

MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN FOR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Two of Owen Sound's most highly respected and well known residents, Mr. and Mrs. George Toms celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary quietly on Saturday. A family dinner party had been held at the Seldon House prior to the anniversary date with thirty members of the family present.

Congratulatory messages were received from Her Majesty The Queen, from the Prime Minister of Canada, Rt. Hon. J. Diefenbaker, the Hon. Dr. MacKinnon Phillips, Percy Noble, M.P., and the Provincial Secretary as well as flowers, telegrams, messages and gifts from many friends and relatives.



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Mr. Toms was born at High Point, North Carolina and came to Canada when just a year old, with his parents. He is eighty-four years old. Mrs. Toms was Alice Quance. She was born at Delhi, Ontario and is eighty years of age. They were married at Delhi on May 31st, 1898 and came to Bognor to live in 1904, where Mr. Toms bought the saw and grist mills from Mr. Frank Quance, his wife's uncle. They lived in Bognor for sixteen years and were active members of Bognor Methodist Church, where Mr. Toms was a Sunday School teacher. The first meeting of Bognor Women's Institute was held in the Toms home.