

Mackay 1913 Peter Mackay and Reta McLuhan Wedding

The following is taken from the *Edmonton Journal* for 19 September, 1913:

"A very pretty wedding was solemnised on Tuesday evening, September 16 at 9:30 P.M. by Reverend J.C. Anderson, B.A. of Vermillion when Miss Reta Maud McLuhan of Mannville was united in marriage to Peter Sutherland Mackay of Edmonton. The ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride was exquisitely gowned in Marquise satin with trimmings of shadow lace and pearl garnitures added the finishing touches at the belt and also at the draping just above the train. The bride also carried a bouquet of white roses and maidenhair fern. The young couple was unattended. The bride entered the room leaning on the arm of her father, James McLuhan, to the strain of Wyman's 'Wedding Bell March' played by Miss Winifred E. Edwards. The young couple stood during the ceremony in a bower of autumn tainted leaves with bows and finishing touches of white ribbon from which a white bell was suspended as well as a horseshoe of pansies. After the ceremony, all the friends sang 'Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love'. Then followed the congratulations and a solo by Herbert E. McLuhan entitled 'Just for Today.' All then retired to the dining room and partook of a sumptuous repast. The table decorations were pink and white sweet peas with maidenhair ferns. The wedding cake stood on a white centrepiece encircled with autumn tainted leaves. A chandelier with a shade of pink with pale blue band and rosettes hung over the centre of the table from which white streamers were suspended. The bride and groom left by automobile for the depot and hosts of good wishes and showers of rice and confetti. On their way to the coast they will stay off at Banff and Lagan. The bride's travelling suit was of cream serge with hat of white pressed plush trimmed with a white ostrich plume, and touches of black velvet. The gifts were both numerous and costly. The bride's gift from the groom was a beautiful gold necklace set with pearls and peridot in a most beautiful design. The organist received a pair of gold cuff links with the initials engraved. [They will be] at home after October 1, corner of Kemp Street and Shand Avenue, Edmonton."