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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

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EDITORIAL

THE SUCCESS HABIT

Last night I was reading a magazine by the fireside when I came across this rather striking piece of advice: "Guard against the habit of failure and cultivate the habit of success."

If acquiring money were the end of all things, most of us would be failures and might well admit failure on this closing day of the year 1927 and begin 1928 with a moan, but happily success and wealth have little to do with each other.

If we look back today, as we are apt to do, we are bound to find many things in the year 1927 of which we are proud. If we dwell on those rather than on the failures, we shall be helping to cultivate the success habit and may start the new year tomorrow with the feeling of satisfaction that even greater things may be accomplished during 1928.

People who bemoan their lot, bemoan hard times in business, bemoan the poor prospects ahead are steadily acquiring the habit of failure, which constantly tends to drag them down, hold them back and prevent success.

If some have fallen behind a little they may, as a result, have learned to give new impetus to their efforts in the coming year and that is success.

I make this New Year suggestion to all the people here. It is that we try to feel that we are succeeding and if we are not that we put forth further efforts to make our work a success.

EDITOR.

TO ALLEVIATE WHEAT DELAY

Vancouver Harbor Board Taking Steps to Relieve Situation Over Which Complaint Has Been Made

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Steps to alleviate the shipping delay brought about in the grain situation concerning which shipmasters at this port have complained have been promised by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

The understanding is that in future, when a ship at berth is not able to obtain its particular grain, that ship will be moved out to make place for another vessel that has its grain in the house.

AVALANCHE CARRIES AWAY MANY STUDENTS

TOKIO, Dec. 31.—Twenty-four students are believed to be dead as a result of an avalanche while climbing a mountain near Magano. Four of the party escaped.

Fisheries Department Make Drastic Changes Fisheries Regulations

Size of Purse Seines will be Changed and Some Inlets Completely Closed to Fishing, Inspector States

VANCOUVER, December 31.—With complete failure of conservation efforts this year, the department of fisheries has decided to take the matter into their own hands and put into force drastic new restrictive regulations for 1928, Major J. A. Motherwell announced today.

There will be a law limiting purse seines to 200 fathoms instead of 500 as at present in order to prevent fishermen stretching them across the entire width of a stream. The minimum length will be increased from 125 to 150 fathoms, making it impossible to trap the mouths of streams and creeks and also certain inlets will be closed to fishing.

"We are in exactly the same position as when we started," the chief inspector said, discussing the many conferences that had been held for the purpose of trying to devise a means of restriction. "The fishermen refused to help themselves."

KIDNAPPED THE TELLER ROBBED BANK

Daring Escapade at Chicago Where Six Men Got Away With \$80,000 Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Kidnapping George Anderson, teller of the Ravenswood National Bank at his home and forcing him to admit them to the bank and to open the safe, robbers escaped with \$80,000 early today.

The men, numbering six, also took Anderson's father and mother, imprisoning them in the garage all night. The robbers waited until 8.15 when Anderson could open the time lock.

LAST NIGHT WAS COLDER MANY PLACES

Interior Points Mercury Very Low and Edmonton 16 Below Zero

WINNIPEG, Dec. 31.—The coldest weather in years is recorded at many prairie points, Edmonton registering 45 below zero with no immediate relief in sight. Other points reported 20 to 35 below.

In British Columbia extreme cold is reported in the mountains, while in the Cariboo the mercury ran riot touching 56 below at 150 mile house and 35 at Hazelton. Kamloops reported 24 below and Revelstoke 25.

The Government Telegraphs report the coldest point at Endako with 55 below zero and 45 at Burns Lake. Their report in detail follows:

Prince Rupert.—Clear, calm; tem. 19. Haysport.—Clear, light wind, temp. 16. Port Simpson.—Northerly wind, temp. 12.

Stewart.—Clear, calm, 9 below. Anyox.—Clear, calm, temp. 10. Alice Arm.—Clear, calm, temp. zero.

Aiyansh.—Clear, calm, 30 below. Terrace.—Clear, stiff northeast wind, temp. 2 below.

Hazelton.—Clear, windy, temp. 35 below. Smithers.—Clear, calm, temp. 32 below.

Burns Lake.—Clear, calm, 45 below. Endako.—Clear, calm, 55 below.

AUTO TOURISTS ARE KILLED AT CROSSING

FULLERTON, Cal., Dec. 31.—Four automobile tourists from Aberdeen, Washington, were killed when struck by a train at a crossing near here. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arland, Albert Arland and wife.

KILLED FROM PLANE

MARSEILLES, Dec. 31.—Five occupants of a hydro-airplane were killed when it crashed 1,200 feet.



LADY IVEAGH, 22nd member of her family to sit in parliament, was elected by Richmond borough to succeed her husband, who has taken his father's place in the House of Lords

New Year Message of Premier MacLean Optimistic in Tone and Full of Hope for 1928

VICTORIA, December 31.—The New Year message of Premier MacLean penned before he left for Ottawa, has been issued and follows:

"In common with the rest of Canada the West welcomes the year 1928 with every assurance of better things in a commercial way.

"The Province of British Columbia stands perhaps in a pre-eminent position in this respect and with increasing development in the major industries in the country, the coming year looks bright indeed."

Chief Happenings in Canada for 1927 Outlined Briefly Shows the Year to Have Been Important One

Jubilee Celebration, Prominent Visitors, Political Changes, Relations With United States and Disasters all Important

(Prepared by Fred Williams for the Canadian Press)

The Dominion's year of Diamond Jubilee will go down in history as one of the most notable and prosperous in her annals. The jubilee celebrations on July 1, 2 and 3 were nation-wide and evoked a spirit of patriotic pride in the Dominion, its fathers and its achievements that demonstrated that, no matter what surface indications may sometimes portend, there is from Atlantic to Pacific a genuine love for the Land of the Maple Leaf.

The chimes of the new carillon in the Peace Tower at Ottawa reached from coast to coast and even across the Atlantic, and their message served but to add to the great national significance of the celebrations. Race and creed differences ceased to exist; the people of Canada were united as one in their rejoicing at what had been accomplished in a scant 60 years and determined to build well upon the foundations laid by those who have passed on.

Added importance to the diamond jubilee was given by a visit from the Prince of Wales and his brother, Prince George, who were accompanied by Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of Great Britain.

An international touch was given to the visit of the Princes and the British Premier by their participation in the consecration ceremonies of the Peace Bridge over the Niagara River on Sunday, August 7. The ties of amity which unite the two great English-speaking nations were bound the more tightly by the impressive, yet simple ceremonies which marked the occasion. The British and Canadian delegates were met by the Secretary of State of the

Optimistic Message of Sir Henry Thornton to People of Canada with Special Mention of Prince Rupert

MONTREAL, December 31.—In addressing his annual message to the officers and employees of the Canadian National Railways, Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the Canadian National, looks back upon the progress and success of 1927 as a reason for viewing the year in the immediate future with optimism. Sir Henry says: "Business has expanded in proper proportion and the expansion has been well balanced. There has been progress without inflation and the attendant evils of a boom. As the experiences of the country must necessarily be reflected in the experiences of the

ways which serve it, I feel justified in saying that the year has been a satisfying one so far as the affairs of the Canadian National Railways are concerned."

At this time when complete figures of the year's business are not yet available, it is not possible to give in exact terms the net results of the operations, yet I feel on safe ground when I state that they will be found satisfactory, though not reaching the high level attained in 1926. The gross earnings of the system have shown an appreciable increase when compared with those of 1926 but various factors have militated against the net revenues, and the final result will show a total less than that of last year.

Based on the experiences of eleven months, it is estimated that the gross earnings of the National system will approximate two hundred and sixty million dollars, this figure excluding earnings on lines east of Levis and Diamond Junction, which are now separated under the provision of the maritime freight rates act, 1927, but includes the Central Vermont, now in receivership and which for that reason will be excluded from the annual report. On this basis the net earnings for 1927 have been placed at forty-five and a half million dollars.

INCREASED WAGES "One factor which has had an effect in reducing the net earnings from the high level of 1926 is increased wages, which have been in effect since July 1, and which have increased the cost of operation as represented by several classes of skilled labor, these increases are not begrudged and the situation has another side, inasmuch, as it has increased the spending power of these workers and added to the circulation of money in other branches of trade and commerce. The Canadian National Railways have not contributed largely to the public purse in 1927 but have in other important ways

tripped in the general welfare of an important section of the workers. In past years the railway opened new territory for settlement and the agricultural development which followed, greatly increased the wealth of Canada. Today the territory which has been rendered accessible through the railway is now being exploited through developments in power, pulp and mining, thus creating a new and growing market.

IMMIGRATION INCREASED "Coming to the question of immigration during the year, a satisfactory state of affairs is reported by the colonization department of the railway. This is an extensive organization with branches in Great Britain and Ireland and the Continent of Europe, and its overseas officials are in constant touch with all the lands from which we expect to draw settlers. Last year, as in previous years greater efforts were made to effect the settlement of families, and I am happy to state that the number placed in 1927 exceeded that of 1926 by 402 per cent. This is true colonization. The need of greater population is yet apparent with developments in power, mining and industry generally it is possible that new demands will arise for men, and I feel that the question of admitting to Canada settlers other than those seeking land is one which should receive serious and studied attention. I have no intention of advocating the policy of an open door. (continued on page four)

CHINESE KILLED AT CUMBERLAND AND A COUNTRYMAN ARRESTED CUMBERLAND, Dec. 31.—Fung Mun, 35 years of age, proprietor of a restaurant, is dead as a result of knife wounds allegedly from the hands of Chew Me, a Chinese, who was arrested and is facing a charge of murder.

DELIVERIES OF WHEAT BETTER Delay on Account of Cold on Prairies Relieved With Arrival of Grain Trains Yesterday and Today Grain deliveries to the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator are picking up again following some delay this week owing to cold weather on the prairies and in the interior. Last night a train of thirty-four cars arrived and another came in this afternoon with 25. On the division, railway offices reported, there were over 300 cars this morning bound here.

It is possible that the big Swedish freighter Sydland may complete loading today a full cargo for the United Kingdom or Continent. It is more probable, however, that she will not get away until after the holiday. The next boat will be the British register Tees Pool still expected on Tuesday of next week. Confirmation could not be obtained as the elevator this morning of a report that another British vessel was following close on the Tees Pool.

KITKATLA HAS NEW COUNCIL Joseph Innes Elected Chief Councillor Following Voting This Week — Village Improvements At the election held this week at Kitkatla by Indian Agent W. E. Collinson, Joseph Innes was chosen chief councillor with Henry Collinson, Job Spencer, Heber Robinson, Arthur L. Hill, Oswald Toinnie and Benjamin Wilson other members of the council. Considerable improvements are being made at Kitkatla by the native residents who are all home at the present time. The work includes the building of a new main road through the village.

ENGLISH FOG HINDERS AID Difficulty in Supplying Villagers With Food and Other Necessaries LONDON, Dec. 31.—Heavy fog this morning baffled the Salvation Army and air ministry co-operating with planes to aid the snow-bound inhabitants of the small villages with food and other necessities from which they had been cut off for several days. Weather conditions are slowly improving.

SKELETON OF MAN NEAR HERIOTT BAY Indications Are That the Body Had Been Placed There and Covered by Rocks HERRIOTT BAY, Dec. 31.—The skeleton of a man believed to be that of Joseph Moore, who disappeared near Village Bay in 1924, was found near the shore at Hyacinth Bay by Eric Krook of Herriott Bay, while removing rocks to enable a dog to hunt maccos. The evidence suggested that the body had been placed there as the cave mouth was filled with loose rocks.

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WEATHER STILL COLD BUT CHANGE POSSIBLE

Conditions This Morning Still Steady Though Southeast Wind is Blowing in South

H. D. Tee, Digby Island, Dominion meteorologist, reports the lowest thermometer reading last night as 16 above zero at about 4 o'clock this morning. The barometer was still high this morning though dropping slightly and the stiff north breeze was continuing. Down the coast, the cold spell was apparently breaking for the wind had switched to southeast at Bull Harbor. A change here within a day or so is thus considered possible.

LIONEL LOCKE WAS DROWNED

Victoria Man Fell Through Ice at Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, and Lost Life

VICTORIA, Dec. 31.—Lionel Locke, 29 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Locke, was drowned in Goodacre Lake at Beacon Hill Park as a result of the ice breaking when he was skating. The body was recovered. Locke was a prominent athlete, especially at rowing, having shared the doubles honors in the Pacific Northwest regatta.

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THE NEW YEAR

In the New Year which begins tomorrow, we hope Prince Rupert people and the people of the whole of Northern and Central British Columbia, most of whom read the Daily News, will be successful, cheerful, healthy and therefore happy. We wish them enough wealth to keep them from want and enough adversity to keep them from deteriorating.

We believe that the year 1928 will see great happenings in Prince Rupert. We have consulted the horoscope and see there a new era of advancement coming from an unexpected source. This will put new hope, new life, new vim into us all and help us to realize that for which we have been patiently waiting and feebly struggling.

We hope that some definite step will be taken to make Prince Rupert the outlet of the Peace River country. We believe there is nothing to fear from the extension of the P.G.E. to Prince George but that from that point or some other on the Canadian National northward the line will be built by one of the big transportation companies. If it is not, it should be. To help a private company would be but to invite ultimate disaster.

THE PAST AND FUTURE

The past year has been a quiet one in every respect, yet advancement has been made. A commencement was made on the paving of the city with concrete sidewalks, on the trunk sewer which was badly needed and good progress was made on the road which is the beginning of the Skeena Highway.

The end of the civic year is approaching and good candidates are offering for the position of mayor. Prince Rupert can make no mistake in supporting any one of them.

Prince Rupert has been fighting her way to the fore as a seaport. The first step has been taken in establishing this as a grain port. During the year other developments may be expected that should be even more important than the elevator.

People sometimes get tired of hearing us sound a cheerful note of hope and faith in regard to the future of the city. We wish, however, to say that we are just as optimistic as ever in regard to the future of Prince Rupert. We feel that there are great things ahead for us and that the day is not far distant when we shall begin to feel a change.

C.P.R. AND PRINCE RUPERT

The suggestion was made yesterday that the C.P.R. should build the western outlet to the Peace River and that the company should get running rights over the Canadian National and make its terminus at Prince Rupert. We are not concerned over which company builds the line as long as it comes to the Canadian National line at or west of Prince George. We believe this to be the natural outlet although we also admit there are good arguments in favor of Portland Canal. If the C.P.R. decided to come here, Prince Rupert would welcome the big company, but we hardly think it likely that such will be the case. We look to the C.N.R. as the natural system to serve the great northern section of the country.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TERRACE

Terrace is about to set out as a village municipality. It is already incorporated and when it has complied with the necessary forms and elected officers for the year it will be ready to do business. It is probably the beginning of a period of improvement for the community. Of one thing it is necessary to warn and that is against spending too much money and thus so increasing the taxes that the cost of living there is too great. However, roads are easy to build, and sewers to dig and there is plenty of gravel close by for concrete sidewalks. Possibly that new village will give Prince Rupert a lead in some things.

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REDUCE DEBT OF DOMINION

Expected That Matter Will be Dealt With at Coming Session

(By R. J. Deschman)

A real problem is that of debt reduction. For some years now the reduction has been fairly steady. Last year's final figures revealed the largest net surplus in Canadian history. Some people—as for instance, the Canadian Shoe Manufacturers, are urging the government to reduce taxes rather than reduce the debt. On the other hand, there are far-sighted people who urge the other side of the problem—reduce debt and thereby you will reduce taxes. Between the two, Mr. Robb may be expected to take a middle course.

It will be recalled that some time ago the Canadian Bond Dealers suggested the definite appropriation of approximately \$23,000,000 a year for debt reduction. More than that amount is now being applied to that purpose, but there is danger when debt reduction is not definitely budgeted, that a raid will be made on the treasury. The picture of a finance minister sitting, gun in hand on the treasury chest, is not a mere fancy. It takes courage of a high order to meet and refuse the many demands. On the other hand, definite provision were made for debt retirement, it would have a tendency to steady the situation.

Of course there is no law to prevent governments from ceasing to live a hand-to-mouth existence. There is no reason why expenditures—that is large and necessary expenditures, should not be made from previously accumulated funds. We have built the Welland Canal by votes from year to year. It would be interesting if some time, we adopted the course of building out of the surpluses of previous years.

How much better it would be if in these times of national prosperity, we put aside a sum for rainy day expenditures. Then when good times were over and trade slackening, we might open the savings and go ahead with some constructive enterprise—not only preparing for better times, but hastening its coming by our own thrift and provision.

There are many signs of gradually improving world conditions—this is an important matter to Canada, for Canada is one of the world's greatest export nations, but that can be left for my next letter. It fits in better at the opening of 1928.

THE BETTER OLE HERE MONDAY

Syd Chaplin as Old Bill Makes a Hit in Soldier Story so Well Known

"The trouble with Old Bill is 'e don't 'ave 'is mind on the war," said Alf, the little Cockney private. But Old Bill had more important things to think about. Especially his missus, Maggie, back in Blighty. Meanwhile, in back of the front at Boucaert, he has a chance, between air raids, to observe the incipient love affair between his pal, Bert, and Joan, the pretty sister of Gaspard, the innkeeper, and to make close 'armony with his other pal, Alf.

He does not notice the arrival of Major Russet of the Highloom Guards, whirling into Boucaert on a motorcycle. So the hard-boiled corporal, Quint, puts him on fatigued duty.

The Major adjourns to the cellar of the inn, where he confers with Gaspard, and together they are about to release a pigeon, with a message to the Germans advising them to attack at once. Old Bill, chasing a pig, tumbles into the cellar, grasps the situation, grapples with Gaspard, and ropes him, crying, "Spy!"

The Major orders everybody out and releases Gaspard, firing after him to divert suspicion. He reports to the General and is acclaimed a hero, while the pursuit of Gaspard begins.

That night, the soldiers stage an uproarious amateur show, replete with gags. Bill and Alf take part as the front and hind legs of a horse. Then the Germans attack. Bill and Alf are sewed in the fake horse's body too tightly to join in the general retreat.

There's more to it than that but the fun lies in the succession of gags.

"DON JUAN" SEEN AT THEATRE LAST NIGHT

"Don Juan," played at the Westholme last night, has been most familiarly known to lovers of literature through Lord Byron's unfinished poem of the youthful Spanish lover who courted his amorous adventures all over the map of Europe. To music lovers there is only one Don Juan—the "Don Giovanni" of Mozart's opera. The theatre in modern times has produced a long series of Don Juans—Rostand's, Bernard Shaw's and Arnold Bennett's being the most prominent. These Don Juans have tended to rob the great lover of much of his magic glamour, but the old magic returns in the screen version, by Less Meredith. Here is the Don Juan of romance; as played by Barrymore, a convincing portrayal of the greatest lover of all ages.

CHIEF HAPPENINGS IN CANADA FOR 1927 OUTLINED BRIEFLY SHOWS THE YEAR TO HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT ONE

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was one of great progress and prosperity. A bumper crop in the West was somewhat damaged by bad weather in the fall, yet the result was such as to send through the whole business and industrial community an electrifying influence which promises to make 1928 even more prosperous than the year of diamond jubilee.

POLITICS IN 1927

The year was, like most post-election years, a quiet one in federal politics. The session of the Dominion parliament was short and not exciting. Another Robb budget, reducing taxation, was adopted by the House of Commons on March 1. The Senate on March 24 passed Old Age Pensions Bill, which it had rejected the previous year, and already British Columbia and Yukon Territory have decided to co-operate with the Dominion in bringing it into force in their respective districts. Interim extra subsidies were voted to the Maritime Provinces.

Canada on May 30 terminated a trade agreement with the Soviet Republics in consequence of the continued anti-British propaganda from Moscow, but during the year new trade agreements were made with Czechoslovakia and Cuba.

Fert Churchill was definitely selected as the terminus of the Hudson's Bay Railway on August 10 after a visit from Frederick Palmer, an English expert, and reconstruction of the railway is being rushed.

NEW CONSERVATIVE LEADER

The resignation by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, of the leadership of the Conservative Party in October, 1926, caused the holding of a great party convention at Winnipeg on October 10 and following days. Mr. Meighen was present and caused turmoil in the convention by, on the opening day, defending his Hamilton speech in which he advocated a general election in the event of war. He was answered by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, premier of Ontario, who repudiated such a policy with considerable force. On the third day the convention balloted for a new leader, the choice falling upon Hon. R. B. Bennett, M.P. for Calgary, who will take command at the coming session, the leadership in the meantime having been conducted by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, M.P., of Guelph.

The Dominion and provinces met in conference at Ottawa on November 3 and for 10 days discussed various questions in dispute between them. On the whole the spirit of the convention was good and indicated a national unity which augurs well for the future.

In British Columbia there was a change in the premiership owing to the death, on August 17, of Hon. John Oliver, who had been head of the government from 1918. Hon. J. D. Maclean, being sworn as the new premier on August 20.

RELATIONS WITH U.S.

One outstanding feature of the Diamond Jubilee Year was the rapprochement with the United States. On February 3 Hon. William Phillips, who had been American minister to Belgium, was appointed the first minister plenipotentiary to the Dominion of Canada. He presented his credentials to the governor-general and the government of Canada on June 2 and has since become a leading figure in Ottawa public life.

Hon. Vincent Massey, the first Canadian minister plenipotentiary to the United States, presented his credentials to President Coolidge on February 18. The Canadian delegation at Washington is now recognized by diplomats as one of the front rank.

On August 7 a notable international ceremony took place at Buffalo and Fort Erie, Ont., when the new Peace Bridge between the two cities was formally inaugurated by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by Prince George, Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, prime minister of Great Britain, and a distinguished company of public men. They were welcomed by the secretary of state of the United States, the governor of New York State, and other notables.

UNIQUE CEREMONY

Armistice Day, November 11, saw a unique ceremony in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D.C., when a Cross of Sacrifice in honor of the citizens of the United States who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the war with Germany was unveiled by Hon. Vincent Massey and Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of defence of Canada. It was the first occasion for over a century that British troops had been seen in the United States capital and the circumstances were marked by President Coolidge paying the Canadian soldiers



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Premier King paid a visit to Washington on November 25 and the Governor-General and Viscountess Willingdon paid an official visit there on December 6, being received with all the honors worthy of the occasion of the first visit of a governor-general of Canada to Washington.

Towards the end of the year the United States government paid compensation for the seizure of the schooner "Lord Nelson" on Lake Ontario two weeks before the declaration of war in 1912, thus giving further proof of good will towards Canada and terminating a claim which had been pressed for over a century.

DISASTERS OF 1927

Canada was as a whole free from great disasters during the past year. She had none of the great cataclysms of the nature which visited other countries and although there were periods of freakish weather the loss was more material than human, the sacrifice of life being small indeed when compared with, for instance, our neighbor to the south.

The most terrible happening of the year took place when the Laurier moving picture theatre at Montreal took fire on Sunday, January 9. It was crowded to the doors, mostly with children, and 78 of them were killed in the panic which ensued. There was, of course, a great storm of public indignation that such a catastrophe was possible and months later the proprietor and two of his employees received prison sentences, which did not, however, bring back the children sacrificed to human greed and criminal violation of civic bylaws. More than 30 children lost their lives when fire visited the Hospice St. Charles, Quebec City, on December 4.

One adult met death. Twenty other children were burned to death in a fire in an orphanage at Lac La Plonge, Sask., on September 19. In that case no one can be blamed; the fire was sudden in the dead of the night; and the victims were trapped despite heroic work by the sisters in charge.

There were a number of other fire fatalities during the year. Four were burned to death at Ottawa on January 11; four children at Toronto on January 16; four other children at Theftford Mines, Quebec, on February 27; eight were burned, some fatally, in an apartment house fire at Vancouver on July 10; four other children were cremated at Whitney, Ontario, on July 11; five were killed in a fire caused by a mysterious explosion at Montreal on August 15; four were lost in a fire near Pasqua, Sask., on September 24; four others near Darmoddy, Sask., on September 30; and three others at Huntington, Sask., on the same day. A mysterious gasoline explosion at Toronto on October 2 killed three and injured six others.

Storms and floods caused most loss to crops and property in many sections of the country, but the loss of life was small. In the eastern townships of Quebec floods were experienced in November, akin to the New England floods, and several lives were snuffed out in railway accidents caused by washouts and wrecked bridges.

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- Soup: Consomme au Royal, Chicken a la Creme
- Starter Fish: Boiled Rupert Salmon, Oyster Sauce
- Sweet Entree: Pineapple Fritters glace au Curacao
- Roast: Roast Turkey, Chestnut stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Domestic Goose with baked apple
- Vegetable: Steamed and Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Brussels Sprouts
- Dessert: English Plum Pudding, Hard and Wine Sauce, Home-made Mince Pie, Christmas Cake, Fruit Jelly, Strawberry Ice Cream
- Coffee, Cocoa, Tea, Milk

Church Notices

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
(Church of England, Fourth Ave. W.)
Archdeacon G. A. Rix, rector
Morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening service at 7:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper second Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Third Sunday of the month at 8 a.m. Sunday school at 2:30. Baptisms by arrangement.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Minister, Rev. W. F. Price.
Saturday evening, Watchnight service, commencing at 11 p.m. Everybody invited. Close the Old Year and begin the New with God.
Sunday, January 1. Morning worship at 11 a.m. Talk to young people. Sermon, Sunday School at 2:30, open session, 7:30 p.m. New Year Service, topic "The Victorious Life." Special singing by the choir. Organist W. Vaughan Davies.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Service every Sunday morning in the Hay's Block 245 Second Avenue. Subject on Sunday "God." Testimony meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Minister, Rev. J. R. Frizell, B.A., LL.B. Residence, The Manse, Phone 463.
Divine service at 11 a.m. Subject: "Retrospection." Sunday School at 12:15. Evening worship at 7:30 p.m. Subject: "Prospection." Anthem by the choir. Solo by J. E. Davey.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Rev. A. Wilson, Pastor
Miss I. Haddock, deaconess.
Morning worship at 11 a.m. Subject: "The Promised Presence." Sunday school at 2:30. Evening service at 7:30. Subject: "The Grand Goal and 1928."

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. John Hanson, pastor
Residence Clapp building, Phone Red 251.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock. English. Sunday school. Bible class and confirmation class at 12 noon. Evening worship at 7:30 in Scandinavian. Special music and song.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

Young People Gave Pleasing Display of Musical Talents

A pleasing piano recital was held in the St. Joseph's Academy Music Hall yesterday when the following program was rendered:

- The Little Prince (Krogmann) Geraldine Mann
- Waltz (Krogmann) Betty Brown
- Intrada (Bach) Shirley McEwen
- Selection (Bach) Margaret Fritz
- Minuet in G (Bach) Dollie Dunagate
- Duet, "Dollie's Dance" (A Sister of St. Ruth and Edna Gillies) (Joseph)
- Minuet in G (Bach) Helen McNaughton
- Selection (Bach) Irene Gavigan
- Minuet in G (Bach) Marie Balagino
- Prelude No. 3 (Bach) Kathleen Duncan
- Mazurka (Chopin) Dorothy Ballinger
- Studies (Czerny) May McDonald
- Two Part Invention (Bach) Nina Hunter
- Selection (Bach) Violet McCutcheon
- Two Part Invention (Bach) Rose Wesch
- Studies (Czerny) Katherine Watson
- Variations in A Major (Beethoven) Helen McCaffery

SIX MONTH SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR ASSAULT

J. A. McCoy Sent Down in County Court by Judge Young for Occasioning Harm to Roy Guss

Six months' imprisonment at Okalla was the sentence imposed yesterday afternoon by Judge Young on J. A. McCoy who had been found guilty earlier in the day of assaulting Roy Guss occasioning grievous bodily injury, the occurrence taking place recently in a fracas at a restaurant in Hazelton. L. W. Patmore appeared in prosecution against McCoy while Milton Gonzales acted for the defence.

Sergeant W. J. Service, chief of the Smithers district detachment of the provincial police, who brought McCoy to the city, returned on this morning's train to the interior. Dr. Leonard B. Winch of Hazelton, who was one of the witnesses in the case, also returned this morning to the interior.

Hubert Weeks of the Athol Fisheries local staff sailed this morning by the Cardena for Vancouver on a holiday trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elk's Leap-year Dance, January 20.
- Legion Novelty Dance, January 27.
- Prince Rupert Girls' Drill Team dance, February 3.
- Elk's Annual Dance, February 17.

Local and Personal

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Take advantage of the values in Home Furnishings at G. D. Tite's and save money.

At the Moose Hall tonight 8:15, Chief Lone Eagle in "Heart of the Rockies." Also Sandy McNabb, Scotland's greatest violin mimic.

Tickets for the Elks' Midnight Matinee New Year's Eve will be on sale at 11 o'clock at the Theatre. Performance starts at 11:15.

F. C. Freeman of Vancouver has arrived at Kitkatla to take up the duties of teacher of the native school there succeeding Mr. Hooper who has gone south.

Don't miss the Commodore Cabare New Year's Eve. There will be lots of fun. A few more reserved seats left. The first one gets the choice of the reserves.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Beatrice, Capt. Henry Anderson, arrived in port at 3 o'clock this morning from Vancouver and wayports, sailing at 11 a.m. on her return south.

Mrs. J. Borsuk and sons of Woodcock arrived on Thursday's train and are spending a few days and also New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Brand and family. They will leave for home on Monday.

Indian Agent James Gillett of the Queen Charlotte Islands is in the city on business. He arrived on the Prince John last night and will return by that steamer tonight to his headquarters in Massett.

Arthur Robertson, Massett sawmill operator, arrived in the city on the Prince John last night from the Queen Charlotte Islands and continued by the Princess Beatrice this morning to Vancouver on a business trip.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Mary, Capt. C. C. Sainley, arrived at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Vancouver and will continue her voyage to Alaska ports. The Mary is scheduled to touch here south bound next Wednesday afternoon.

R. M. Reid, accountant at the Langara Fishing and Packing Co.'s cannery at Massett, arrived last night on the Prince John from the Queen Charlotte Islands and proceeded this morning by the Princess Beatrice to Everett, Washington, on company business.

Union steamer Cardena, with Capt. E. Georgson in command relieving Capt. A. Johnstone who is ashore in Vancouver on holidays, arrived in port at 1 o'clock last night from Vancouver and wayports and sailed at 9 o'clock this morning on her return south.

Miss Margaret Stevens, daughter of Ed. Stevens, postmaster at Skidegate, and Mrs. Stevens, arrived in the city from the Queen Charlotte Islands on the Prince John last night and will proceed tomorrow evening on the Camosun for a visit with friends in Anyox.

Passengers sailing tonight on the Prince John for the Queen Charlotte Islands will include Harold Jarvis and W. Telford for Queen Charlotte City, and Miss E. Jones for Massett. At Sandspit the John will be boarded by Mrs. J. A. Gillatt and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKenzie who will proceed to Vancouver.

C.N.R. steamer Prince John, Capt. E. Mabbs, from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands, arrived in port at midnight with a small passenger list and a freight cargo which included coal for the dry dock which is being unloaded today. The John is scheduled to sail at 8 o'clock tonight on her return south via the Islands.

J. A. Macdonald of the staff of the Massett Timber Co. at Bulkley Bay arrived from the Queen Charlotte Islands on the Prince John last night and will return by the same steamer tonight, being here on a brief business visit. Cold weather of late has been delaying preparatory work with a view to the opening of the mill soon after the first of the year.

R. F. McNaughton, district passenger agent for the Canadian National Railways, and Harold McEwen, division freight agent, will leave on Monday morning's train for Montreal to attend a meeting of the traffic department. G. A. McNicholl, general passenger agent, Vancouver, and J. M. Horn, general freight agent, will also be in attendance. The local officials expect to be away about two weeks.

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New Year

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Give a Box Party at the Westholme New Year's Eve, Elks Midnight Frolic, 20 Acts of Vaudeville.

Thor Johnson sailed this morning by the Princess Beatrice for Vancouver on a business trip.

At the Commodore Cafe, we will serve fresh strawberries and raspberries with cream during the holidays.

Your bet for New Year's Eve—The Elks' monster Vaudeville Show 11.15 p.m. Saturday, Westholme Theatre.

M. M. Stephens & Company, Ltd. are moving from their premises in the Exchange Block to the Allen Block next to the Electric Bakery, Third Avenue.

The Japanese freighter Kofuku Maru, one of the grain boats which visited Prince Rupert last season, will arrive at Portland, Oregon, at the first of next week to load a wheat cargo at that port.

TELEGRAPH RATES CUT FROM PRINCE RUPERT

Taking effect tomorrow, the Government Telegraphs announce reduction of rates on telegrams, night messages and night letters, from Prince Rupert, Terrace, Hazelton, Smithers, Telkwa, Burns Lake and other stations on Government telegraph lines to Vancouver, Victoria and other British Columbia points, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, St. John's, New York, Boston, and other points in Eastern Canada and United States are given reduced rate by the Government Telegraph Service.

NO PAPER MONDAY.

Monday being a statutory holiday the Daily News will not be published, thus enabling the staff to celebrate the official New Year's Day.

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