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Golden Wedding

Brightened with flowers sent by organizations like the W. C. T. U. and the W. M. S., as well as by relatives and friends, the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hopper, 160 Mavety St. Toronto, presented a lively scene on the occasion of their golden wedding on March 1st. Mr. Hopper is a member of the York Pioneers fraternity, which is significant of Yorkshire origin, his people settled in the then forest wilderness, generations ago. Mrs. Hopper was one of the Agars, of Newtonbrook, whose name was familiar in Toronto, and its environs from the beginning of things. Severally and jointly they have been leaders in all kinds of social, community and church work for very many years.

Given somewhat to globe-trotting their outlook has always been a refreshing wide one, and their circle of friends truly extensive. Time, was, too, when in the season, theirs were only less familiar figures at Chautauqua N. Y. than that of Bishop Vincent himself, of late however, they have spent less strenuous summers in Muskoka. Mrs. Hopper's contributions to literature, have been many and serviceable; her book on "Old Time Primitive Methodism in Canada" being specially noteworthy.

The wedding march of course, introduced the proceedings. After a sumptuous repast, Rev. W. H. Adams, who had pastoral oversight of the happy couple during part of two centuries, (and who wrote 655 in the new hymn book) asked the company to join in a thanksgiving hymn written for the occasion, and which appears elsewhere. Then followed the toast and speeches, Dr. D. M. Somerville, of Chicago, who married the only daughter of the late Rev. John Agar, brother of the bride; Rev. C. J. Dobson, who married the groom's sister; Rev. E. Middleton and Mr. J. A. Tovell who married sisters of the bride, supplied a high order of post-prandial oratory.

Exquisite original poems were also read by Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Adams and Mrs. (Rev.) E. Middleton, and by the latter's son, Mr. J. E. Middleton, who, has a safe place among the poets of Canada. Mr. L. J. Clarke, who is one of the oldest living friends of the family, on behalf of the company assembled, presented Mr. and Mrs. Hopper, with a purse of gold.

Letters and telegrams poured in during the day, and are still arriving. May the happy couple live to set the diamond in the gold.

Village Council

The council met in the clerk's office Wednesday evening, March 2. The members were all present.

Mr. John Graham was present and addressed the council with reference to the condition of a sewer, adjoining his residence, and asked that the present conditions may be improved. The council assured Mr. Graham that the matter would be attended to. A deputation of ladies, representing the W. C. T. U. waited on the Council with a view to having a curfew law put into operation in this municipality. Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Phipps addressed the council on the subject, and the matter promised to give the matter its serious consideration. Mr. R. Endean headed a deputation of citizens and addressed the council with reference to the possibility of having a new skating rink erected; after hearing the views of several of the gentlemen, the council agreed to consider the matter.

Accounts totalling \$811.58 were read and ordered to be paid.

Communications were read from Mr. Morden, from the Ontario Safety League and from C. H. Burgess to which the clerk was instructed to reply. Dr. Langstaff wrote the council resigning his position as medical health officer, this letter was laid over for the present. Moved and carried that the wood recently cut down on the mill property shall be sold at the rate of \$4.00 per cord on the ground. Committee re-engaging a solicitor for the village, reported having interviewed a gentleman, who would accept that position at a salary of \$200.00 per year. That the clerk be instructed to prepare a by-law to make the appointment. It was decided that the council should interview the Agricultural Society, with a view to obtaining the society's co-operation in the erection of a new skating rink.

Piano Recital

The Ladies Aid will give an entertainment in the Methodist Church, Newton Brook Friday evening, March 18. Recital by pupils of Miss Ruby Stephenson, assisted by Miss Phyllis Touzell, Mr. Stianton and others.

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