

## CHARITY BALL IS PLANNED

Committees Have in Hand Outstanding Event

Members of the Gyr Club are planning to make their Charity Ball on Thursday, Dec. 17, one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in Prince Rupert. It is for the purpose of helping the needy this winter and practically every thing in connection with it is being given free of cost. Music is being donated by Balagno's orchestra and the cost of the hall and the printing and everything connected with it is given at a reduced rate. Committees for the ball are:

General Chairman — L. W. Waugh.  
Decorations—C. C. Mills.  
Publicity—Sam Jabour.  
Program—W. Mitchell.  
Treasurer—H. A. Breen.  
Refreshments—Mrs. L. W. Ker-  
gin and Gyrettes.  
Master of Ceremonies—W. H. To-  
bey.  
Patrons—Mayor and Mrs. C. H.  
Orme.

## Interested In Rupert Library

Librarian of Nanaimo Tells Library Association About the Work Done in This City

Some interesting correspondence in regard to library work in Prince Rupert was produced at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Public Library board last night telling of a request made by Miss Jean Whitman of the Nanaimo library for information about the library in Prince Rupert. This she incorporated in an address given before the British Columbia Library Association at its recent meeting. Miss Cruikshank was unable to go, so she forwarded the information as requested. In answering this Miss Whitman said:

"Thank you for your very interesting account of the history and progress of Prince Rupert Public Library. You are much to be congratulated upon doing such excellent work under somewhat unfavorable conditions. I'm sure no other library in the province issues books at such a low cost, which in itself proves how efficiently your library is managed."

## OVER 7,000 BOOKS READ

Library Was Busy During November According to Report of Librarian

November was the third month in the year when the distribution of books at the Prince Rupert public library went beyond the seven thousand mark, the number being 7,267 during the 21 days the library was open to the public, the average per day being 346, according to the report of the librarian submitted to the Library Board at its meeting last night.

The books were made up of fiction 4,458; duplicate pay 133, non-fiction 884 and juvenile 1,792. It will be noted from this that the demand for juvenile books is very great. During the month there were 79 new borrowers making the number now registered 3,474.

New books were placed on the shelves, four being received by gift and 121 by purchase while 40 volumes were discarded as no longer fit for distribution. This leaves approximately 8,155 books in the collection.

## STARTED LONG AGO

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was 659,000,000 bushels, as against 569,000,000 bushels on July 1, 1930. "World production of wheat this year will be less than last year's, but the difference will not make a large cut in the carry-over into next year. As now estimated, world wheat production for 1931 is reckoned at from 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 bushels less than the output in 1930. This country's crop shows an increase (884,280,000 bushels estimated on Oct. 1, as against 863,430,000 bushels harvested in 1930); but the production is lower in Canada, Russia, Argentina, Australia, and parts of Europe. The Northern Hemisphere (outside Russia and China) has an indicated output of 3,250,000,000 bushels, as against a harvested production of 3,314,000,000 bushels in the same area last year. Relative to the reduced demand by importing countries, the world's wheat surpluses this year have thus far been more burdensome than they were last year.

### Prices Are Low

"Many farm commodities are low in price just now because demand has fallen. The demand for wheat has fallen too, because importing countries lack the purchasing power to maintain their imports at the usual level. But wheat consumption has not declined as much as the consumption of some other farm commodities. In hard times poor people eat relatively more cereals, and cut down on other things. World consumption of wheat has grown steadily in the last ten years. In the 1930-1931 season, total apparent disappearance of wheat outside Russia and China (for China consumption statistics are not available) was 3,900,000 bushels, as compared with only 3,200,000,000 bushels in 1921-22, and also in 1922-23. The consumption in 1930-31, a depression year, was well above that of the preceding year, and about equal to that of the highly prosperous season 1928-29.

"The main trouble with wheat has not been a declining consumption but a too rapidly mounting production. The conclusion is not set aside by the fact that the world's output this year will be somewhat less than it was in 1930-31. It is the trend that counts. Wheat growers are suffering from the maladjustments of two decades. The burden falls heaviest on the wheat-exporting countries. Wheat-deficit countries can protect their wheat growers by tariffs, embargoes, and milling restrictions. "In the years of industrial expansion and thriving trade that preceded 1930, the weakness of the world's wheat industry was masked. Prices were high enough to keep poor land in production, and to make good land profitable. In the seven years ended July 1, 1930, No. 2 hard wheat at Kansas City averaged \$1.28 a bushel. Despite warnings, farmers thought they were safe in expanding their production. They attached insufficient importance to world-wide increases in wheat acreage and in wheat carry-overs, and to the import-restriction policies that be-tokened distress in wheat-deficit countries. Economic depression brought the underlying trouble to a head. The combination of world overproduction and business depression resulted in extremely low prices. For the United States as a whole, the farm price of wheat as of October 5, 1931, was only 36.1 cents a bushel, as compared with 95.6 on October 15, 1930. There was some recovery in October and early in November. In the pre-war period 1910-1914, the average farm price of wheat was 84.4 cents. Farm expenses of production and living costs are much higher than they were before the war. Debt and taxes are much greater. Hence prevailing wheat prices are literally ruinous."

## Relic of Duel



Mrs. Robert Broadhurst of San Diego, Calif., holds the pistol with which Alexander Hamilton, great American statesman of the eighteenth century, was killed in a duel. It is now the property of her husband.

## OFFICERS ARE NAMED

J. J. H. Varnes Elected President of Canadian Legion at Anyox

ANYOX, Dec. 9.—The Anyox branch of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President, J. J. H. Varnes.  
First Vice-President, W. Boyce.  
Second Vice-President, F. C. Graham.  
Honorary Secretary, J. A. D. Stewart.  
Honorary Treasurer, P. Powell.  
Executive—C. O. Fricker, W. F. Eve, Frank Hill, R. Lavery, Dr. D. R. Learoyd and Sam Service.  
Auditors, W. Selwood and T. P. O'Brien.  
Sergeant-at-Arms, D. Lamont.  
Chaplain, Rev. Frank Bushfield.

W. H. Galbraith of Port Essington arrived in the city from the Skeena River on yesterday afternoon's train to pay a brief visit to town.

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## Library Will Be Closed For Xmas Holiday

The library board at its meeting last night decided to close the library on Saturday after Christmas Day but to have it open for business the Saturday after New Year's Day.

Thursday, the day before Christmas, the library will be open both afternoon and evening but not on Thursday before New Year.

## Combination Specials

### NUMBER ONE

15 lbs. Potatoes—  
10 lbs. Turnips—  
6 lbs. Carrots—  
3 lbs. Onions—  
3 lbs. Beets—  
3 lbs. Parsnips—  
For **\$1.00**

### NUMBER TWO

4 lbs. Green Peas—  
4 lbs. Split Peas—  
2 tins Golden Bantam Corn, 2's—  
10 lbs. Turnips—  
1 tin Aylmer Tomatoes, 2½'s—  
1 tin Aylmer Spaghetti—  
For **\$1.00**

### NUMBER THREE

1 lb. Mixed Peel—  
1 lb. Shelled Walnuts, broken—  
1 lb. Currants—  
1 bottle Malkin's Best Extract, 2-oz.  
any flavor—  
1 lb. Good Creamery  
Butter—For **\$1.00**

### NUMBER FOUR

1 package Sun Light Soap—  
1 package Lux, small—  
1 package Soap Chips—  
1 package Rinsol, small—  
2 tins Gold Dust Scouring Powder—  
1 package Soap Suds—  
1 tin Two in One Shoe Polish—  
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### NUMBER FIVE

1 tin Malkin's Best Coffee, 1's—  
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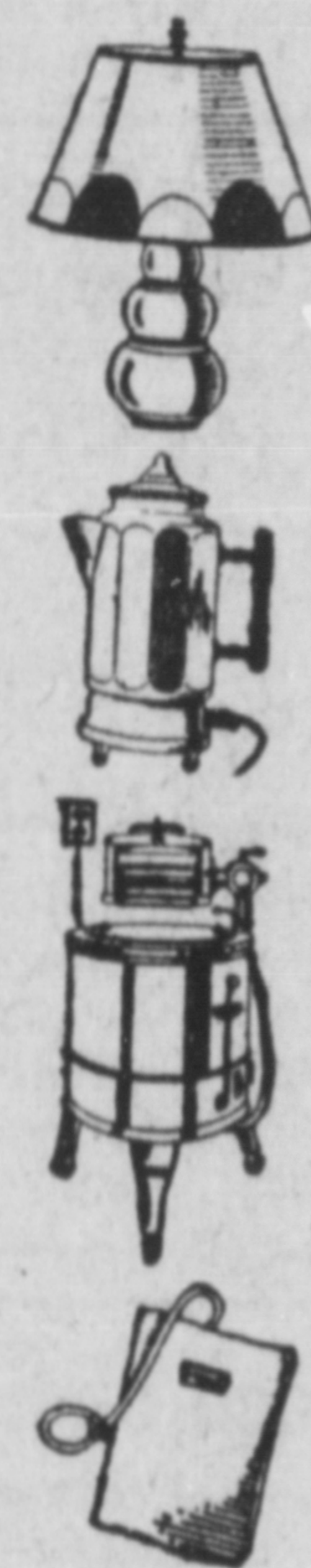
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