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BRINGING UP FATHER



FINE TIME AT PREMIER MINE

Cabaret Dance Attended by 150
People up in the Mountains

One of the most unique and elaborate New Year's Eve celebrations was that given at Premier Mine last Saturday night states G. A. Woodland, local agent for the Imperial Oil Co., who has returned to the city after a week's trip to the Portlands Canal district on which he was accompanied by Mrs. Woodland and their niece, Miss Mackenzie.

The event, which took the form of a cabaret dance interspersed with vaudeville numbers, was held in the Community Hall and was under the direct supervision of Dale L. Pitt, manager of the Premier Gold Mining Co., Ltd. The hall was beautifully decorated in an elaborate color scheme, the central feature of which was a huge bell from which draperies in variegated colors were hung to all sides and corners of the commodious assembly place. The hammer of the bell was represented by a brilliant electric globe which, through subordinate lights and reflectors, threw a sunburst effect below and to the sides. Further appropriate decorative features included a unique clock fashioned by the men of the mine staff, which, standing on the mantel ticked off the hours of the passing year and a spot-light of many colors which delicately illuminated an altogether wonderful scene.

PASSING OF YEAR
The depiction of the passing of 1927 and the advent of 1928 at midnight was at once a novel and an impressive scene. One of the oldest members of the staff, dressed as the old year with flowing robes, long grey beard and carrying an hour glass, shambled through the hall followed by a young and virile workman, carrying a hammer over his shoulders and representing Industry. On reaching the fireplace another innovation for the occasion, the old man dropped down and the New Year, a four year old boy, young McKinley, draped in a banner carrying the figures "1928" and with a large trumpet to his lips, was ushered in by Mirth, Frivolity and Youth — these characters being represented by Tommy MacKay, in a swagger dress suit, Mrs. Alton as a ballet dancer, and George Pearson, also in dress costume, driving the lad with silk ribbons. Meantime the hour of twelve had been struck from a huge gong and then the crowd paraded around the room in pairs noise making instruments and serpentine being heaped upon them in lavish abundance. The ensuing half hour was a maze of color and a turmoil of noise.

QUINTON COSTUMES
Included among the acts of the evening was a recitation by Mrs. Embleton, sister of Mr. Dale Pitt, of Service's "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," others assisting Mrs. Embleton in acting the story as it was told, Mrs. Bert Smith taking the role of "Lou," a singing and dancing act by Tommy MacKay, George Pearson, and a quintette in quaint costumes consisting of Dale Pitt, Cecil Thompson, Mrs. Embleton, Mr. Williams and Mr. Drysdale also a banjo duet and a violin duet.

Music for the dancing was furnished by a harmonious orchestra consisting of two banjos, two violins, drums and piano, the musicians being dressed in Pierrot costumes.

All the costumes for the vaudeville turns were fashioned by ladies of the camp and forty-four tables at which the guests were seated were constructed especially for the occasion.

Catering was done by the mess staff of the Premier Mine.

There were 144 paid admissions to the event.

**SCHOOL CONCERT AT
JAP INLET PROVED
VERY GREAT SUCCESS**

JAP INLET, Porcher Island, Jan. 7.—The annual school concert was held here on December 22. There was a good attendance of settlers reinforced by visitors, and everyone expressed their pleasure at the creditable way the children did their bit. The program was varied and very interesting, and the outstanding feature of the whole thing was that no child needed prompting or made a mistake, a most unusual thing in children's concerts. This fact was commented upon at the time and the teacher, Mrs. Corbould, came in for a lot of well deserved praise for the care and patience she must have exercised

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Mrs. F. Wilson, Lethbridge, Alta., writes:—"My heart was very weak, and I had to stay in bed for five weeks with it."

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to obtain such splendid results, as it was apparent to all that she possesses a remarkable degree, the gift of imparting knowledge to others.

After the concert was over Santa Claus came in full dress and distributed a lot of gifts to the children from a most wonderful Christmas tree. He was received with due reverence and departed amidst the delighted yells of the youngsters.

Lunch was served by the ladies and was followed by one of the best dances of the season when all tried to excel in enjoying themselves. Music was provided by Jas. Wanhop and O. L. Murray. Wishing each other a Merry Christmas the dance concluded at 2 p.m. and everyone went home happy.

NEW HAZELTON

There have been special seasonal services at all the Anglican churches in the district including Hazelton, Kitwanga and Kitwancool.

A number of communications have been received from various parts of the district expressing support for the fight being waged in Hazelton and New Hazelton against the proposal to move the Bulkley River bridge to near the Hazelton Hospital.

Provincial Constable "Dutch" Cline, formerly located in Hazelton, is now stationed at Chemainus, Vancouver Island.

In order to ship his poles, Maik George has opened up the road from Two Mile to New Hazelton station.

This week both ore and timber has been hauled to New Hazelton station for shipment.

The Oyster Bridge Club met on Wednesday night of this week at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. William Meurer. Prize winners in the club for the first month were Mrs. D. A. Harris and C. H. Sawle.

The Felix Bridge Club of Hazelton met this week at the home of Mrs. William Gow.

There has been an amelioration in the weather here this week. The lowest reading was 25 below zero.

The Hazelton Badminton Club started its first tournament of the season this week.

Several New Hazelton people attended New Year's Eve dance in Smithers on Saturday evening.

Miss Mary Sargent and Jack Sargent entertained their young friends at a dance in their home at Hazelton last Friday evening.

Omar, Ed and Pete Spooner spent the Christmas and New Year holiday season at Smithers with their sister.

SMITHERS

Fire on Monday morning destroyed two residences on Alfred Avenue, the one being estimated at \$7,000. One was owned by E. Gunderson and occupied by Acting Station Agent and Mrs. Palmer. The other was owned and occupied by Conductor and Mrs. C. Waite. Contents of both residences were also lost. Insurance to cover about half the value was carried. Other nearby residences had a close call.

Mayor E. E. Orchard, J. H. Groat and L. B. Warner have all decided to stand for re-election as village commissioners.

The Smithers District Board of Trade is considering ways and means for the keeping open during the winter of highways in the district for automobile traffic.

In view of added duties through collection of trades license and dog taxes, the village council has decided to increase the salary of the town clerk, C. Dimock, by \$25 per month.

At a bridge and whist drive held Tuesday night by the Catholic Women's League prizes were won as follows: Bridge, Mrs. Stanley Bennett, Miss O. Walker, Stanley Bennett and A. R. McDonald; Whist, Mrs. I. A. Bahler, Mrs. W. Pike, J. Macdonald and R. Strachan.

O. G. Boyce, Prince George automobile dealer, was a business visitor in Smithers during the week.

J. Milner of Winnipeg has been a recent visitor to Smithers, the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. J. Walkland.

Local league basketball games were resumed on Thursday of this week, much interest being taken in the play.

The weather was milder this week following the most severe cold snap the district has experienced in many years.

Striking Progress Made By Royal Bank of Canada

The annual statement of The Royal Bank of Canada at date of November 30th last seems to be without exception the most remarkable document of the kind in the history of Canadian banking. It is not merely that it establishes new records for any Canadian bank in respect of total assets, total deposits, total profits and total shareholder's equity (capital, reserves and undivided profits), though that is important. But the really astonishing thing is the unprecedented rate at which the bank's business has expanded since the date of the previous statement, and this can only be shown by a comparison with the figures for 1926.

In the twelve months the assets of the bank have been increased by no less an amount than \$128,287,000, representing a rate of about 16% per annum. There have been more sudden increases than this in the volume of a bank's business, but they have been produced by amalgamations, whereas this growth is purely the natural increment of a single institution, and is not contributed by any purchase of the ready-made business of any other institution.

Big Jump In Deposits.

One-half of the increase in volume of business is due to new interest bearing deposits amounting to 63 millions, and most of the remainder to new non-interest deposits at 47 millions. On the assets side, over 88 millions of the new funds have taken the form of cash or investments of the more liquid character, a very na-

tural disposition when it is remembered that the interest-bearing deposits now constitute almost 60% of the external liabilities of the bank, and are largely in the nature of savings accounts.

Handling Large Volume Of Trade.

The bank's commercial loans show an increase of over \$2 million, which however is well below the growth in non-interest deposits. The rate of increase in loans has been considerably higher in Canada than in the bank's non-Canadian business, which affords a gratifying evidence of the substantial improvement in Canadian trade activity. In spite of the very large proportion of assets carried in the form of cash and high grade securities (well over one-half the total), the profits for the year have been at record level, not only for this bank, but for any institution in the history of Canadian banking. They amounted to \$5,370,154, compared with \$4,516,239 in the fiscal year of 1926.

The balance sheet as usual shows an extremely strong liquid position. The liquid assets totalling \$455,433,832 are in a ratio of 57.33% to the liabilities to the public, while cash on hand and in banks at \$183,651,551 is equivalent to 23.12% of the same liabilities.

Canadian banking has seldom if ever produced an annual statement more clearly indicative of the fruits of high enterprise combined with sound and cautious management.

By George McManus

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Not only was the thermometer down to forty degrees below zero but there was a frigid, stiff wind blowing practically all the time.

PRINCE GEORGE

With the re-election of Mayor Patterson by acclamation conceded, there are four candidates for three vacancies on the city council—Ald. Wieland, Ald. Fraser, C. C. Reid and M. S. Buchanan. Ald. Kennedy is not seeking re-election. No candidates have so far announced themselves for the two vacancies on the school board.

The Prince George band is seeking new members. Free tuition is offered as an inducement to prospective members of the organization.

The coldest weather of the season was on New Year's Day when the thermometer dropped to 57 below zero. There has been considerable amelioration in conditions during the past week. There was a near coal and wood famine here during the snap.

Murdoch McLeod, local optician, is making a tour this week of towns west of Prince George.

G. C. Sinclair, superintendent of the Prince George employment bureau, reports that during the year 1927 there were 1560 applications for work as compared with 1600 in 1926. The number of placements during the year just past were 1596 as compared with 1446 on the previous year.

V. R. Clearihue, new city clerk, has had a problem on his hands during the first week of office in endeavoring to open the City Hall vault. All week the safe has refused to yield to all forms of persuasion.

"Deafy" Dayton arrived in the city during the week from the McGregor River country. There has been a record snowfall this winter in the north, he reports, and the catch of furs has been small on account of adverse weather conditions.

Little Teddy Pappas entertained a company of fifteen friends on New Year's Eve in celebration of the seventh anniversary of his birth, a very pleasant evening being spent.

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