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NEWS OF NORTHERN B.C.

NFW HAZELTON

A meeting of the board of directors of the Hazelton Hospital was held on Monday night at the home of the chairman, W. W. Anderson, preliminary to the annual meeting which will be held next Monday.

John Dore, district superintendent of Government Telegraphs, was a visitor in Hazelton last week on official business.

Dr. Leonard Wrinch paid a visit to Cedarvale last week on professional business.

Dr. H. C. Wrinch M.L.A. will leave next week for Vancouver to attend the meeting of the Provincial Liberal Association at which a leader will be elected.

L. Belmont is laid up with an attack of the influenza.

The Felix Bridge Club of Hazelton met this week at the home of Mrs. S. J. Winsby.

Scotty McRae arrived at the first of the week from Telkwa and will be engaged in hauling ore from the Rocher de Boule mine to Skeena Crossing.

The first flu patients at the Hazelton Hospital are now quite well but two or three new cases have broken out locally.

Miss Jacquet, local school teacher, returned at the end of last week after having spent the holidays at Prince Rupert and Evelyn.

Olof Hanson is on a trip along the line to his various pole and tie camps before going to Vancouver where he will attend the meeting of the British Columbia Liberal Association.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thornton and son, Howard, will return at the end of this week from a trip to Prince Rupert.

SMITHERS

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Smithers Hospital has elected officers for the year as follows: president, Mrs. A. E. Campbell; vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Macdonald; secretary, Mrs. H. Welch; treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Bamford. The Auxiliary had a very successful year in 1928.

Play is now under way at the local curling rink and devotees are rapidly rounding into form. Later in the season, it is planned to hold a bonspiel.

L. S. McGill, V. Crockett and L. B. Warner spoke on the aims and objects of the Native Sons of Canada at a public meeting which was held on Tuesday night by the local branch of the organization.

R. Hattie, who will take over duty as superintendent at the

Smithers during the new owners, and Mrs. Hattie arrived in Smithers this week.

Vera Viola, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan of Hazelton, succumbed to pneumonia this week.

The Smithers Farmers' Institute last week elected officers as follows: president, L. L. Devoine; vice-president, George Oulson; secretary-treasurer, J. W. Turner.

Dr. Hugh Dickie, Prince Rupert eye specialist, is a visitor here on professional business.

Weather conditions in the Bulkley Valley are unprecedentedly mild this winter. Where under ordinary conditions, the country is at this time held in the relentless grip of below zero weather conditions, it is now quite warm. Autos are still able to traverse all parts of the valley. This week, Frank Carroll made a trip from Burns Lake to New Hazelton.

Mrs. Prosser and Mrs. W. Weldon of Francois Lake were visitors in Smithers during the week.

PRINCE GEORGE

The retiring city council has left over for the incoming board the matter of the erection of an isolation hospital here. The suggestion is made that it be treated as a ward in connection with the existing hospital.

Weather continues to be mild here for this time of the year. The lowest thermometer reading during the past week has been three above zero.

It is unlikely that there will be a contest this year for municipal honors in Prince George. Mayor Patterson seems assured of re-election by acclamation as also do the retiring aldermen—Opie, Moffatt and Griffith. There promises to be difficulty in getting candidates to fill three vacancies on the school board.

Mrs. Annetta Gehrke of Swift Creek was convicted this week at McBride by Justices of the Peace Lloyd and Hay on a charge of selling liquor and a fine of \$300 was imposed.

Local provincial police officers have been active of late in checking up on the bootleggers. Carl Peterson was fined \$300 on Tuesday for keeping liquor for sale.

Rider Erickson has been charged here with theft of jewelry and money from Hans Berger in a local rooming house.

Arthur Bellis has been fined \$50 and costs for driving in the common danger. Bellis hit Charles Farkis with his car and the later sustained injuries as a result of which he had to go to hospital.

J. Scully of Giscome has been charged here with assault occasioning bodily harm. It is alleged that he and another man quarrelled and Scully attacked him in bed.

The Prince George branch of the Employment Service of Canada found employment during 1928 for 1981 men as compared with 1596 in 1927.

PRINCE GEORGE HAD BIG YEAR

Timber Production During 1928 Showed Great Increase Over All Previous Years

Prince George district in 1928 turned in the largest annual log scale in its history. The total scale for the year just past there was 105,899,250 board feet or an increase of 6,215,617 feet over the record for 1926 which was the banner year to date. The increase was 30,938,589 feet over 1927. Spruce and fir were the principal varieties cut, with bal-



Here is the plane, North Star, owned by Mrs. A. U. Stillman, New York, which Captain Lewis A. Yancey inset at left) and Officer C. le Bontellier (right), formerly of the British Royal Flying Corps, will fly from Roosevelt Field to Panama. They hope to make the trip in twenty-six hours.

Radio Association is Taking Active Steps to Improve Local Radio Reception Situation

Meeting Held Last Night Elects New Officers and Will Try to Secure Services of an Expert Here

The Prince Rupert Radio Association at its meeting last night decided to try to secure the services of an expert here through the department of marine and fisheries to help in cleaning up the local interference to radio reception. They also decided to continue local investigations and to take further action in regard to the telegraph situation unless something was done within a few days. It was an enthusiastic meeting and following it some tests were made with the detector set sent here by the department of marine at Victoria.

Part of the business last night was the election of permanent officers, Sid Reith and Laurie Lablley having stepped down and their places were taken by D. C. McRae as president; Earl Barrie, vice-president; C. G. Ham, secretary; and an executive composed of Ray Love, Felix Batt, F. W. Chandler, Sid Reith, Norman Kinslor and Tom Ballinger. In this connection it was decided that it would be better for the dealers to take an active part in the organization, as they were the most vitally interested in the movement.

Much criticism was forthcoming in regard to the lack of action of the Canadian National Telegraphs and a drastic move was recommended. It was finally decided to wait until Monday, by which time they would see if the company really meant to take action, and if nothing was then done a meeting of the executive would deal with the matter Monday night. The executive was instructed to communicate by wire with Sir Henry Thornton and with the head of the federal department at Ottawa in regard to this.

Felix Batt reported on behalf of a committee that had been out with the detector set looking for interference trouble. He said they had definitely located a bad noise coming from the telephone cable between First and Second Avenue and passing the Undertak-

sam, pine and cedar following in the order mentioned.

In the production of railway ties, the Prince George district also set its highest mark to date during 1928, the total production being 777,643 ties as against 581,181 in 1927 and 505,321 in 1926. Altogether the past year was the most active to date in the timber history of the central interior district.

Capt. Neil McLean, Second Officer Barney McKillop and Chief Engineer C. F. Davis, regularly of the steamer Prince Charles, are now relieving on the C.N.R. steamer Prince John which is in port from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

INSTITUTE MEETING HELD AT TERRACE

Small Number Present Leads Postponement of Election of Officers

TERRACE, Jan. 12.—The monthly meeting of the Terrace Women's Institute was held in the Terrace Theatre on Tuesday afternoon. Owing to the small crowd present, the election of officers, which should have taken place, was postponed and another meeting called for Jan. 19.

The secretary reported that \$150 had been sent to the children's hospital as a result of the "Mile of Dimes" scheme by which collections were made in the Terrace school and a letter of appreciation for this donation was read.

The treasurer's report showed a credit balance of \$70.70 on the annual report reviewing the work of the year showed that much good work had been done. It will be regrettable, if membership of over fifty, the institute will have to cease to function owing to inability to obtain a new board of directors.

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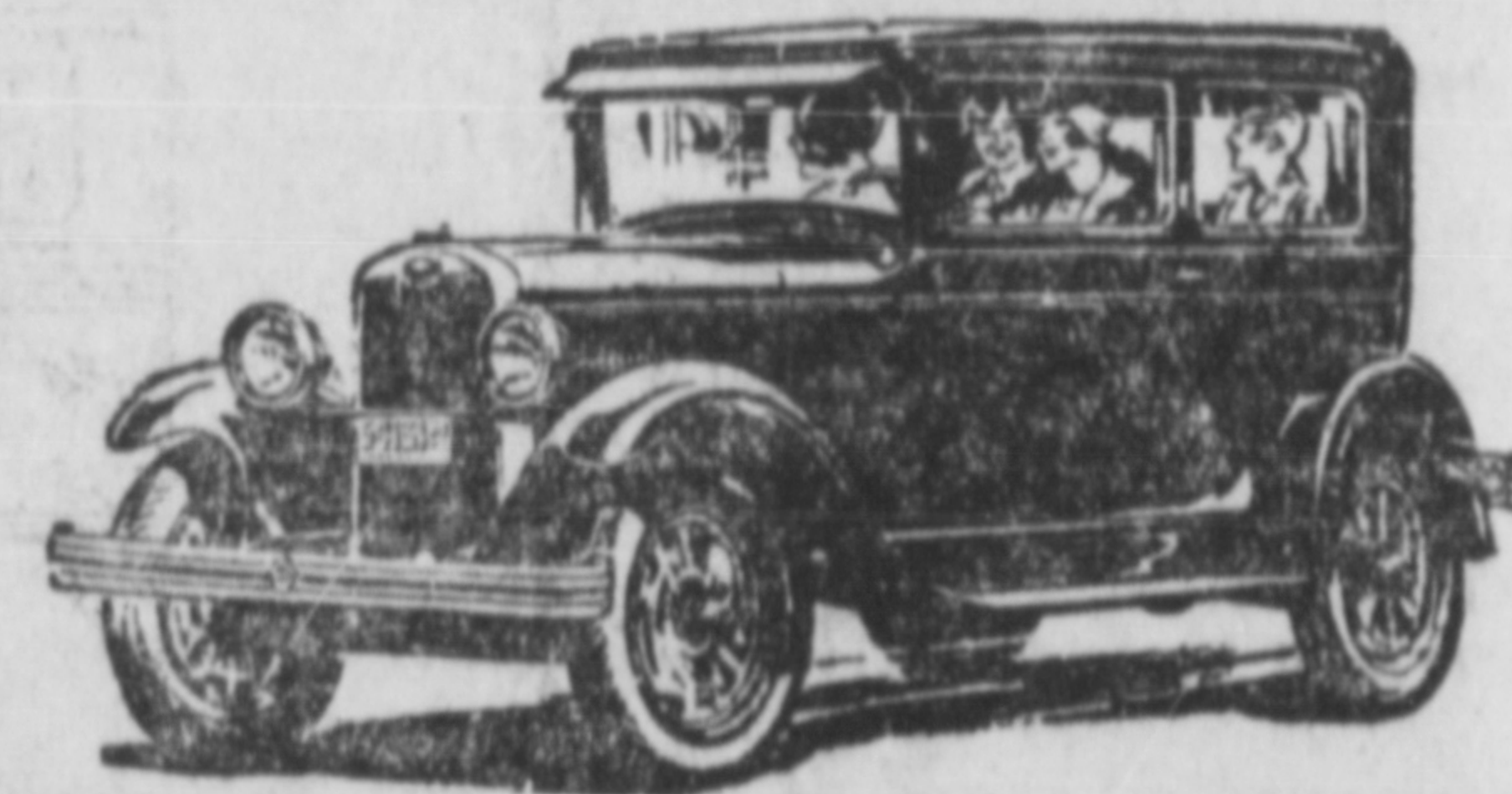
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