

Beachburg Couple Married 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs.
William Davidson
at Home to Friends.

PEMBROKE, Ont., Dec. 17.—
(Staff) — Mr. and Mrs. William
Davidson, of Beachburg, celebrate
their 60th wedding anniversary
quietly at their home, on Satur-
day.

A well known and greatly
esteemed couple, with a large fam-
ily connection in the Ottawa
Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson
both enjoy good health. They re-
side alone and do their own house-
work. They will be at home to
friends and neighbors on their an-
niversary tomorrow, from 2 to 5
p.m.

Mr. Davidson is 81 years of age.
A farmer all his life, he resided
near Beachburg until his retire-
ment 18 years ago, when he and
his wife, formerly Margaret Jane
McLeese, now 76, and formerly of
Westmeath, took up residence in
Beachburg.

The couple were married at the
parsonage of the Presbyterian Church,
Beachburg, on December 18, 1877,
by the late Rev. William Christie,
the village's first Presbyterian
pastor. The bridesmaid was the
bride's sister, Mrs. Thomas David-
son, now of Beachburg; and the
late James Dixon, Westmeath, was
best man.

Of their family of 15 children,
11 survive. Two daughters and
two sons predeceased them, one
son, Arnold, killed in action at the
Somme during the Great War. Two
other sons also saw overseas ser-
vice.

Five daughters are living, Mrs.
Mildred Scott, Beachburg; Mrs.
Martha Carlson and Mrs. Ernie
Cain, of Utica, N.Y.; Mrs. Cecil
White, Yorkville, N.Y., and Mrs.
Thomas Bolton, Oriskany, N.Y.
There are six sons, R. H. Davidson,
Donald and William, all of Beach-
burg; Herbert, of Toronto; Clar-
ance, in Western Canada, and Wal-
lace, of Kavene, Ont., as well as
12 grandchildren and 22 great-
grandchildren.

Mr. Davidson is the last of his
family, and Mrs. Davidson has five
sisters living, Mrs. J. H. Wilson,
Pembroke; Mrs. Helen Holvingburg
and Mrs. Stewart McLeese, both
of Salt Lake City; Mrs. S. A. Hunt-
ington, Detroit, and Mrs. Thomas
Davidson, of Beachburg. There is
also a half-sister, Mrs. William
Jeffrey, of Renfrew, and a half-
brother, Robert McLeese, of West-
meath.