accompanied home last Tuesday morning by his brother, who had gone west with him, and was with him during his illness, and was met at El River Station, by a large circle of friends and relatives. The funeral took place at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and the large number attending testified to the respect in which he was held. The pall-bearers were Robert Wright, Amos A. Comeau, Wm. A. Innes, W. S. Pacifico, Peter McGovern and Duncan McDonald, Jr.

He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wright of this place, and was just twenty years of age. He leaves besides a sorrowing mother and father, six sisters and seven brothers to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate son and brother; also a large number of friends whom he had gained by his sunny and bright disposition.

Much sympathy is felt for the family in this, their sad bereavement.

Fred Cole. Moncton, Nov. 21.—Many friends of Fred Cole were shocked yesterday to learn of his serious illness, which resulted fatally at 3.30 o'clock this morning at his home Alma street. Mr. Cole complained on Friday night of an earache and was unable

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Rev. J. W. Nicholson's Address to Y. P. A. of St. David's Church on the Message of the Old Testament.

Mr. McGaffigan's Useful Gift.

J. J. McGaffigan has provided the managers of St. Patrick's Industrial School at Silver Falls with the means of giving manual training to the orphan boys under their charge, having fitted the school with an outfit for nine pupils in the St. John's system. The school for manual training is on the first floor. There are seven small tables, and one large table. So far no arrangement has been made for carrying on the work, but a beginning will soon be made. It is expected that at first a woodworker will be found to give instruction to the boys, but no doubt in time it will be necessary to put a competent teacher in the school.

Coming to St. John

St. John's citizens will learn with interest of the coming of Mr. J. J. McGaffigan, the celebrated Truss expert of Montreal. This expert will be at the Royal Hotel on Friday, Nov. 26, and will treat all cases of rupture and hernia. He will be accompanied by a large number of his family.

NOT ASKING TO BE SOLICITOR GENERAL

A. B. Copp, M. P. P., Denies That He is Pressing Claims for Place in Government.

A. B. Copp, M. P. P., of Westmorland county, is not seeking the office of solicitor general in the local government. A Moncton despatch a few days ago set forth that he was a claimant for this office in the government.

Mr. Copp was at the Royal yesterday and to a Telegraph reporter, who spoke to him about the report last evening, he said it was entirely incorrect; he was not seeking the solicitor generalship and more over he believed a man should not seek to have himself taken into the government and if the premier had wanted him as one of his ministers he would have asked him.

Probate Court.

In the Probate Court yesterday judgment was delivered on the passing of accounts in the Nicholson estate. The judgment sets out that the special securities must be set apart from the several funds to which the heirs are entitled, and that the commissions and expenses of management must be charged pro rata to the income of these several funds, instead of the income arising from the residuary estate; J. D. Hazen, K. C., proctor.