

the boat named the Lapland from Antwerp in May, 1912. It was lucky for me as the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank. I landed in New York, U.S.A. and not being able to speak English, I was put on the train to our destination Makinak, Manitoba with only \$12.00 in my pocket.

The following week I started to work for Mr. Peter Lelerain loading cord-wood in railway cars for \$1.25 a day.

I remember one incident when my boss sent me to the barn for a harness for his horse and not knowing the language, only Flemish, I went to the barn and brought back a double tree.

Being a French district, and not knowing the language I began to learn it, the girls were very helpful in teaching me.

The following winter I worked as a lumber jack, then in the spring I worked in the brick yard in Portage la Prairie.

In 1914, the war broke out and I got my call from the Belgium Government and I had to go to St. Boniface for my physical, by Dr. Laurendau. I was rejected because I had only one eye. I lost the other eye while playing a dart game when I was nine years old. Dr. Laurandau told me to go farming to raise food for the men in the Army. I took up a homestead in the Antwerpia district. There I built a log cabin and



Rosalie and Maurice Craeyveldt, 1921.

a log barn and started up farming. On November 20th, 1919 I married Rosalie Gronenchilds from Ste. Amelie and brought her to my log-cabin. In September, 1920, our first daughter, Marie-Louise, was born. In April, 1922 our second daughter, Yvonne Georgette, was born. I was looking for greener pastures, so in 1928 I moved my family to Ste. Amelie and I went to Saskatchewan, to the Ceylon district, to work on farms in the summer and returning to my wife and girls in the winter. In November, 1931 our third daughter Rose-Marie, was born.

In the fall of 1932 Mr. Victor Dumas wanted to go back to France with his family so I rented his land and brought my family to Saskatchewan to live. We went through a lot of hardships, a drought in the 30's, grasshoppers, armyworms, and dust storms but we lived through it. In August, 1935 our fourth daughter, Juliette, was born.

Marie is married, lives at Halbrite, Saskatchewan and has eight children. Yvonne is married, has 3 children, and lives in Radville, Saskatchewan. Rose Marie is married, lives out of Radville and has 6 children. Juliette passed away in 1951, and my wife Rosalie passed away in 1957. I am now retired and live in the "Golden Heritage", a self care low rental home for the senior citizens, in Radville, Saskatchewan.

I have 17 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren and I am the sole survivor of the Craeyveldt family.

### **Alexander and Jane Ferguson**

Alexander Ferguson born in 1868 of Scottish descent died May 1947 age 79 years. Jane Conner Jones born on Sept. 21st, 1879 of Irish descent, died in 1975, age 97 years. Both were born in Ontario, Canada and came to Dominion City south of Winnipeg, Man. where they were married. They are both buried in the Ingleside Cemetery #152, in the R.M. of Langenburg, Sask. just west of Russell, Man.

They had a family of five boys and one girl, all born at Dominion City. They left there and came to homestead at Antwerpia, Man. in 1917. The three oldest sons took homesteads but lived with their parents on N.W. 18-24-13. The three youngest went to Antwerpia school. In 1924, they left the area for Sask.

Gordon the eldest, was born March 19th, 1899 married Emily Hurton June 30th, 1930. They had no family. Gordon had a printing business in Moose Jaw. He was in the first world war as a home guard. He passed away in 1977 and his body was cremated and the ashes were buried in the yard.

Laurence Conner was born 14th of July, 1900. He married Nora Espatole in 1933, they had a family of