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"Mr. Cobourg" home

A-Dunlop Family (07-01)

There is good news for Cobourg's townspeople this week. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dunlop are moving back to Cobourg from Ottawa in mid-September.

Even before they're back, Mr. Dunlop has agreed to sit on the committee for the Society of the Restoration of Victoria Hall.

The Dunlops left Cobourg two years ago on a "sort of sabbatical leave" Mr. Dunlop said.

"My son and his family live there and we wanted to have more time with them and see more of them," explained Mr. Dunlop.

"We're returning to Cobourg because it's the best rural community town in Canada to live in," he said emphatically.

Mr. Dunlop has often been called "Mr. Cobourg" by various townspeople, even though he wasn't born and raised in the town. However, his community involvement and dedication to community-benefitting programs and clubs have earned him his reputation.

He has been active in the Rotary Club, on the Cobourg District General Hospital board, the Cobourg YM-YWCA, and the Cobourg and District United Appeal.

While Mr. Dunlop was in Cobourg, he became the first chairman for the Appeal and a founding member. For two years he led the campaign up and over it's goal for funds to sponsor community clubs and activities.

The Dunlops are active members of the Trinity United Church congregation.

Mr. Dunlop was born and raised in Ottawa and joined the Imperial Oil Company while still a very young man. He was transferred to Toronto.

and throughout the war years, to Halifax and then back to Toronto.

"I retired early from Imperial Oil in 1950 because I joined the company early in life," said Mr. Dunlop. "We then came to Cobourg."

During the Second World War, while stationed in Halifax. Mr. Dunlop became very active in the Navy League of Canada. In recognition for his work, he was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE)

"At present, we're getting ready to move here permanently next month," he said. "There is a lot of preparation involved in moving. I have been making trips back and forth to bring items we don't want to be bothered packing."

This past week, the Dunlops have been renewing some of their old town acquaintances first hand and enjoying it.

"It's enjoyable after a two-year lapse," said Mr. Dunlop.



Gordon Dunlop