



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. McMahon

McMahon-Kenney Wedding

St. Columbanus Roman Catholic Church in Elgin was the setting for the recent wedding of Miss Mary Eleanor Kenney of Jones Falls and Daniel A. McMahon of Syracuse, when they exchanged vows before Rev. Arthur Appleton, cousin of the bride, and Rev. J. R. Rowell.

Wedding music was played by Mrs. James Scott and Mr. Alphonse McCue was the soloist.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Kenney of Jones Falls, was given in marriage by her father. Her full length wedding gown was fashioned of silk organza, its bodice appliqued with seed pearls and Alencon lace. She

carried a bouquet of shasta daisies and ivy.

Mrs. Patricia Mueller of Toronto was matron of honor for her sister, and the bridesmaids were Miss Dorothea McMahon, sister of the groom and Miss Ellen O'Mara of Elgin, cousin of the bride. They wore sheath gowns of ice blue crystalet with matching mohair picture hats and carried baskets of shasta 'mums.

The groom, who is the son of Mrs. Gerald V. McMahon of Syracuse, and the late Mr. McMahon, was attended by his brother, Edward McMahon of Syracuse. Ushers were T. Joseph Kenney of Jones Falls, brother of the bride, and Gerald McMahon of Syracuse, brother of the groom.

The reception was held at Hotel Kenney, Jones Falls. Mrs. Kenney's costume for her daughter's wedding was in muted coral with white accessories. She was assisted in receiving the guests by the groom's mother who chose a pink lace dress with matching accessories.

Out-of-town guests attending the wedding were from Syracuse, Galt, Montreal, Rochester, Stroudsburg, Pa., Kingston, Brockville and Westport.

For going away the bride changed into a blue silk sheath dress with matching duster, white accessories and a white orchid corsage. Following a honeymoon trip to the New England States, Mr. and Mrs. McMahon will make their home in Syracuse.

OLD STOVE-DEALER

Nicholas Downes in Business Fifty-two Years.

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"When I first sold stoves in Syracuse fifty-two years ago," said Nicholas Downes, the oldest dealer in stoves and hardware in this city, "wood stoves were sold altogether." The first coal stoves were introduced in Syracuse in 1851. The first base-burner parlor coal stoves were sent to this city that year from Lowell, Mass., by a famous dealer and manufacturer named Littlefield, who was the inventor of base-burners and the railway base-burner heaters. The stoves sent by Mr. Littlefield were all shipped back to him as imperfect stoves, by the Syracuse dealers who sent a letter to the manufacturer in

which they informed him that there was evidently a mistake in their construction, as none of the stoves had any doors. The Syracuse dealers did not understand how stoves could be fed from the top while combustion took place at the bottom of the stoves.

Mr. Littlefield laughed heartily when recalling this story at the time and in after years at the expense of the Syracuse dealers.

When Mr. Downes first engaged in the stove business parlor stoves were made mostly of sheet iron, and cook stoves were cast iron. The rooms in the old Syracuse House and in the other hotels in Syracuse were furnished with small box stoves, as steam heating was then unknown and not even dreamed of. Charles Dickens, the great novelist, related a laughable experience with a smoky little wood stove in his room in the old Syracuse House when he came to this city to read from his novels in the late sixties. The stove would smoke despite all efforts to prevent it from doing so, and Mr. Dickens in moralizing over that fact anathematized the hotels of all America. The prices of stove castings in 1856, singular to say, were about the same as they are to-day.

Born in Ireland.

Nicholas Downes is one of the types of the old-school citizens of Syracuse, and his geniality, affability and intelligence have made him a marked man in the community for more than half the century. He was born December 31st, 1821, at Smithstown, Ireland, in the county of Meath, seventeen miles from Dublin. This county runs clear up to Dublin, the streets of which are partly in it. Mr. Downes's father was

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NICHOLAS DOWNES.

my (J.P.) father's father