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Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillespie Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

Former Residents of Holland

The following is clipped from The Regina Leader and is self-explanatory:

Sturgis memorial hall was the scene of a happy evening Tuesday, January 7th, in celebration of the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillespie, of Sturgis and vicinity, have gathered here to-night to offer you both our sincerest congratulations on this happy occasion of your golden wedding.

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Mr. Gillespie, who is 74 years of age, is a native of Holland, and was in the same month of the year in 1856. On the day of his birth, the year was 1856, and he was born on the 30th of January, 1856. He was the only child of his parents, and was educated in the common schools of his native land. He came to Canada in 1874, and settled in Sturgis, where he has since resided. He has been married for 54 years, and has three children, two sons and one daughter. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has been a deacon for many years. He is a man of quietude and a man of high character. He is a man of high character and a man of high character.

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Friday, February 7th

Keep this date in mind for the Neck-tie Social to be held at Val-de-lour School House under the auspices of the Women's Institute. A splendid program of local talent will be given and a most enjoyable time, with lunch, will follow. You can't afford to miss this so keep the date open. Program will commence at 8.30 p.m. Admission 25c.

at any time his or his wife's health. There are three sons living, John E., of Moose Jaw; L. A., of Saskatoon, and R. E., of Saskatoon. Another boy William, was killed overseas at the second battle of the Somme. Mrs. Wm. Smith of Hassan is an only daughter. Mrs. James Dixon of Holland Centre is a sister of Mrs. Gillespie.

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John Arthur Murdoch

In reporting the death of John Arthur Murdoch, son of Mrs. Jane Murdoch of this place, the Vancouver Sun has the following:

John Arthur Murdoch, president of Vancouver Motors Ltd. and a prominent business man of British Columbia for twenty years, passed away at 5 o'clock this morning, Monday, Jan. 13th, at the family residence, 1904 West Sixteenth.

He was born at Markdale, Ontario, January 25, 1879, and was a son of the late Alexander and Jane Murdoch. He was educated at the public schools in the place of his birth and at Owen Sound Collegiate Institute, where he taught for three years. On December 20, 1905, he married Mary E. Burnett, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett of Markdale.

After school teaching, he worked in the drug store in Markdale, then in the hardware store in Vancouver, and went to Rialto as a book clerk during the vacation at the Rialto Hotel, Markdale, and then to the Rialto Hotel, Markdale, and then to the Rialto Hotel, Markdale.

Twenty years ago he came to British Columbia to look after the contracting interests of the Hon. Angus McDonald. In 1911 Mr. Murdoch organized his own business under the name of Murdoch & Co. and did considerable construction work on the main line of the Canadian National. In 1922, he retired from the contracting business because of ill-health and organized Vancouver Motors Ltd.

Mr. Murdoch was a public-spirited citizen and a great admirer of the city he resided in. He was a member of the Rotary Club and a member of the A. F. & A. M. He was also a Shriner. He was an ardent supporter of Canadian Memorial Church and did much towards making the erection of the church possible. He was chairman of the church special finance committee and was also a trustee.

Besides his wife, Mr. Murdoch is survived by two daughters, Jean and Isabel, one son, Arthur, his mother, Mrs. J. Murdoch, and two sisters, Miss Kate Murdoch and Mrs. R. G. Noble. Mr. D. D. Murdoch, 1080 Wolfe avenue, is an uncle.

The funeral took place on Thursday, Jan. 16th, when the late Mr. Murdoch was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery at Burnaby. The last rites, which were held in Canadian Memorial Chapel, Fifteenth avenue and Cedar street, were attended by a large gathering of representatives from Vancouver business circles and employees of Vancouver Motors Ltd. The service was conducted by Rev. George O. Falls whose address is printed below.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Edward Boyd, C. E. Thompson, Robert Elliott, Norman G. Cull, H. B. Timmins and Dr. James Frankum.

The Chapel, which he so loved and had worked so hard for, looked very lovely with the many floral tributes that had sprays, pillows and baskets of flowers. The casket was covered with a blanket of rosebuds and maiden hair fern, while near it stood a large cross sent by Vancouver Motors Ltd.

The following address was given by Rev. Geo. O. Falls, D.D., C.E.E.: I am glad to convey to others, who are fortunate as I have been, the news of John Arthur Murdoch's death. An splendid and warm-hearted Canadian. For I have been acquainted with him for many years. I know him as a man of high character and a man of high character.

ure to appraise Mr. Murdoch rightly. He meant so much to me, that my critical faculties are silenced by my heart.

Perhaps one can best begin by saying that the various and repeated tributes he gave of his genius for friendship rank him definitely as a man of great heart qualities. How full of eagerness he was to see his friends! It made no difference what the social rank. Be that friend a member of a section gang or the president of some great contracting concern, the enthusiasm was equally warm at the meeting of old friends. Possibly few men could call more men by their first names than he. And yet he preserved a gentle dignity that made most men call him Mr. Murdoch. He had a way that simply compelled friendship.

I see him in another light. I see him as a man of deep convictions. His convictions were not lost on little trifling things. They were convictions about the need of high principles in character. I have seldom, if ever, met a man who so hated cant and hypocrisy as he, or who so loved and appreciated candor and profession with practice. He had little sympathy with a Christianity that was not serviceable and sacrificial. He would speak out firmly against dishonesty and a traitor to a friend or a cause was the greatest of all sinners. He placed the greatest stress on simple honesty and transparency of life. He loved such poems as Burns' "A man's a man for a' that."

And yet while he loved simplicity and honesty of life and hated cant and hypocrisy nevertheless few men were so ready in their charity concerning human weakness and frailty. A soul in trouble, whether morally or communally, was a matter of great concern to him. There was no trace of meanness in him, on the rare occasions of human frailties he was all the more sympathetic and understanding.

However with all this great kindness and love and an excellent sense of humor, I have never known a man so exquisitely kind, frank and tenderhearted. He had a conviction it was difficult to disclose him, and he demanded of others firmness in executing logical designs. This was particularly true in business. He would think out his plans to the minutest detail, then with the zest of a boy he set to work to see them executed with machine like precision.

In his more intimate circles he was radiant and happy. His home was the most attractive spot on earth to him. The greatest artist could scarcely intrigue him from his home. His friends, loved ones and friend were to him more than the greatest play-actor or virtuoso. And his friends and loved ones felt this. Scarcely a day passed—yea morning, noon and night his friends dropped in upon him, especially in those days when he was struggling with ill health. As a husband and father he was the incarnation of the best desire for his wife and family. Possibly one of the most beautiful relationships of his life was with his aged mother of Markdale, Ontario. To him she was one of the noblest among women. Last summer he went East to see her and he constantly wrote her. It is needless to say her love for him is a symbol of that deepest thing in life—a mother's love.

In his church life he was shy and backward. He never wished to make any loud profession for fear he might say some word that might cast reflection on the Church of Christ. And yet no man served his church better. Lying on a bed of sickness his mind was ever active about all the problems of the church. A hundred times he called me to come over to discuss with him the ideas that came into his mind about this beautiful Memorial Hall and then he persuaded them to give us all the profit. In his secret heart he had the profoundest regard for the ideals and principles of our Lord. He had the greatest admiration for genuine Christian people.

In a broad sense he was a great Canadian. He taught school, three years. As a contractor he was one of those broad visioned souls who saw a great future for Canada by opening up new territory. And so for many years he joined hands with other empire builders like McKechnie and Mann, G. and S. W. Mr. A. Mann and others in developing western Canada by building Canadian homes. He was interested in everything that stood for a high and noble Canadianism and was the most constant and best friend of the movement.

It is impossible to sum up the life of any good man. Possibly it is enough to say he was a good man, but we may also add from his youthful period, when as a mere child he was left fatherless, Arthur Murdoch left the stamp of his personality on all he undertook.

He being dead yet speaketh. The

charm, the winsomeness, the inspiration and wealth of his friendship outdoes the meagreness of my words. His constancy and evenness of spirit through hours and years of ill-health bewilders me. Poise, cheer, generosity and unescapable goodwill toward all and sunny ways in prevailing notes of his life.

Personally, my love for him lames my words. As I close I am chagrined at my attempt to reveal to you a life that in so many varied ways indicated interest in the best.

Suffice it to say, that if we never cease to love those whom we love, we can never lose those whom we thus love. In that hope let us keep vigil until the lay of immortality dawns and the shadows flee away.

John Erskine Dead

The village of Alton lost one of its highly esteemed citizens at the passing of John Erskine in Lord Dufferin Hospital, Orangeville, on Wednesday, January 15th, after an illness that became serious over two months ago. The late Mr. Erskine had lived in or near the village all his life except for a short time he spent in Markdale. His quiet and modest manner and his kindly disposition won for him a very wide circle of friends who will regret his passing very much.

The late John Erskine was born December 29th, 1861, on the Fifth line of Carleton. About 45 years ago he married Miss Janet Dadds and since they have lived in the present beautiful home at the West end of the village. In politics he was a Conservative and in religion he was formerly a Congregationalist but when that Church closed he joined himself to the Methodist Church. He was a member of the Carleton County Agricultural Society and the Orangeville Horticultural Society. He was a member of the Orangeville Baptist Church and the Orangeville Baptist Church.

He leaves to mourn his loss his widow at Alton, two sons, William J. and Everett D. and one daughter, Kathleen M. Gordon Somerville, all of London. Another son, Wilfred died suddenly twelve years ago. Two brothers, Robert of Minto, and Jake, of Grand Valley, and two sisters, Isabella (Mrs. H. B. McClellan) and Lavina (Mrs. Jas. Duke) both of Stratford, remain.

The funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 19th, from the home at Alton Cemetery with the deceased's pastor, Rev. W. M. Lee, M. A. officiating. The members of the I.O.O.F. marched and conducted their burial service at the graveside. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the bereaved family in their deep sorrow.—Orangeville Banner.

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Chickens 4 to 4 1/2 lbs.

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Geese 5 to 6 lbs.
Ducks 4 1/2 to 5 lbs.
Ducks 4 to 4 1/2 lbs.
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