

Martins Mr & Mrs W-J

## 50th Wedding Anniversary For Mr., Mrs. W. J. Martin



Potatoes at 25c per bag; coal \$4 per ton and butter at 14c per lb., were the prices recalled this week by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Martin, 92 South George street, who over the week-end celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

"People maybe didn't have as much money then as now, but they were a lot happier," Mr. Martin asserted. As a young man he recalls working as section hand on the railway for \$1.10 per day.

Born on the Mohawk Indian Reservation, Mr. and Mrs. Martin were married 50 years ago at the Mohawk Reserve council house by the late Rev. F. Creeggan, father of Archdeacon J. B. Creeggan, rector of Christ Church. Mrs. Martin is the former Laura Thompson. He is 76, while she is 69.

### FORMERLY FARMED

Formerly a farmer, Mr. Martin worked as section hand and as section foreman with the G.T.R. and C.N.R. for 25 years. The couple

has lived in the city for the past 32 years, where following his retirement from the railway Mr. Martin was employed at the liquor store on Bridge street. He now has a part time job as caretaker at the Kiwanis Centre.

One of Mrs. Martin's pet peeves is her husband's use of tobacco. "I don't approve of smoking, but if it does them any good I say let them have it," she says.

### FAMILY DINNER HELD

Saturday evening the Martins were "at home" to approximately 35 friends, while Sunday evening a family dinner was held in honor of the golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin have two sons, Carewin of Montreal, and Jack of Belleville, and three daughters, Mrs. George (Beatrice) Westlake and Mrs. John (Marjorie) Merhey, both of this city, and Mrs. Jack (June) Wilson of Toronto. There are seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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