

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dixon Celebrate Golden Wedding at Port Carling

On Sunday, June 8th, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dixon, of Port Carling, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home. Although the actual date of their marriage was a few days earlier, the celebration was postponed until the week-end so that all the members of the family could be present.

Allan Joseph Dixon and Jessie Florence Wilson were married in Cardwell Township on June 3rd, 1908. The bridesmaid, Miss Elizabeth Wilson (now Mrs. M. Einerson, of Rosseau), and the best man, Christopher Dixon, of Terrace, B.C., were present at the celebration; also Mrs. Dixon's ten other sisters and their husbands, her two brothers and their wives; also all the mem-

bers of the immediate family, Tom, who is Reeve of Port Carling; Aileen (Mrs. Greaney, M.A., Bsc.), of Stamford, Conn.; Pearl, Reg.N., of Orillia; Julia, Reg.N. (Mrs. Stan Francis), of Toronto; Annie (Mrs. Cook), of Atherley; Neil, of Orillia, and Allan, of Hamilton; all twelve grandchildren and an uncle who is ninety-two years old, were also present. They came from British Columbia, the states of Michigan and Connecticut, and from all parts of Ontario.

The festivities started on Saturday with a family dinner, at which eighty sat down at tables arranged on the verandah and lawn. Flowers from Mrs. Dixon's garden graced the tables and gift bouquets and baskets of flowers were attract-

ively arranged both inside the house and on the verandah. Following the re-union dinner, the following address was read on behalf of the brothers and sisters:—

Address to Allan and Jessie Dixon

"Today it is our special pleasure to renew family fellowship, the family of Allan and Elizabeth Wilson. Today we celebrate a very special and joyous occasion for one unit of this great clan, when they are celebrating fifty happy years of wedded life, and it is with deep pleasure that we offer you, Jessie and Allan, our most heartfelt congratulations, and hope that you will spend many more happy anniversaries.

"Just twenty-four years ago our Dad and Mother celebrated their golden wedding, at which we were all present. The marriage of Allan and Jessie Wilson was made in 1884, between a young Scotsman who emigrated to this country in 1872, settling first in Toronto, and a young girl from England, who, with her parents, also came in 1872, first settling in Brampton. About six years later, these two families, wishing to own land of their own, came to Cardwell Township in Muskoka, under truly pioneer conditions, having to hew down the forest to make a place to build a home. While they were busy with the physical necessities of life, they did not forget the spiritual needs. As there was no church or Sunday school, Mrs. Foreman started a Sunday school in her own home, being both superintendent and teacher. They also sponsored the building of a church, and all denominations worshipped there. Here, it was that the paths of Allan Wilson and Elizabeth Foreman met, and they were married December 31st, 1884, at the home of the bride by the Rev. Mr. Chown.

"They built their new home about three miles from her father's farm, and as brave and courageous pioneers, helped develop that area, in which they took a leading part.

"Their union was blest with twelve children, seven boys and five girls, all of whom are still living. In due time they all left the parental home to establish their own homes in widely divided parts of the country. Some did their share

in developing the far north country.

"The family has now become legion, with about 60 grandchildren and many, many great-grandchildren.

"The fine character of this beloved pioneer couple has borne fruit through the years, as their descendants are found in all walks of life. Among the best of these are those whom we are honoring today. During the past 50 years, your brothers and sisters have noted with pride your progress. We all know of the great sacrifice endured during the first World War, when Allen went overseas to help defend that democracy which makes gatherings like this possible. After returning home, Allan again took his place in the community, working, with the help of his wife, for the betterment of it, in church, village council, school board and many other ways. Twenty years later, the best of our young men were again called upon to defend their country, and among these were the four sons of his home, and it was with much sorrow to all to hear that one of them, Harold, had paid the supreme sacrifice. We all pay honor to his memory, and though he is not here with us in person, we are sure that he is with us in spirit. We could go on and on, recalling the many things accomplished by this fine family, but we come back to our special purpose today, of honoring you, Allan and Jessie, and once again offer our sincere congratulations to you, who are adding another chapter to a fine family history."

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were presented with some beautiful gifts, including a television set from their children, lamps, pictures, china, gold pieces and other things. They also received numerous cards and telegrams. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dixon responded to the address and presentations, and Miss Pearl Dixon responded on behalf of the family. Mrs. Dixon presented her bridesmaid with a white bedspread with gold trimming, and to each of the grandchildren she gave a white Bible or a gold penknife. The best man also received a gold penknife.

On Sunday morning the "Clan" attended the United Church and they occupied all the seats on one side of the church. The Rev. Joseph Stewart, of Cooksville, a cousin, preached the sermon. On returning from the service they enjoyed a buffet luncheon, and in the afternoon from three to five o'clock, and in the evening from seven to nine o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon held open house. More than one hundred and eighty people called during the two day celebration, among whom was Mr. Robert Boyer, M.P.P., and Mrs. Boyer. Mr. Boyer conveyed to them the congratulations of the Province of Ontario, and presented them with a certificate. Mrs. Dixon proudly displayed her wedding dress of ivory satin which her mother had made. Although slightly mellow with age, it resembled

somewhat the fashions of today, with its little bolero jacket and puff sleeves.

Assisting in serving the delicious refreshments were the daughters of the house, who gave each guest a little memento of the happy occasion, a piece of wedding cake to take home.

We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Dixon may enjoy many more anniversaries.—L.C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wroe Married 50 Years

On Wednesday, of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wroe, of Port Carling, held open house to their friends and relatives, the occasion being their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Wroe were married June 22nd, 1910, at Ufford, by Rev. W. S. Irvin, Methodist minister of Windermere circuit.

Mrs. Wroe's maiden name was Alice Harris. The couple have made Port Carling their home town since 1922. They have two daughters, Evelyn, Mrs. Oldaker, and Audrey, Mrs. Farrow, and two sons, Kenneth, of Brandy Lake, and James, of Ontario street, Bracebridge; also nine grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Wroe received many beautiful gifts, all in gold color and gold trim. Afternoon tea was served by their two daughters. The tea table was centred by a lovely three-storey wedding cake, decorated in white and gold, flanked by gold candle holders, with white candles—the gift of the Oldaker grandchildren. At seven o'clock, the families sat down to a lovely buffet luncheon.

Seventy-five guests called during the afternoon and evening, to wish the happy couple many more years of happiness.

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HARRIS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George B. Harris, who will observe their 64th wedding anniversary this week. Mr. and Mrs. Harris had the distinction of being the first couple married in the village after its incorporation in 1896.

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MASON

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mason, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Wednesday, December 28th. Mr. and Mrs. Mason were At Home to their friends both afternoon and evening in the Legion Hall. Several of their old neighbors from Ufford were among those who called to congratulate

them. They were the recipients of many lovely gifts and cards.

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