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Mr. John Van Kooten,
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Golden Honeymoon Memories:

~~On~~ September 11, 1948 Margaret and I were married in St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Medicine Hat, Alberta. It was a wonderfully warm Saturday afternoon with none of the guests being required to wear top coats or hats.

The Reverend Leslie Pearson, the officiating Clergyman kindly presented us to the congregation as the new Mr & Mrs. Sparrow following a very impressive wedding service.

When the customary photography had been completed we enjoyed the company of our relatives and invited guests at a reception in the home of Margaret's parents.

The evening concluded with the Wedding Party accompanying us to the C.P.R. Station where we boarded C.P.R. Train No. 4 at 12:30 A.M. enroute to Toronto and Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Toronto welcomed us with the most severe Electrical and rain storm that either of us had ever experienced and we were required to spend the night in Union Station along with hundreds of other travellers because we could not get transportation to our hotel.

The following day we proceeded by boat to Niagara Falls. Our ten day stay in Niagara Falls was filled with walks in the beautiful gardens, dining, strolls across the Bridge to Buffalo, New York and of course highlighted by the customary trip under the Falls on the "Maid of The Mist". (photos enclosed)

Following our memorable honeymoon at Niagara Falls, we proceeded West from Toronto on the C.P. Rail Train No. 7 to our new home in Calgary, Alberta. We were most surprised when our Sleeping Car Porter awakened us near Glenora, Alberta prior to arrival in Calgary. When we pushed up the blind on the window of our sleeping compartment, there was about a foot of snow on the ground as opposed to the beautiful sunny afternoon when we were married a couple of weeks earlier.

We again visited Niagara Falls 37 years later in 1985, when we again enjoyed the beauty of the city and retraced most of the pleasures of our honeymoon amongst a much changed Niagara skyline. Photo taken on this return visit is also enclosed.

We thank you for giving us this opportunity to relate this wonderful honeymoon experience and suggest to all honeymooners if able to follow our footsteps as they enter their new lives.

We plan to visit Niagara Falls again on our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Sincerely,
Margaret + Jack Sparrow