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## NEW YEAR IS USHERED IN BY TERRIFIC STORM

### MANY CANADIANS RECEIVE NEW YEAR HONORS FROM THE KING: AVALANCHE AT FERNIE

#### SIX KILLED AND MANY INJURED IN AVALANCHE NEAR FERNIE

##### TERRIBLE DISASTER AT COAL CREEK MINES OF CROWS' NEST PASS COAL COMPANY—LIST OF DEAD AND INJURED.

Fernie, B. C., Dec. 30.—A terrible disaster, in which at least six were killed, occurred at the Coal Creek mines of the Crows' Nest Pass Coal Co. at 7:05 this morning, when a snowslide swept down the mountain to the north of the town and carried with it a carpenter shop, in which twelve or thirteen men were working.

The heavy snowfall of the last twenty-four hours, followed by a rise in temperature, started the avalanche, which carried all before it.

Rescue parties immediately started to work and soon the man and bodies of the workmen were recovered, and one by one they were extricated from their prison by the work of resuscitation.

In the meantime all the doctors in Fernie were telegraphed and a special train quickly made up was rushed to the scene of the disaster.

It is impossible at the present to get a full list of the killed and injured, but up to the time of writing, six men are known to be dead, and at least six injured, without hope of recovery.

AMES BUCKLEY, Fernie. HARRY NEILL, West Fernie. ALEX. WORTHINGTON, Coal Creek. ROSARIO, Fernie. NASLYEZUK, Coal Creek. KITENARY, Coal Creek.

The only list of injured that has been obtained at present are: Peter Campbell, F. Platt, Ferguson Mitchell, Coal Creek, a man named Jones from Fernie.

The first indication that the slide of Coal Creek had of the avalanche was when the electric system went out of commission. This was followed by commotion and excitement in the town and the work of rescue began.

Worthington was still missing when found and the motor was used on him for four and a half. At one time he seemed to be reviving, as his eyes fluttered a little, but he succumbed.

#### THE MAYOR WILL NOT FACE THE ISSUE

The Mayor is a sidestepper and balks at facts. This is a very bad trait. Why does he not face the issue and print Mr. Pattullo's letter sent to him for publication? Why also does he not controvert the statements made therein? Instead of doing this the Mayor contents himself with asking a senseless question and reprinting the offer of Mr. Pattullo to the Board of Trade, quite palpably designed to prejudice the readers of the Empire and entirely contrary to his constant boast of fairness.

Since the Mayor wants further information, let him examine several resolutions of the local telephone company, one of which was moved by Mr. Pattullo himself, asking the Council to take over the telephone system. Then let him look up the records of the Council and find out where Mr. Pattullo, as chairman of the Finance committee, made special provision for the taking over of the telephone by inserting in the estimates \$25,000 for the purpose.

Better than all argument is the fact that the telephone system was installed by citizens of Prince Rupert, one of whom was T. D. Pattullo, and the telephone system was taken over by the 1910 Council on behalf of the city, of which Council Mr. Pattullo was a member. No amount of argument can controvert these facts.

#### MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY STORM AT VANCOUVER

##### Plate Glass Windows Broken in Many Parts of City—Telephone Communication Cut Off.

(Special to Daily News.) Vancouver, Jan. 1.—Vancouver is today experiencing the worst wind storm that has been known in recent years and a large amount of damage to property has resulted. Plate glass windows in many parts of the city have been broken and telegraph and telephone communication, both south and east, have been cut off. No fatalities have so far been reported.

#### THE NEW YEAR WAS ROYALLY WELCOMED

##### Everybody Rejoiced and the Happy Event Was Appropriately Celebrated—Whistles Blew and Bells Rang

Anno Domini 1913 was ushered in amidst great rejoicing in Prince Rupert, as is the time honored custom the world over. Bells rang, whistles blew, guns were fired, and crackers let off. Little knots of people gathered on the streets, happy gatherings of friends and relations joined hands at the moment of the passing of the old year and laughed and cheered and wished each other all kinds of good luck and prosperity for the year that was to come.

Numerous little social gatherings had been arranged for the occasion, dances, dinner parties, sleighing parties, theatre parties, everyone was out to have a good time. The light fall of snow gave to the city the typical midwinter effect, and altogether the joyful celebration was strictly in keeping with the happy occasion.

#### FIFTY YEARS MARRIED

##### Mr. and Mrs. Allison Returned Yesterday From Attending Golden Wedding of His Parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Allison returned to the city yesterday from Victoria, where they had been attending the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allison. The happy event was celebrated on Thursday, December 26th, and was attended by the five sons and two daughters, twenty-eight children and grandchildren being present. The sons present included Walter and Robert Allison of Moosejaw, Sask., and Mr. A. H. Allison of Prince Rupert. The daughters are Mrs. M. Ross of Binscarth, Man., and Mrs. Alex. Douglas, of Prince Rupert. This was the first occasion in seventeen years that a complete family re-union has been held. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents; including a purse of gold from the sons and daughters, and a beautiful bouquet of flowers from friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison, sr., who are 74 and 68 years of age respectively, are still hale and hearty.

#### Won Handsome Prizes.

At the first drawing held at the popular pool room in the Stevens Block for the three handsome prizes that have been on exhibition for the last two weeks, the lucky winners were James Conway, first, No. 864; H. M. Lawless, second, No. 1464, and H. J. W. Brooks, third, No. 52. These drawings will take place upon the first of each month, a ticket being issued for each cue played in the billiard hall. Mr. E. H. Witt, of the Majestic Theatre, conducted the drawing.

#### PLACE OF MEETING CHANGED.

Friends and supporters of Mr. T. D. Pattullo as candidate for mayor will please note that the organization meeting for Thursday evening will be held in the large room in the new Hart Block, adjoining the Bank of Montreal, instead of the building lately occupied as Shrub-sall's Fish Market. All are requested to be present at 8 o'clock, Thursday evening, Jan. 2nd.

#### NEW YEAR HONORS FOR CANADIANS

##### Several Prominent Canadians Receive New Year Honors from the King.

(Special to Daily News.) London, Jan. 1.—The usual New Year honors from the King have been conferred upon the following Canadians.

K. C. M. G. to Sir E. P. Morris, premier of Newfoundland, and to Major Wood, R. N. W. M. P., Dawson.

King's police medal to McRae, late chief of police, Winnipeg, and to Messrs. Traynor and Brown of the Winnipeg force.

Knight's bachelor to J. S. Wilison, formerly of the Toronto Globe, now editor of the Toronto News, and to Hon. Auguste R. Angers of the Supreme Court, and to F. Williams Taylor, manager of the London (England) branch of the Bank of Montreal.

G. A. Sweet, manager of the G. T. P. Inn, returned yesterday on the Prince Rupert from a short business visit to the south.

#### TIPS ON CIVIC POLITICS

Yesterday being a bank holiday probably accounts for the neglect of Mayor Newton to pay back that \$575 which his neglect of duty cost the city.

Most candidates when seeking re-election stand upon their records. If Mayor Newton did that he would probably fall through the cracks.

Mayor Newton's newspaper has discovered that the citizens are complaining about the high wages paid city employees, but it has missed the point of the complaint. It is not the forty-five cents an hour man who is getting more than he earns; it is the Mayor himself who is not earning his wages.

Mayor Newton repeats one of his year old editorials and offers it as the public opinion of that time. As Town Talker would say: "Mr. Mayor, your judgment has been sublimated with the radiance of your self opinion."

Every time you write "1913" remember your resolution to help give Prince Rupert a business administration.

A year ago when seeking election Mayor Newton said he would endeavor to improve Acropolis Hill for a play ground. That plank is still in his platform.

#### CANADIAN RAILWAY PLACES BIG ORDER

##### Seven Million Dollar Order For Rolling Stock and Equipment Goes to Canadian Firm

(Special to Daily News.) Toronto, Jan. 1.—The Canadian Northern Railway, which has been extending its lines in almost every part of Canada at a remarkable rate during the past two or three years, has just placed an order for seven million dollars worth of rolling stock and equipment. The entire order has been given to Canadian firms.

#### WELL KNOWN COUPLE WEDDED LAST NIGHT

##### Mr. S. J. Evans and Miss Leadbetter United in Marriage at the Windsor Hotel.

No more fitting day than January 1st could be selected for a wedding. Last evening at the Windsor Hotel two popular young people of this city plighted their troth on this auspicious occasion, the contracting parties being Mr. S. J. Evans and Miss Aileen Leadbetter. The ceremony was performed before a few intimate friends of both the young people at 9:30 in the evening in the parlors of the hotel by the Rev. W. H. McLeod. The bride was given away by popular Billy Wright, the genial proprietor of the hotel, Kenneth Earsman acting as best man and the bride being supported by Miss Sadie Tasche. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Self, brother-in-law and sister of the bride were present at the ceremony. The bride was handsomely gowned in silk voile over white satin. After the ceremony the happy party all sat down to an elegant supper in the dining room of the hotel, when healths were drunk, speeches made and generally a delightful time spent. Many handsome presents were received by the bride and bridegroom from their numerous friends. Mr. Evans, who follows the profession of dentistry, will reside with his young bride in the city permanently.

#### GERMAN EMPEROR IS ONCE MORE A GRANDFATHER

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Kaiser Wilhelm is a grandfather again, following the birth of a son to the Princess Alexandra Victoria.



PRINCE AUGUST WILHELM

wife of the German monarch's fourth son, Prince August Wilhelm.

Princess August Wilhelm and Princess Alexandra were married October 22, 1908, and this is the first child to grace their union.

Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

#### WAS NEWTON WITH THE B. C. TELEPHONE COMPANY?

##### SOME PLAIN FACTS ABOUT THE TELEPHONE FRANCHISE CRISIS WHICH SHOW HOW FAR THE MAYOR WILL GO IN HIS POLITICAL FAKING.

S. M. Newton for two years has been questioning the honesty of various citizens on the telephone franchise. Is he doing this out of mere hatred of better men than himself, or is it to draw a herring across the trail of his own suspicious attitude on that same question three years ago?

This telephone question first came up in September, 1909, when the manager of the B. C. Telephone Co. visited Prince Rupert and quietly announced that his company would install a telephone system in this city under power of their blanket provincial charter. He interviewed the local press and sought their favor. This paper (at that time called the Optimist) immediately sounded the warning and the Board of Trade got busy devising means of keeping this monopoly out. That period was the crisis in the telephone case. Here was a company which guaranteed them the privilege of planting poles and wires any place in the province, while Prince Rupert was a city without incorporation and fostered by the Provincial government which granted the charter to the company. It took courage, rapid action and a bold front to make the fight, but Prince Rupert had good and worthy citizens and they saved the franchise. In accomplishing this several plans were offered the Board of Trade, among them being a suggestion from E. J. Ghamberlin, who had a company willing to put in an automatic system at a cost of \$75,000, and one from F. D. Pattullo, who had a company willing to put in a less expensive system and make an agreement to sell out to the city at a future date. Eventually a citizens' company was agreed upon as the safest way of preserving the franchise for the city. This was quickly formed and the very men who were most prominent in organizing it are the very men who are now being vilified by Mayor Newton's paper for their good work.

Now where was Newton when the city was being threatened with the invasion of the B. C. Telephone Co.? Was he protesting against the entry of these monopolists? Was he fighting to preserve the franchise for the city? Did he contribute any money for the financing of the citizens' telephone company? No! One would think to read his paper today that he would have announced in bold type the visit of the manager of the B. C. T. Co. and denounced his mission, but his paper never mentioned it until it had become a live public topic and an issue in the Board of Trade. He was not as interested in preserving the franchise for the city then as he now is to take credit for something he did not do.

#### THE FACT IS HE ACTUALLY ADVISED MAKING TERMS WITH THE B. C. TELEPHONE CO. AND DISCOURAGED THE IDEA OF STARTING OFF WITH MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF TELEPHONES.

That is the truth about the telephone crisis and that is how S. M. Newton tried to preserve the franchise for Prince Rupert municipality.

As a political fakir it would be hard to find his equal.

#### METHODIST GYMNASIUM WAS COMPLETELY WRECKED

##### YESTERDAY'S TERRIFIC GALE TORE IT FROM ITS FOUNDATION AND LANDED IT BOTTOM SIDE UP—MR. JAMES BARRIE THE ONLY OCCUPANT AT TIME; SLIGHTLY HURT.

Almost at the very moment that the fine gymnasium building of the Methodist Church was to have been thrown open to the young men of the city as an open day yesterday (New Year's Day) the terrific wind storm that was raging seized it in its fierce embrace, lifted it literally in the air and landed it upside down a short distance away.

James Barrie, an employee of George Tite's furniture store was the only person in the building at the time. In his endeavor to get out he was thrown with great violence against the ceiling and suffered a decided shaking up. It was feared at first that the injuries were serious, but after being taken to the hospital and examined by a doctor it was found that he was only bruised externally and will probably be able to be around again in a day or two.

Mr. Barrie is very well known and popular in the city, being a member of several fraternal societies besides being prominently connected with the Methodist Church. It was due to his energy and zeal that the entertainment planned for New Year's Day was mainly due. Much sympathy is expressed by a host of friends for him, and it is their earnest wish to see him around again in a few days, none the worse for the somewhat novel though painful experience.

Nothing daunted by the mishap to their "gym," the Men's Own, will hold a special meeting at their parlors in the Methodist church to consider the matter of fixing it up again. The meeting will be at eight o'clock, and it is hoped there will be a full attendance.

**Now Furniture Store**  
On Saturday last the Hendricksen, Smith Co. purchased from F. W. Hart his entire furniture stock. They are continuing the business in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hart, at the corner of Seventh street and Third avenue.

**Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners.**  
Phone 4.

#### LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association, for the purpose of electing officers, will be held on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 22nd, 1913, in the K. of P. Hall, Helgerston Block. 3071f  
P. W. ANDERSON,  
Sec.-Treas.