

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

George Christie, of Calgary, was a guest of the Rotary Club yesterday.

Mrs. T. Lawes and Mrs. Bertha Kirkpatrick spent several days in Calgary this week.

The curling draw on Wednesday evening of next week will be called off owing to the Moccasin dance.

The Banff Dance Orchestra will hold a dance in Victoria Hall, Wednesday, January 16. Dancing starts at 9 p.m. Gents \$1.00; Ladies 50 cents.

The City Schools re-opened on Monday with a full attendance. E. Martin, of Nanaimo, is principal in charge of the Public School.

The Trites-Wood curling rink, skippered by E. K. Stewart, was defeated on Sunday last by a Crow's Nest Trading Co. rink, skippered by Thomas Prentice. The score was 15 to 9.

The following pupils led Division 2 in the Central School Class Leaders for the month of December: Jean Liphardt, Harry Harrison, Edna Cartledge, Hilda Taylor, Mary Campbell.

The regular monthly tea of the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church will be given by Mrs. Ira Brown and Mrs. Geo. Schupe in the basement of the church on Wednesday, January 16th, at 3.30 p.m.

Don't forget the Fancy Dress Carnival and Moccasin Dance in the Skating Rink on Wednesday of next week. Be sure and turn out and help to make it a success.

There will be a meeting of the Fernie Farmers' Institute in the City Hall at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, January 16. Election of officers and report on district convention by Mr. Bricker.

A meeting of the St. John's Ambulance Association will be held at the Government Mine Rescue Station on Sunday afternoon, January 13, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing first aid classes. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Ignatius Jack, a mighty brave of Flagstone, brought in a female mountain lion and three cubs this week. He killed them on the Lodge Pole and brought the whole family in to Fernie to collect his bounty.

At a meeting of the Curling Club held on Wednesday evening it was decided to allow the ladies to use one sheet of ice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

E. Pia, who recently purchased the butcher business of Wm. Barraclough, on Howland Ave., closed up his shop one day during the past week and left for pastures green, leaving quite a number of sorrowing creditors.

At the annual business meeting of the Olivet Baptist Church, Fernie, held on Thursday, January 10, Pastor Rev. H. P. Humphreys presiding, the following officials were elected for the coming year: Deacons, Messrs. Easton, McLean, Verkerk and E. Groat, Coal Creek; Clerk: Miss Westby; Treas.: Mr. H. D. Wilson; Supt. of Sunday School: Rev. H. P. Humphreys. Seventeen new members have been added to the church this last year and each department closed with a balance in hand.

The Public School Children voted today on the five High School candidates in the competition for Carnival Queen, for the big Moccasin Dance to be held at the Skating Rink on Wednesday evening next. Miss Dorothy Corrie was elected.

Commencing January 22nd, the first of a series of whist drives and dances under the auspices of the G.W.V.A. and the Women's Auxiliary, will be held in the Vets Assembly rooms. Cards from 7 p.m. Dancing from 9.30 p.m. Each member is entitled to bring a friend.

The next Social Evening to be given by Mount Fernie Lodge No. 47, will be held on Monday evening, January 21st, when Bro. J. T. Puckey will give a paper on "Mine Rescue." The program will include many vocal and musical numbers and will be followed by refreshments and dancing. All Oddfellows and Rebekahs are cordially invited.

The recent cold snap drove all the cars to cover with the exception of W. R. Wilson's, which was out as usual. The official reading of the government thermometer showed the mercury dropped to 37 below on Jan. 1st, but other thermometers registered as low as 44 below, and, as the Spokesman Review put it, "one man's thermometer is as good as another's and a damn site better."

The 150 All Sports Gym will be the scene of a big night's sport on Tuesday, January 15, when Paul Paulson, of Warner, Alta., and Billy Chisholm, of Fernie, will meet in a wrestling bout. Leo Stokes will give exhibitions, boxing Geo. Larner and Jimmy White, while there will be five other items on the program, which will keep things lively for the entire evening.

Billy Duncan, Leon Ruschall and Jim Reynolds are leaving in the morning for Bozeman, Montana, where they will spend a week in attendance at the Boys' Conference in Vocational Guidance for the Northwestern States. They are going in response to an invitation extended to the local High School by the State authorities to represent Canada at the conference. More than a thousand boys of High School age will be in attendance.

True to Scottish traditions, Mr. Alan Graham threw open his home to a large number of friends on New Year's Eve. It was a good old-fashioned gathering where good old-fashioned cheer was dispensed with lavish hand. The company saw the old year out and the new year in much in the manner of the Grahams of other days when Hogmanay was not the least among annual festivals. Patey's orchestra furnished the music to which the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Graham danced as the dying year was being counted into the tale of past centuries.—Cranbrook Courier.

The liquidators of the Home Bank entered suit against Herbert J. Daly, president of the institution, and Phoebe J. Daly for a declaration that the transfer of property on Warren Road, Toronto, and in Nassau by Daly to his wife in April was null and void against the plaintiff and other creditors. An order for the sale of the property is asked, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of Daly's creditors. The foregoing is an extract from the Toronto Telegram, of Jan. 7th, and was one of the suggestions of Mayor

Henderson during his trip as delegate of the local depositors and is now apparently being acted upon.

The City's share from the Provincial Government Liquor Control fund this year amounted to \$5089.52, less the cost of two convictions—some \$1176.75. The cost of convictions apparently varies quite a lot. In Nelson three cases cost some nine hundred dollars, or three hundred dollars each. In Cranbrook and Fernie they run as high as six hundred dollars each. Of course the difference must be in the freight and Premier Oliver has worked so hard for a reduction in freight rates.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Fernie Free Press, Fernie, B.C.

Dear Sir—May I have a space in your valuable paper to mention two things which added greatly to the Christmas spirit in Fernie, namely, the carol singing by the Musical Club and the pictures of the Christ Child's Nativity, donated by Mr. Hawthorne.

It would be pleasant to know that the Old-Country custom of carol singing was to become an annual event in our western city.

The large Christmas posters herald the new era of bill-board advertisements which does not sacrifice beauty to advertising and gives its space towards keeping the Yuletide.

Thanking you, I am, yours very truly,

A Booster for a "Fernie Beautiful."

COMMUNICATION

Fernie, B.C., Jan. 9, 1924.

An open letter to the Right Honourable Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, Ottawa.

Dear Sir—I am a World War Veteran who served 2 years in France and Belgium, was in the army for 3 years until the armistice ended the war. I volunteered at 57 years of age, believing then, as I do now, that a country worth living in was a country worth fighting for when fighting is necessary. I was never sick or wounded and have no pension. The Gratuity I got went, along with my other savings, in the Home Bank of Canada failure.

Now, Sir, having done my best for this country as a miner, as a soldier and as a desirable inhabitant, I appeal to you for help in my time of need, also for others who have been quite as useful in other spheres of usefulness and perhaps even more unfortunate than myself, the crippled mineworkers, the aged of both sexes, and the widows and their dependents. All these have been practically beggared by the Home Bank failure.

I appeal to you to act promptly in this matter. Governments are elected to defend those who defend the country in her extremity, any Government refusing to do this would disgrace itself before the world at large and what the soldiers did overseas was made possible by the thrifty workers at home.

I can assure you that Government failure to relieve the depositors will open up the whole banking system of Canada with the one sole object in view of abolishing the Chartered Banks as speedily as possible on the grounds that they are against the public welfare and a danger to the State.

I remain, yours sincerely,
Robert Draper.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Free Press:

Dear Sir—I am glad to see that you are keeping your paper open for discussion on the Doctors' Question and also to see that Mr. Draper is still discussing it, as we know from past experience that he is a man that knows what he is talking about and also likes to see fair play.

As most people know, President Sherman has been in and has actually agreed with the men that they are forcing this thing upon us, although he has had the same kind of business to contend with in Edmonton. Of course, I partly knew before he came which side he was taking but I wanted to see how he would reconcile his action at Edmonton with his action here. He says he is sorry that this division has taken place at such a critical time, but to me it looks like a thing done on purpose to railroad it through at this time, as it could just as easily have been done a year ago as now. Doctors Garner and Asselstine have been working for us for over a year now without signing a new contract and they have proved themselves honorable gentlemen in dealing with the miners and their families.

President Sherman also says that he noticed it is the same men that they have trouble with always, if they try to make any improvements to better the conditions of the workers, but the majority of us fail to see what improvements the change in the Doctors and Hospital would be.

And again I must now tell the Medical Committee and Executive that we are living in the 20th Century and in Canada, and not in Russia. It seems they forget this when they stop money due to men that are off work

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at B North. Money that was collected from all the miners, two per cent. off their wages, and in the first place there was no conditions, but afterwards they formed a committee to put the screws to four of those men to make them sign over to the imported doctors, and some of those men with their families are destitute. I wonder how the executive and committee felt at Christmas time when they sat down to sumptuous meals, as no doubt they were able to, and were depriving their fellow men the bare necessities of life. It is one of the most cruel things we have had around to deal with and I think the miners should take this matter up and as they haven't had a chance of a referendum vote, they should get shoulder to shoulder, as union is strength, and go and sign for the Doctors they want. This question looked crooked from the start, when according to the advertisements in all the newspapers, all tenders were to be in by the 15th of October and when Doctors Garner and Asselstine sent in an application on the 13th, they were told by one of the Executive that they were too late. And now they say they didn't get an application from those doctors at all. (They must have poor memories). They say this is finished as far as the local is concerned so I think some one should refer it to the International to see if they can take away the men's civic rights from them and let the miners get this question settled.

I remain, yours respectfully,
A Miner's Wife.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of Bertha, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reuter, who died, January 9th, 1920:

Four years have passed, our hearts still sore;

As time goes on we miss her more. One of the dearest, one of the best; We miss her most, who loved her best.

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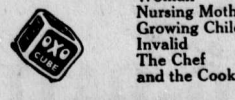
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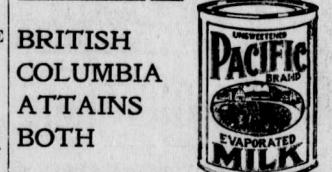


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