

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Ceremonies of Oddfellows and Rebekahs Lodges Conducted Last Evening

Installation of officers of the local Oddfellows' and Rebekah Lodges took place jointly in the Metropole Hall last night, about one hundred persons being in attendance for the ceremonies and the social proceedings which followed.

J. E. Boddie, district deputy grand master, assisted by H. M. Hale as district deputy grand marshal, installed the following officers for the Oddfellows:

- Past Grand, Norman Moorehouse.
- Noble Grand, S. L. Peachy.
- Vice Grand, S. N. Boyle.
- Recording Secretary, S. V. Cox.
- Financial Secretary, A. E. Wood.
- Treasurer, N. W. Appleyard.
- Warden, Peter Cameron.
- Conductor, M. McArthur.
- Inner Guard, M. McLeod.
- Outer Guard, J. E. Jack.
- Right Support of Noble Grand, J. W. McKinley.
- Left Support of Noble Grand, J. Dehorne.
- Right Support of Vice Grand, J. L. McIntosh.
- Left Support of Vice Grand, Dan McLennan.
- R. S. S., H. J. Smith.
- L. S. S., J. Duncan.
- Chaplain, L. C. Eby.

Rebekah Officers

Mrs J. E. Boddie, district deputy president, assisted by Miss E. M. Earle as district deputy grand marshal installed the following Rebekah officers:

- Past Grand, Mrs. S. L. Peachy.
- Noble Grand, Mrs. Bert West.
- Vice Grand, Miss Rita Johnston.
- Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. McLeod.
- Financial Secretary, Mrs. A. Blackhall.
- Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. McLean.
- Warden, Mrs. W. H. Sherman jr.
- Conductor, Mrs. Murray.

SCHMELING-WALKER BOUT AT MIAMI IS OFF

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The championship fight which was to have been held in February at Miami between Max Schmeling, world's heavy-weight titleholder, and Mickey Walker, welterweight champion, has been cancelled, it is announced by Madison Square Garden which was promoting the bout. It was felt that the fight might be a financial failure at Miami which has not proven a great supporter of pugilism.

Outer Guard, Mrs. W. Pierce. Inner Guard, Mrs. S. V. Cox. Right Support of Noble Grand, Mrs. J. L. McIntosh. Left Support of Noble Grand, Mrs. Alex McNeill. Right Support of Noble Grand, Mrs. B. Church. Left Support of Noble Grand, Mrs. Day. Chaplain, Mrs. W. S. Hammond.

Social Follows
The social function which followed the installation ceremonies took the form of a Leap Year Party. Delicious refreshments were served at midnight and dancing followed with music by the Oddfellows' Orchestra.

One of the features of the proceedings was the presentation to Mrs. Monteith of Deborah Lodge No. 13, Rossland, with a 25-year jewel. The presentation was made by Mrs. J. E. Boddie.

J. E. Boddie was master of ceremonies for the evening and the committee in charge consisted of Miss Rita Johnston, convener, Miss C. Wood, Mrs. T. Peterson, Miss Durran and Miss E. M. Earle.

A. J. Matheson returned to the city on this morning's train from a brief trip to the lower Skeena River.

WON LONG SKI HIKE

Pete Sandnes Captures Honors In Gruelling Contest At Prince George Meet

PRINCE GEORGE, Jan. 14.—A gruelling 10.5-mile cross-country ski race was won by Pete Sandnes, club captain and former Western Canada champion, during the annual Ski and Toboggan Club tourney here. In 1:00:10. Chris Elverness was runner-up, 53 seconds later.

The course was along George Street, through the C.N.R. yards, across Nechako River, up a 400-foot hill, across Butcher flats and return.

Arthur Henderson won the boys' mile and a half cross-country event, with Maurice Lambert, second.

A. Moon won the ski jumping contest with Pete Sandnes, who exhibited the best style, second. Harold Holst's standing jump of 116 feet was the longest one made.

The Letter Box

MEN AT CLOYAH BAY

Editor, Daily News:—
May I encroach on your valuable space in reply to Mr. Gwyer's recent statements in your paper?

He states that it has been a matter of great regret to him that not a single man has offered to do a day's work in return for his board and lodging. I hate to say what I think of a man who would reduce our condition to that of chattel slaves. The logical retort of course is that it has always been a matter of wonder where the money comes from to support the numerous ornamental personages in the pay of the government. It surely is not necessary for Mr. Gwyer to be told that a man cannot do manual labor for very long without wearing out his clothes. As a matter of fact we worked for several weeks for \$2.00 a day and did just as much work as if we were getting the regular wage of \$4.50—thus leaving the government in our debt!

Mr. Gwyer is evidently incensed with our resolution to Mr. Pattullo in which we pointed out that provisions could be purchased more economically by contract instead of patronage, and asking for an investigation of his books in order to prove our point. When a government is so financially embarrassed that it has to cut rations, we have a right to wonder why the time for economizing is long overdue. We as workers were promised everything and have received nothing. The B. C. government has funds to disburse specially for the relief of unemployment and instead of securing experts with financial training and experience we find ex-country storekeepers whose only knowledge of governmental finance in the past has been that of patronage, so that after the money was all gone their only recourse is to economize on the unemployed man's rations and subsistence allowance.

We do not blame Mr. Gwyer for the fault of the system, but why should he purposely evade the question by waving a ration list to enlist the sympathy of the housewife on his side, and add insult to injury by referring to us as free boarders and "contemptibles?" His gross exaggerations are not the result of his personal experience but the result of reading the menu. Reading the menu and sitting at the table are two different things. For instance, what would a milk inspector say to 6 1/2 tins of milk for 100 men for three meals a day? This is one ounce of milk daily per man for three meals! Jam has been put on the table once in the last month and not a single egg has there been on the table in that period. The eggs we get on Sundays are a camouflage commonly known as scrambled—more flour than eggs. The men who happen to be working get no extra rations. Also, would the average housewife like to have her son cooped up in a camp of Mr. Gwyer's design—a room 4x24 with double-deck bunks for 36 men?

If Mr. Gwyer's attitude is the attitude of officialdom to the workman who produces everything and has nothing we do not care how soon there is a change. The trouble is that no government outside of Russia has more than a five-week plans. All they are inter-

ested in is the perpetuation of the present system which is a very fine institution for the few. If they are barren of ideas we can give them lots.
Thanking you for your courtesy in permitting the use of your space,
C. CHAPMAN,
Free Boarder at Cloyah Bay Camp.

District News

McBRIDE

Miss Irving has returned here from a trip to Winnipeg.

Mr. Lindsay, a son-in-law of G. F. Bayes, has arrived here from Port Arthur.

W. R. Keat has returned here from a trip to Edmonton. Mrs. Keat and son are both doing well.

Thomas Garner and J. E. Niven of Dunster were among visitors to town during the past week.

The matter of the incorporation of McBride under the Village Act is to be discussed at the annual meeting of the McBride Board of Trade which will be held next Monday.

A. Jack and George McNeil have gone into the Beaver River country to endeavor to locate Carl Mintz and N. Storrs who were expected to be out for Christmas but who have not yet arrived.

A general meeting of the McBride Badminton Club was held on Tuesday evening. Badminton has become a very popular game here.

J. S. Jayes, who has been suffering from paralysis, left last week for Prince George where he will enter hospital for treatment.

Miss E. Garner has returned to town after spending the holiday season at her home at Dunster.

Misses Doris and Grace Goodden spent a vacation recently at their home here.

NOT REBUILT IN A DAY

The city replanning scheme approved by Mussolini for Rome will take fifteen years to carry to completion, it is announced.—London Times.

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\$20,000,000 Wasted By Tolmie Experiment in Administration

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Nobody knew what would happen at any time. The administration was in a direful financial condition—the government of which they had expected so much. Dr. Tolmie had in the last election campaign promised to bring back prosperity to the country and now they knew what had happened. It usually was the business of the Liberals to rescue the country after a Tory administration. A similar thing happened in 1916.

The by-elections came in for some attention. Mr. Pattullo said they did not contest either of the Conservative seats but they fought North Vancouver because it had been a Liberal constituency. They did not expect to win it. At Columbia it had been proposed to allow the seat to go without contest. The Conservative candidate had promised that if they would do so, he would not be a candidate there at the general election. Personally he had urged that the seat be contested and the election had taken place. All new arrivals in the constituency had been registered by the other side, and an effort was even made to put the Conservative organizer on the list. This had been objected to. The result of the election showed the feeling of the people throughout the country. In one camp in that constituency of twelve men who had been enrolled by the government, eight voted for the Liberal. In another the whole 19 had voted Liberal including the returning officer. The election had undoubtedly been helpful to the Liberal cause.

The Liberals at the meeting were reminded that their party was only a means to an end. As long as they represented the idea that all the people had rights they were fulfilling a purpose but if they adopted Tory principles they were no longer of any value. The Tories always ran the country to the ground and it was the business of the Liberals to pull it out.

Coalition Propaganda

The coalition propaganda that had been put forward in the south was the next thing discussed. The speaker said that an effort had been made to rescue the present government by proposing a coalition. He saw no good in such a move. He had spoken against it and the election in Columbia had given it the final quietus. "That settled the idea of coalition."

Mr. Pattullo then reviewed the financial situation of the province over the period during which there had been party government. He showed how Sir Richard McBride had run the government into debt and finally Sir Richard's successor, Mr. Bowser, had been defeated and the Liberals had brought the province back to financial stability. Now again a Conservative government had brought the country to the verge of bankruptcy. This question of finances and the un-

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