July 28, 1876 finally married Mary Drevers. Mary headed for Dryrock for Christmas

1877 - James had a winter rendezvous with his wife Mary in Chicago.

February 9, 1878 first child 'Nell'
Helen Rothney Macleod was born.

m. 1899
in Calgary.
Ernest Cross M.L.A.

December 30, 1879 Norman Torquil Macleod was born.

October 1888 - James retired from the N.W.M.P., to become stipendiary magistrate of the North-West Territories. Pay was $3,000 per year plus travelling expenses.

1881 - twins Mary & Roma were born in Winnipeg

1883 - James & Mary built house at Pincher Creek, called 'Kyleakin'

1888 - James appointed to Supreme Court of the judicial district of Southern Alberta. Salary was $4,000 per year plus travelling expenses.