### Septagenarians—

# Xmas Banquet

Spirits of Old Timers Unhampered by Gathering

The Christmas spirit burned with bright intensity and happiness was shed freely Thursday afternoon when more than a score of Prince Rupert's senior citizens were guests of the Womlumbus Hall.

in which the observance of conclusion of the dinner. Christ's birth has been held sa- Mayor and Bishop cred to Christian men and wom- Are Speakers en. But, in spite of age and, in banquet and program.

Guests received by Mrs. J. J. Gillis, president of the Women's Co-ordinating Council, and the other ladies were Mrs. J. O. Reddie, W. G. Smith, Ralph Slater, J. M. Bryan, E. Helman, Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Aasen, W. M. McLeod, J. W. Peake, Mrs. C. Boulter, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. Mary Hanson (Inverness), Leonard Hawson, Neil McDonald, Richard Hanock, Dougle McDougle, Hugh McEachern, George B. Casey, J. S. Slaggard, Mrs. James Hampton, J. H. Janer, M. M. Stephens, C. J. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Thompson, Yean McCook, Rev. W. H. Pierce, Mrs. E. Sproat, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Holtby.

ating Council to establish a club managed to remain one step

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for older people in the city, the guests began the sumptuous dinner which had been prepared by ladies of the vacous organizations comprising the Co-ordinating Council.

Tables were beautifully decorated with Christmas candles and holly and colored stream- ple whose combined ages totalers over the cloths. Decorated led the greatest number of years baskets of candy and bowls of went to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Holtfruit added bright color to the by, the sum of whose ages was

Grace was said by Most Rev. Prince Rupert.

ited quantities of turkey, mash- at Port Simpson in 1867, Mr. their annual "over 70" Christ- diced beets, with cranberry among the native people during mas party in the Knights of Co- sauce. Dessert was prodigious the greater part of his 78 years. helpings of ice cream topped by To Mrs. Boulter went the Total ages of the 25 guests was crushed pineapple. Cigars were prize for the man or woman close to 2,000 years, the period passed to the gentlemen at the present who was the parent of

some cases, infirmity, the guests' with addresses by Mayor H. M. gentleman whose birthday falls wore their years lightly, deeply Daggett and Bishop Jordan. on the date nearest December enjoying the late afternoon Mayor Daggett congratulated 20 were given to Mrs. Reddie, the Women's Co-ordinating whose birthday is on December Council on their outstanding ef- 28, and Mr. Eric Helman, whose fort in providing the entertain- birthday is December 13. ment and wished everyone the The musical program was as compliments of the season.

the fine idea of honoring its Dr. R. G. Large. elder citizens.

fulness of the ladies of Prince | Community singing led by J. Rupert that they come out at S. Wilson. Bishop Jordan said.

Sheriff M. M. Stephens, who, | Master Alan Currie. as chairman of the entertain- | Solo, "Cockles and Mussels," of a far more youthful master | Messer, sr. of ceremonies, began his re- Instrumental trio, several semany of the older citizens had nar Varvelt, George Landin. passed on. He mentioned the late | Mrs. J. S. Black played back-Following a speech of welcome Bishop Bunoz and Bishop Rix ground piano music during the by Mrs. Gillis. who told of the and the late Joe Howe. "Joe used dinner and acted as accompanhope of the Women's Co-ordin- to boast that he had always ist during the musical program.

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The prize for the married cou-172 years.

W. H. Pierce received the prize Anthony Jordan, Bishop of for the citizen who had spent the greatest number of years in The meal consisted of unlim- | the Prince Rupert district. Born en's Co-ordinating Council at ed potatoes, green peas and Pierce has been a missionary

> the largest number of children. Mrs. Boulter was the mother of

The evening's program began! Lucky prizes for the lady and

follows: Bishop Jordan said that Prince | Vocal solos, "Star of Bethle-Rupert is unique in Canada in hem" and "Smilin' Through"-

Solos, "Bless This House," "Si-"It is a tribute to the thought- lent Night"-Mrs. Gilbert Brown.

this busy time to prepare this Vocal duets, "Granny's Highexcellent dinner and program," land Hame" and "The Old Rugged Cross"-Miss Christine and Lynx Osisko

ment program, had all the verve and a monologue-Andrew E. League; Mrs. G. Ciccone, United

marks by expressing regret that lections-Mrs. J. S. Black, Gun-

Ladies who assisted in presenting the dinner and program were Mrs. J. J. Gillis, president; Mrs. George Rudderham, vicepresident in charge of soliciting; Mrs. A. L. Haines, convenor of dinner committee; Mrs. A Turgeon, Catholic Women's League; Mrs. J. Armstrong, Baptist Ladies' Aid; Mrs. G. V. Hanlev, Canadian Legion W.A.; Mrs. T. G. Solien, Lutheran ladies; Mrs. J. G. Garrett, Presbyterian ladies; Mrs. G. H. Cook, Gospel Tabernacle; Mrs. R. McCarthy, Women of the Moose; Mrs. L. 

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