

### Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Part cloudy, moderate southeast wind; barometer, 29.53; temperature, 48; light chop.

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### Tomorrow's Tides

High ..... 7:40 a.m. 19.7 ft.  
20:12 p.m. 17.1 ft.  
Low ..... 6:55 a.m. 6.4 ft.  
13:55 p.m. 7.2 ft.

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# SERIOUS LIVERPOOL SCHOOL DISASTER

## M'GEER ELECTED VANCOUVER MAYOR BY HUGE MAJORITY

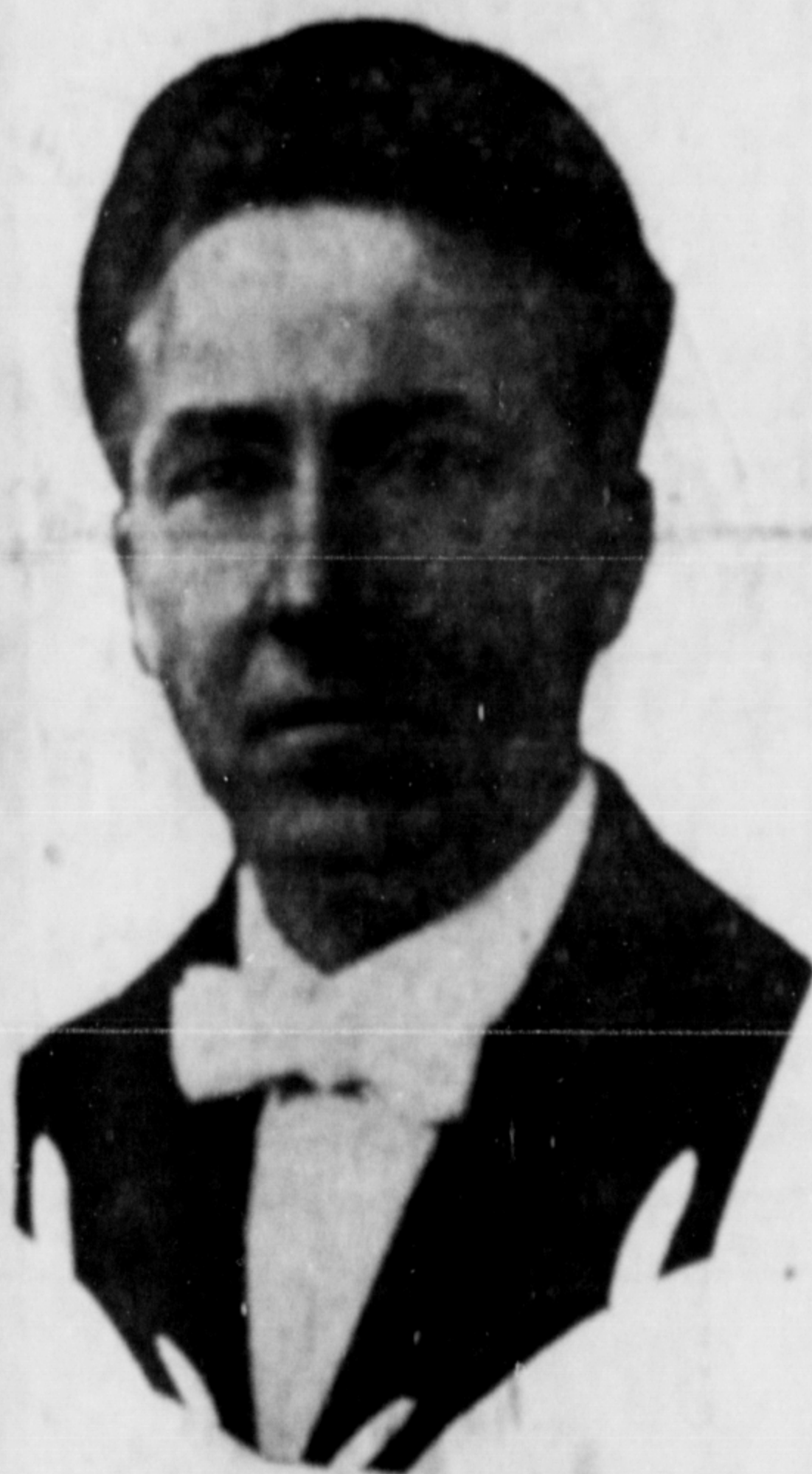
### One Hundred and Fifty Parents and Children Hurt in Concert Hall

Floor Collapsed Precipitating Five Hundred Persons Amid Tumbling Debris Into Darkness—Some Of Victims Expected to Die

LIVERPOOL, Eng., Dec. 13: (CP)—The floor of a concert hall where nearly five hundred parents and children were gathered at St. Clement's School here collapsed with a roar last night, injuring some 150 persons, many of them seriously. Thirty-six were taken to hospital and several may die. The crowd was precipitated into a mass of tumbling furniture and sudden darkness from the second to the first floor.

The disaster failed to reach terrible proportions owing to the presence of mind of a caretaker named Doughty who rushed to the basement and cut off the gas supply as the crash occurred, thus eliminating the danger of fire and explosion.

### Rev. A. O. Aasen



Who is reorganizing St. Paul's Lutheran congregation here.

### LUTHERANS ORGANIZING

St. Paul's Church Soon to be Restored to Former Strength With Resident Pastor

### Pastor's 'At Home'

Figures Disclose Large Percentage Of Local Population to Be Scandinavian

Reorganization is well under way with a view to restoring St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Prince Rupert to its former strength as a congregation with a regular pastor and services, it was announced last night by Rev. A. O. Aasen of Vancouver, acting field pastor of the church, who was "At Home" to the local Scandinavian colony at the Metropole Hall. Already contributions sufficient to justify the appointment of a permanent pastor had been pledged and early next year such an appointment will in all probability be made.

John Dybhavn presided over last night's meeting which was opened with prayer by Mr. Aasen. In his introductory remarks, Mr. Dybhavn referred to the importance of the church and its influence for good in community, national and international life. Particularly was this apparent at the present time when war clouds were to be seen hovering in so many parts of the world. It was the duty of the people to support.

### LEGION IS IN SESSION

Wire Sent to Ottawa in Connection With Working Conditions

The regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was held last evening. President Jack Preece in the chair.

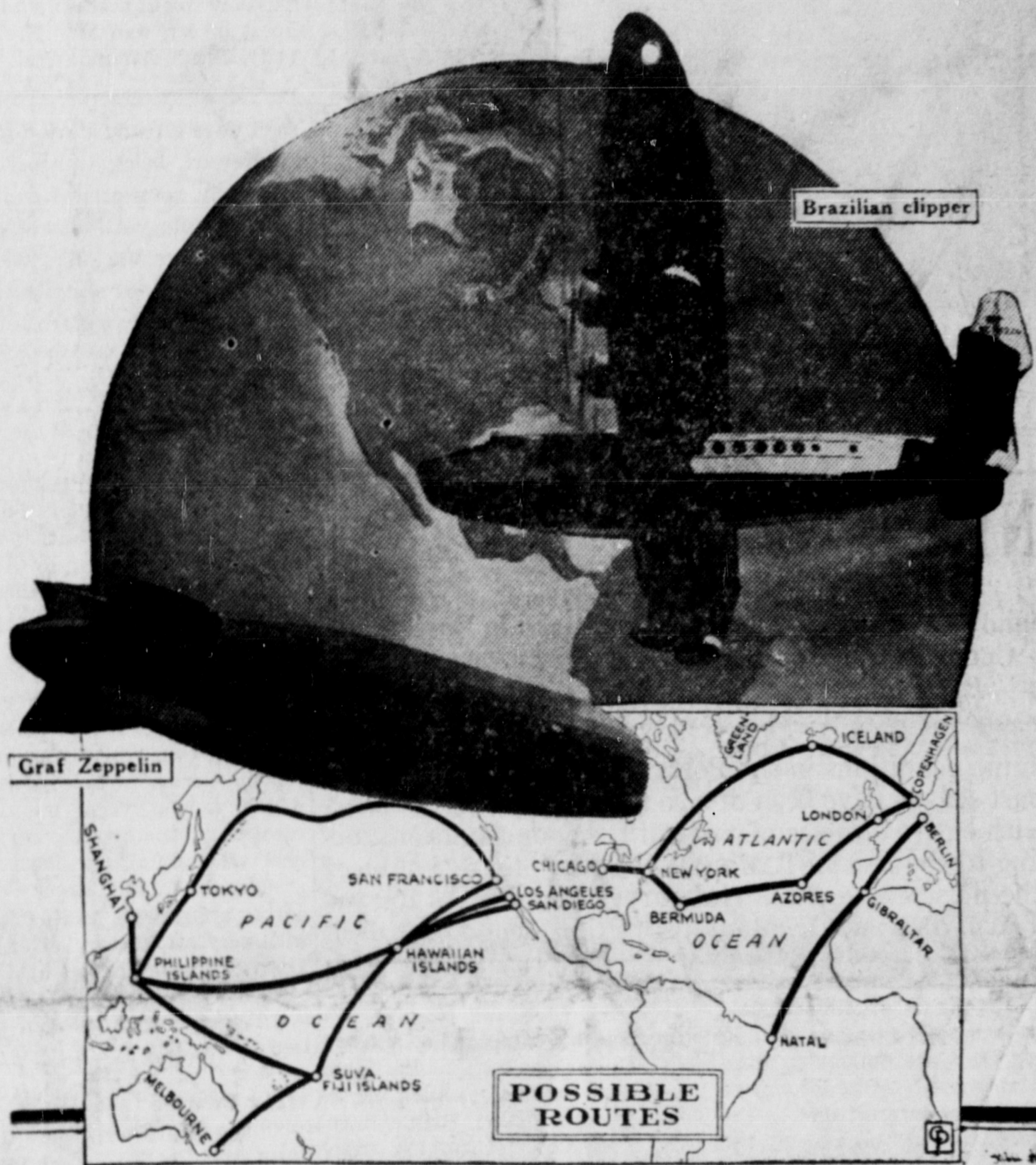
The matter of the formation of a junior section of the Canadian Legion was referred to a committee consisting of the president, D. C. Schubert, S. A. Bird and the secretary who will report to the January meeting.

Arrangements are under way for the usual provision of Christmas Cheer for needy returned men and their dependents. A grant was also made to the British Columbia provincial division of the Canadian Red Cross Society. This society makes a point of attending to the care of comrades in various institutions, such as Essondale where there are 237 returned men, the Marpole Home for incurables and the Tranquille Sanitarium.

Application for regular membership from Robert Lahiff, John Gregory, C. B. Flewin and G. E. Brown and for honorary club membership from James Boyd and Jack Frew were approved.

At the request of the branch a delegation from the Unemployed ex-Servicemen's Association was present. The delegation outlined the handicaps under which they had to work. An allowance equal to three meals a day at 12½ a meal and on provision for clothing, especially under the climatic conditions prevailing here, called for some adjustment it was held. The delegation which consisted of Charles Chapman, P. Atkinson, F. Murphy and R. Barr was assured of the full support of the Canadian Legion in its claims for better conditions and a night letter was sent to the Minister of Pensions and National Health asking immediate consideration of the requests. The local member of the federal house and other officials are also being communicated with.

### Battle For Control of Air Routes



Century-old battles for control of trade on the high seas are about to spread into the air. Three nations now are nearly ready to carry on the battle. They are the United States, Germany and Great Britain. The battle will be divided into two classes—lighter-than-air and aeroplanes. All three nations have already entered the fight to spread their lines into the foreign field.

### SURFACE ROAD TO CLOYAH

Additional Sum Appropriated To Complete Skeena Highway As Far as the Bay

Word has been received from the member for the district, Premier T. D. Pattullo, that sufficient money has been appropriated for the highway to allow of its being surfaced as far as Cloyah Bay.

The work is progressing satisfactorily and much satisfaction is being expressed at the additional appropriation being received.

### Further Sentence Imposed on Arthur Bellos, Pr. George

Arthur Bellos of Prince George, sentenced a few days ago by Judge H. A. Robertson at Prince George to five months' imprisonment on a charge of resisting arrest, has received an additional sentence of five months for assaulting a female, according to word received at divisional headquarters of the provincial police here.

Provincial Constable Gordon Daniels will sail tonight on the Prince George for Vancouver having in his custody Dominic Cataldo, sentenced to four months' imprisonment at Okalla for breaking and entering, and an insane patient for Essondale. Constable Daniels will take his annual vacation while in the south.

### DEATH TOLL IS GROWING

Twenty-Three Known to Have Perished in Lansing Hotel Fire

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 13: (CP)—A check-up yesterday following the disastrous fire which destroyed the Kears Hotel here early Tuesday morning showed that the death toll had reached twenty-three with the possibility that the bodies of a score more victims might still be in the ruins.

Many of the guests in the hotel at the time of the tragic conflagration were senators and representatives to the State Assembly which opened a special session on Monday.

### Dairying Has Made Increase

Visitor From Prince George Says Output of Cream Increased By 100 Percent

Among the visitors to Prince Rupert this week is Alfred Miller, proprietor and manager of the Interior Creamery at Prince George. He says the dairying industry is showing marked progress, the output of cream for the district this year being 100 percent greater than for last year.

Mr. Miller says they have been marketing their product at nearby points between McBride and Smlthers but the increase makes it desirable that they invade the Prince Rupert market. This he plans to do at an early date.

### 'XMAS MUSIC IS SUBJECT

Delightful Seasonal Program at Women's Music Club Meeting Yesterday Afternoon

"Christmas Music," on which an interesting paper was read by Mrs. P. C. Miller, who was in charge of the program, was the subject of the Ladies' Music Club at its regular fortnightly meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. L. Stamford, Fourth Avenue West. Mrs. Sheldoff Darton, vice-president, was in the chair in the absence of the president, Mrs. R. L. McIntosh.

The program was as follows: Christmas Carol, by the club, Piano solo, Mrs. W. L. Stamford. Vocal quartet, "Silent Night," Mrs. J. H. McLeod, Mrs. J. H. Carson, Mrs. S. D. Johnston and Mrs. C. E. Cullin. Vocal solo, "A Gift," Mrs. Ernest Anderson. Piano solo, "Pastoral Symphony," Mrs. E. J. Smith. Vocal solo, "Star of Bethlehem," Mrs. J. H. McLeod. Vocal duet, "The Star," Mrs. Ernest Anderson and Mrs. C. E. Cullin. Vocal solo, "Old English Carol," Miss Lillian Halliwell. Christmas Carol, by the club. Accompanists for the afternoon were Mrs. W. L. Stamford and Mrs. E. J. Smith.

### Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, Dec. 13: (CP)—Wheat closed at 79½c on the local exchange today up ½c from yesterday.

### Fiery Liberal M.L.A. Overwhelms Taylor in Four To One Contest

Magnitude of Victory Was Surprise Even to Winner's Most Enthusiastic Supporters—Another Milepost In Colorful Career

VANCOUVER, Dec. 13: (CP)—G. G. McGeer, M.L.A. for Vancouver-Burrard, yesterday added the mayoralty of Vancouver to his list of achievements in a stormy and colorful political career. The fearless young Liberal, whose name is prominently mentioned in connection with federal election honors next year, was elected chief magistrate of the city with an overwhelming majority over the veteran Mayor Louis Taylor. Even Mr. McGeer's most optimistic supporters were amazed at the tremendous victory he won. Late last night, with forty out of forty-seven polls accounted for, McGeer had 28,095 votes and Taylor but 7,243.

Today the final vote was announced as follows: McGeer, 34,496; Taylor, 9,021. The majority of 25,475 was the largest majority ever given a Vancouver mayoralty candidate and the total poll was the largest in the city's history.

Among the five aldermen elected was Former Mayor Charles E. Tisdall, late commissioner of North Vancouver, who defeated Ald. J. H. Shinnick and Ex-Ald. E. W. Dean in Ward One.

After the result became known McGeer said: "We must break this ruthless control of the money powers or it will wreck our civilization."

The election culminated one of the most hectic mayoralty campaigns in recent years, Mayor Taylor and Mr. McGeer having both kept up their speech-making schedule until shortly after midnight Tuesday. Early in the day the voters began besieging the polls and the vote was one of the heaviest in the history of the city.

J. S. Wilson, vice-principal of Booth Memorial School, was the speaker today at the regular weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club in the Commodore Cafe, his subject being "Some Educational Problems." President J. J. Little was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members with J. H. Blake of Victoria and Frank Dibb and D. G. Borland as guests.

### Radio Reception Here and Digby

D. C. McRae States That It Is Quite As Good as Seal Cove as Across Harbor

With reference to a statement made this week by E. J. Haughton, Pacific Coast superintendent of the department of radio, that Digby Island had been originally chosen as the site for the local government radiotelegraph station because tests had indicated that reception was superior there to this side of the harbor, D. C. McRae stated that, according to his information, Seal Cove was found to be as good as Digby Island for reception when these original tests were made and, indeed, the officials who made the tests recommended the government station be established at Seal Cove. However, according to Mr. McRae, the recommendation to this effect was turned down by Ottawa and the station established at Digby Island.

### Food Matinee To Be Held Shortly

The annual Christmas food matinee at the Capitol Theatre here will take place on Friday afternoon of next week. Manager D. G. Borland announced today. Articles of foodstuffs will be taken as admission, all donations thus made to be turned over by the theatre manager to the Salvation Army for use in its Christmas relief and cheer activities.

## Will Santa Claus Fail To Come To Numbers Of Prince Rupert Children?

So far in the past the people of this city, through the Salvation Army and other organizations, have seen to it that all poor families and especially the children have had the means of enjoying the Christmas season. If this is to be done this year considerable money will be needed and so far not much has been subscribed. How could anyone enjoy Christmas knowing that many children were not enjoying it too?

Money may be sent to the Salvation Army or the Daily News. Goods or clothing should go direct to the Citadel.