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HELD ANNUAL MEETING

At the Hospital, on Thursday evening, the patrons of the institution, to the number of seventy, held their annual meeting, with R. S. Sargent in the chair. With many eulogistic remarks concerning the management, the report for the year was adopted. After a demonstration of the new X-ray apparatus, and the re-election of R. S. Sargent as a member of the advisory board, the meeting adjourned to take advantage of the hospitality of the staff, which included an excellent concert program in which the following participated:- Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. Burrington, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Hamblin, Miss Freeman, Miss Hogan, Mr Phillips and Mr. Forster.

The League Race

At Smithers, on Wednesday night, New Hazelton won a league fixture from the home team by 2-0. Warner scored the first goal for the winners in the first minute's play, McDonell netting the other one in the second period. Smithers tried out several new men, and the game was closely contested, heavy checking being very prominent throughout. The local team go to New Hazelton tonight, for what promises to be the crucial game of the season. If the latter should win, it would give them a good fighting chance for the cup, while the local players can practically cinch the title by bringing home a victory. Supporters of both teams are confident of success, and a record crowd will go over for the game.

Following is the league standing to date:

	Won	Lost
Hazelton	4	0
New Hazelton	2	2
Smithers	0	4

Game tonight — Hazelton at New Hazelton.

Feb. 4, Smithers at Hazelton.

Intermediate Hockey

In a game that was very interesting for the spectators, the Hazelton and New Hazelton intermediate hockey teams battled for supremacy on the local rink last Monday night. The Hazelton team proved to be too strong for the visitors, the final tally reading 6-3. Arrangement are being made for a return game at an early date. Following are the teams: Hazelton — Rock, Welch, Fuller, Hall, McKay, O'Brien. New Hazelton — McDonald, Ruddy, Wilson, Lofquist, Brewer, McDougall. Referee, Hume; Judge of play, Al. Harris.

Death of F. Heal

The many friends in the district of Mr. Fred Heal—who had extensive interests in the Bulkley Valley—will be sorry to hear of his death last Sunday at Salisbury Plains, of pneumonia. Mr. Heal was with the first Canadian contingent.

GERMAN NAVAL LOSSES SEVERE

GERMAN NAVY RECEIVES SERIOUS SETBACK IN SUNDAY'S BATTLE

London, Jan. 30:—A despatch from Petrograd dealing with the battle in Eastern Prussia, says the Russians occupied Pillkallen after one day's shelling. The garrison suffered heavily before retiring. Of a population of 6,000, only 300 women and children and aged persons remained. The Germans have strong defences from the north of the Mazurian lakes region to Insterburg, and along the Augerapp river, but they are comparatively weak farther northward to Tilsit.

A despatch to the Morning Post from Petrograd says the Russians are steadily closing in on Insterburg (East Prussia) from the north, east and southeast. Tilsit is virtually surrounded and the Russians there are in a position to threaten the left wing of the German's defending line of Pillkallen-Lasdehnen. In the Carpathians, matters are going entirely in favor of the Russians. An official government messenger reports serious disturbances in Hungary's army owing to a scarcity of provisions. Conditions in the Carpathians are such that both sides are entrenching themselves in the snow, as it is impossible to dig into the earth.

Austria has sent on this desperate move all that remains of her army except the forces on the Servian frontier, on the Nida river (southern Russian Poland) and in Bukowina. It now may be seen clearly how valuable was the rapid Russian movement through Bukowina, since it gave the Austrians no time to rest and recruit their armies. This fresh Austrian advance was prepared hastily and before the forces were ready, and could not have been made at all but for the assistance of the German troops. Nevertheless, it is viewed quite seriously.

In Holland, from a German source—the reliability of whose information has been proved time after time during the war—comes word that in a naval battle on Sunday, beside the loss of the Bluecher, three other German ships were badly damaged. The largest of the German cruisers, the Derflinger, suffered grave injury from fire, and is now being overhauled in Hamburg. The Seydlitz and Moltke, which both lie in Cuxhaven, are also in a seriously damaged condition. More than two hundred wounded bluejackets have passed through Hamburg. The Bluecher was one of the vessels transferred from Kiel to Wilhelmshaven not long before the battle.

STORY OF THE GREAT WAR TOLD DAY BY DAY

London, Jan. 25:—An attempt by a German squadron to repeat the attack recently made on Scarborough, the Hartlepools and other British coast towns, was frustrated today by the British patrolling squadron, and in a running fight, the German armored cruiser Bleucher was sunk and two German battle cruisers were seriously damaged.

British ships suffered only slight injury. So far as is known only 123 of the Bleucher's crew of 885 were saved. A battle also occurred between the light cruisers and destroyers accompanying the bigger ships, but the result of this engagement has not yet reached the Admiralty.

The British were superior in ships engaged, weight of armaments and speed, and the flight of the German ships into a mine and submarine infested field possibly saved them from further losses. The Bleucher was a cruiser of 15,550 tons' displacement, and although commissioned in 1908, was completely re-rigged last year. She was not classed as a battle cruiser, but was in the next class to those formidable fighters.

With her were the Derflinger, Germany's latest battle cruiser, which had just left the builder's hands, and the battle cruisers Seydlitz and Moltke, the latter a sister ship to the Goeben, formerly of the German but now of the Turkish fleet, which was recently reported damaged by the Russians in the Black Sea.

The British squadron was commanded by Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, who was also in command at the battle off Heligoland last August, and consisted of the battle cruisers Tiger, Lion, Princess Royal, New Zealand and Indomitable. The first three of these cruisers mount 13.5 inch guns, which are equal to those of the Derflinger, the only one of the German ships that had better that 11 inch guns.

London, Jan. 25:---A Petrograd despatch to the Times asserts that the Russians have sunk near Sinope, Asia Minor, the steamer Georgios, on board of which were sixteen aeroplanes, comprising the entire Turkish aerial fleet.

Berlin:---An official report of the naval fight in the North Sea, admits the loss of two battle cruisers. Pending further information from the Admiralty, it is not known whether the second loss was caused by gun fire or submarines.

Cairo:---Attempts were made to assassinate Field-Marshal Von der Goltz at Constantinople. The field-marshal, with several officers, was fired upon and reported hit. Strained relations between Turkish and German officers resulted in the death of a Turkish captain and the wounding of a German colonel in a cafe disturbance in Damascus.

London, Jan. 26:—A despatch to the Daily Mail, from Venice says it is reported there that an Austrian cruiser has struck a mine near the Brioni Islands and sunk. Brioni Islands are at the mouth of the harbor of Pola, Austria's naval base and arsenal on the Adriatic.

Paris, Jan. 25:—Official communication issued to-night, there is nothing to report.

London, Jan. 26:—It was officially announced at the Admiralty today that the British armored vessel Viknor, had been lost off Ireland with all hands. The vessel, it was stated, either struck a mine or was foundered.

A Petrograd despatch says, "It is believed in Petrograd that the German troops which have been moving through Hungary are intended to oppose the Russian advance in the southern Carpathians, and the announcement that they were to move against Servia was incorrect. It is not believed possible that the Germans could prepare an army strong enough to move against Servia until Spring.

Paris:---By order of the Kaiser Thann has to be taken at any cost, and Wilhelm II has sent his second son, Eitel Freiderich, to see that it is done. That probably accounts for the extremely hard fighting which has taken place. First came the German advance from Uffholz and Steinbach and the advance on Harmann-Weiler, possession of which would enable them to approach Thann from the rear. The French hold the crest and a portion of the wooded sides of this hill and are fighting hand-to-hand battles for the rest. The Germans have been elaborately preparing, but the French effort to dislodge them from the sides of the mountain is progressing.

London, Jan. 27:---Official---All of the British ships and destroyers engaged in Sunday's action returned safely. The Lion, which was struck by two shells below the water line, and had her fore comparments flooded, was towed in by the Indomitable. The destroyer Meteor, which was disabled, was towed in by the destroyer Liberty, both under a strong escort of destroyers. These ships can speedily be repaired. Sunday's casualties were: Lion, 17 wounded; Tiger, 1 officer and nine men killed, three officers and eight men wounded; Meteor, four men killed and one wounded. Two hundred additional survivors of the Bluecher have been landed by British warships.

The Scotsman today publishes the narrative of a German bluejacket, one of the survivors of the German cruiser Bluecher, who once lived in the United States. This bluejacket said the German fleet was advancing at full speed to attack the English coast, when British warships were sighted. Thereupon the Germans turned and made for port. The Bluecher, which was comparatively slow, made desperate efforts to keep up her

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LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Rev. C. E. Batzold is here from Smithers.

W. J. Carr left for Smithers on Wednesday night.

Otto Strom came in from Groundhog Monday.

R. G. Moseley, is in Prince Rupert on a business trip.

Chief of Police Minty returned from Fort Fraser on Thursday's train.

Sam Hyslop is in town on his way to Rupert from Prince George.

Miss Freeman, of Prince Rupert is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hamblin.

Mrs. J. Coyle, of Aldermere, arrived on Wednesday's train from the coast.

Dr. McLean, of Smithers, spent the first part of the week at the local hospital.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cline, at the Hazelton Hospital, on Jan. 25, a daughter.

Two Endako blind-piggers have received sentences of six months and one year respectively.

J. Hume went to Smithers on Wednesday to handle the Smithers-New Hazelton hockey game.

A. E. Oakley, who has been surveying bridge sites on the Bulkley, left for the coast Thursday.

Frank Jackson, who arrived from Groundhog yesterday, is at the Hospital, suffering from an injured foot.

Mrs. Glassey, who has been spending a few weeks in town, returned to the ranch at Kispiox on Thursday.

Mrs. Jas. McKay, who underwent an operation at the Hospital on Tuesday, is reported to be progressing favorably.

Several skating parties have taken advantage of the splendid ice on the river between town and Kispiox canyon this week.

R. E. Allen and H. C. Kinghorn of the forestry department returned on Thursday from a cruising trip to the Kispiox Valley.

An old man named Cambridge or Chambers, who claims to be a veteran of the Civil War, and who is without means, has been taken in charge by the police and will be sent to the American Consul at Prince Rupert.

Notice

Under the auspices of the W. A. and in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund, the ladies of Hazelton will hold a sale of home cookery and baking every Friday in the old schoolhouse, opposite Hudson's Bay store. The first sale will be held next Friday, Feb. 5, from eleven to six. The ladies wish it emphasized that reasonable prices will prevail, the goods being sold at a slight advance over the cost of materials.

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The speech of the Lieutenent-Governor at the opening of the Session of the Legislative Assembly was chiefly confined to a review of existing conditions. The reference to the war was appropriate, and the spirit of His Honor's remarks was worthy of the unusual circumstances which called them out.

The review of industrial conditions discloses the fact that in agriculture and fisheries we are making steady and highly satisfactory progress; the value of the mining output for 1914 was very well sustained, notwithstanding the drop in the price of metals. Owing to the fluctuations constantly occurring in the price of metals except gold, the value of the yield in any year is not always indicative of the output or the amount of labor employed. There was, last year, a decrease in the amount of production, in great part attributable to the effect of the coal strike.

The condition of the timber industry has given a great deal of concern to all persons who have been watchful of business conditions in the Province, chiefly because of the very great reduction in the export trade. It is, therefore, very gratifying to learn that efforts are being put forward which, it is hoped, will revive this trade. Prosperity for the timber industry means very much for every line of business, and especially does it afford employment for large numbers of men, who otherwise might find it difficult to get regular work. If the Government can promote the expansion of this trade, it will do excellent service for the Province.

It is gratifying to learn that although the Government does not feel it ought, under existing conditions, to proceed with the erection of the University buildings at the present time, it is hoped that by Autumn arrangements will have been completed so that the lecture courses may be begun. While buildings of a high class and appropriate grounds are invaluable, nevertheless, the chief thing in connection with a university is the instruction imparted, and there is to be no delay on this score, although the buildings must wait upon better times. We think the public will approve of the line of action in this matter, which the Government has decided to adopt.

The nature of the legislation arising out of the reports of the commissions on agriculture and labor will be awaited with interest. These are matters that call for a great deal of consideration, and if the Government shall deem it wise to delay pressing its bills on these subjects through the House until they have been before the public a year, as was the case of the municipal bill, it would not find it difficult to justify such a course. We say this without being at all advised of the line the Government will follow in this regard.—Colonist.

In a lengthy article by Sir Richard McBride in the Monetary Times Annual, just issued, the Premier writes as follows regarding railway construction in the province:

"One of the most significant things in connection with the present situation in British Columbia is the fact that the immense program of railway construction is being carried on practically without any let-up. There are five large railway corporations that are and have been carrying on extensively and whose operations in construction, when complete as at present outlined, will have added about 4,500 mileage of track in ten years. The Grand Trunk Pacific is now practically completed now nearly all this new mileage will be in operation, and I can scarcely realize what it will mean through British Columbia and is running trains. The Canadian Pacific has been spending large sums in new lines, double-tracking and tunneling. The lines for whose construction the Provincial Government policy is responsible are the Canadian Northern Pacific, the Pacific Great Eastern, to connect up the Coast with the Peace River district, and the Kettle Valley Railway. There is, of course, too, the Great Northern Railway, which is pushing through to Vancouver through the Southern Interior by way of Hope, and will, for several distances, at least, utilize existing lines. In twelve months from in the way of development when these new avenues of communication and the areas tributary to them are opened to British Columbia and to Canada. From a financial point of view, it was most fortunate that the money necessary for these railways was obtained before the present situation developed, or otherwise, with the inevitable readjustment of finances in Europe after the war began, it would have been years before it would have been available for investment in British Columbia, as the people who have financed this railway construction are now substantially interested in the Province and will continue to do their utmost to further the success of the railways and the country through which they run."

Ottawa, Jan. 29:—The nature of the war tax proposals to be introduced at the approaching session of parliament, will not be known until Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, delivers his budget speech.

It is practically certain that there will be a number of tariff changes designed to increase the customs revenues, which have fallen away $25,000,000 for the first nine months of the fiscal year. Stamp taxes on business paper and luxuries have been frequently hinted at, but Mr White declines to say whether or not this form of taxation will be resorted to. It is generally believed, however, that bank cheques, business receipts and other commercial paper will be subject to a war tax. The tariff changes are likely to include a duty on citrus fruits which are not grown in Canada and at present on the free list.

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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News Notes from Many Sources

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The Winnipeg city council has registered itself as being opposed to holding the annual exhibition this year.

Thirty-eight ships have been detained since the beginning of the war by France or Great Britain while carrying American goods.

The citizens of Prince George have decided to incorporate as a city and to that end have sent a delegation to Victoria to make the preliminary arrangements.

The Government has located internment camps in Ontario which will be cleared for experimental farm purposes, the alien prisoner being paid 25 cents a day.

A contract has been let by the Dominion Government for 150 motor trucks for use with the Canadian troops. The contract price per truck is said to be $2,550.

Japan has demanded the sum of $91,000 from China as indemnity for damages sustained by Japanese in the first Chinese revolution which occurred in 1911.

S. F. Tolmie, of Victoria, will have charge of the organization for British Columbia of the forthcoming series of agricultural conferences arranged for by Hon. Martin Burrell.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, who died in France last November, left an estate of $385,000. This amount is exclusive of the property previously settled on his family by Lord Roberts.

General Roque Gonzales Garza has been elected provisional President of Mexico by a convention in Mexico City over which he presided. The former President, General Gutierres has left Mexico City.

An earthquake, which rocked buildings and put people in a panic, has been reported from Summerville Ore. The tremor was felt over an area of some forty miles, according to reports. There was no damage.

Canadian Northern Pacific tracks were connected last Saturday, when the tracklayers from the east and west met at Basque, a point on the Thompson river, 188 miles east of Port Mann and 50 miles west of Kamloops.

The C. P. R. pavilion at the Panama-Pacific Exposition has been completed and turned over to the company by the contractors, and the exhibits are now being installed. The British Columbia Government will display samples of fruit and agricultural products as well as timber and mining samples in the building, among the objects of special interest being a working model of the Bassano damn.

Orders for ties, structural materials and a general assortment of lumber aggregating 10,000,000 feet, to be exported to the United Kingdom between March 1 and June 30, have been placed with a big lumber company in Portland, Ore.

The existence of a so-called forgers' trust, with extensive ramifications and many agents throughout the United States, has been announced by a private detective agency, employed by the American Bankers' Association.

The war has not affected the stamp issue in Canada. Instead of decreasing it has grown, a fact which is doubtless due in part to so many Canadians being in the old country and the heavy correspondence taking place between them.

The Icebreaker Canada, sent by the Canadian Government for the purpose of keeping open as late as possible the port of Archangel, has been disabled. Sixteen steamers have already been frozen in, and the prospects of releasing them are poor.

In view of the abnormal price of wheat, the Indian Government has decided to restrict exports to 100,000 tons of wheat, including flour, from Dec. 1 to March 31, 1915. The exports will be confined to British possessions, in which a strong demand for the cereal exists.

The Washington State Legislature has put through both houses a special resolution declaring against holding a special election in 1915, on the liquor or any other question, which means that Washington will go "dry" in January, 1916, under the initiative bill passed last November by the voters.

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THE MINER WAR BULLETINS

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maximum speed, but the British overhauled and opened fire upon her at a range of about ten miles.

"We were under fire from first to last," the blue-jacket continued, "when the British centered their fire on us. Their fire was awful. Our guns were put out of action, our decks were swept, and every gun crew was wiped out. One shell burst in the heart of the ship, where many men who had collected were killed. I saw five killed with one shell next to me. I do not know what finished the Bluecher, as she was full of holes, but I heard she struck a torpedo. If so, we can thank the torpedo for saving hundreds of lives from the murderous gunfire.

"When the ship was sinking, I jumped clear of her into terribly cold water, which was full of dead men and men with shattered limbs who were calling for assistance. After being rescued by the British, we were warmed, fed and clothed."

The sailor is credited with saying that during the raid on Scarborough, the men believed they were taking part in a great naval action which was extending all over the North Sea.

The Scotsman, which is published in Edinburgh, also prints other accounts of the battle as gathered from men engaged in it. They describe it as one of the greatest struggles in naval history, and thrilling in every respect. From the position of the German fleet, when it was first encountered, these men assume that it was virtually certain that its objective was Newcastle. The strength of the raiding squadron was quickly ascertained, and as the entire raiding force sheered off immed iately after it was discovered, the chase was a long one before the guns began their work.

For forty minutes the two fleets raced along over the shortest route for Heligoland before the guns did any real damage. Then the Lion, which was leading overhauled the slow Bleucher and in passing, gave her a broadside, causing frightful damage. The Lion did not wait, however, but continued in pursuit of the fleeing Derflinger, Seydlitz and Moltke.

The Tiger, which came next, also poured a broadside into the Bluecher, as did also the Princess Royal, both of which were speeding on to join in the chase of the others. It was already evident at this time, according to the newspaper's informants, that the Bluecher, abandoned by her swifter consorts, was a doomed ship.

London, Jan. 28:—In leading financial circles here, the prediction is being made that the war will end much sooner than commonly believed, owing to Germany's inability to support the financial strain. Next May is mentioned as the probable date of the German collapse.

An agreement was signed in London yesterday, for a loan of £5,000,000 to Roumania.

London, Jan. 28:-Official statement:-The German cruiser Kolberg is reported to have been sunk in Sunday's battle, in the North Sea. The Kolberg was a third class cruiser of 4,252 tons, and a sister ship to the Mainz, which was sunk by Vice Admiral Beatty's fleet, in the battle off Heligoland Bight. She carried a crew of 379, had a speed of 25.5 knots and carried twelve 4-inch and four 2-inch guns. She was built at Danzic in 1910.

London:—An account of the naval battle, printed in the Daily Mail today, says, "At the close of the action, the Derflinger disappeared from view, with her funnel shot away and blazing from stem to stern. The Moltke was in no better plight and the Seydlitz was awash astern. According to a German prisoner, aircraft mistook the sinking Bluecher for a British ship and dropped bombs on her, hastening her end.

Harwich:—The report was current here tonight that another success had been attained, owing to the vigilance of the patrol ships in the North Sea. The story is that two destroyers, when near the German coast on Sunday, sighted the periscope of a submarine. It was apparently the intention of the latter to attack one of the British ships, and accordingly the commander of the other destroyer boldly charged the submarine. The members of the crew of the destroyer believe that the submarine was rammed as they state that oil was afterwards seen on the surface of the sea.

Paris, Jan. 29:—After having concentrated large forces between La Bassee and Festhubert, says a Havas agency despatch, from St. Omar, on Jan. 25 the Germans attempted to break through the Allies' lines in an effort to capture Bethune. The attack commenced early in the morning, the infantry being supported by artillery and armored trains.

Five attempts were made, but they were all unsuccessful. The Germans even went as far as the church in Givenchy-les-LaBassee. Fierce bayonet fights were incident to the battle, and the carnage was great. Vermilles, Givenchy and Junchy were covered with the bodies of Germans. According to a prisoner, this attack was planned several days before, Emperor William himself going to LaBassee to study the disposition of his troops.

Petrograd:—The Turks who, since the reverses they sustained a month ago, at Sari Kamysh and Ardahan, have been more or less inactive, are again taking the offensive at three widely separated points, namely in the Tehoruk district, Olti and Khor. Military observers claim to see in this activity, an elaboration of the German program of stronger offensive throughout the Carpathian front.

Petrograd: — Evidently the opening stage of the new campaign, which has been forced on German staff by the Hungarian crisis, will be a great battle north of the Carpathians. They have spread very large forces across an eighty-mile front, covering the outlet from the passes east of Dukla. They have developed some advance during the last three days, but this causes no anxiety. It is a process which the Russians have induced them to go through twice lately, when they were defeated in the same region.

The best results have always been won hitherto in the Carpathians by drawing the Austro-German forces forward from dense woods into the open country sloping toward Galicia. This battle must greatly influence the entire southern campaign as far as Servia and Transylvania. It is an infinitely more serious matter than the constant collisions in the center of Poland which, for the time being, is the least important factor in all the Russian battle line.

The initial stage of the battle has already brought the Russians valuable success. The Austrians who had gathered a strong force near the outlet of the Casliska pass, were certainly subjected to a Russian counter-attack and suffered heavy losses. The fighting begins to reveal the fatal defects that beat them in the early period of the Galician campaign. They enter battle with good discipline and up to a certain point fight stubbornly, but when the battle is prolonged into the third or fourth day, an entire division suddenly throws up the sponge and the idea of surrender becomes an infection.

BIG GOLD STRIKE NEAR NOME, ALASKA

Nome, Alaska, Jan. 28:—Edward (Nugget) Johnson, a miner well known in the Nome district, has struck gold on a Tundra Lake claim near Moroville, half way between Nome and Little Creek, about 2 miles from Nome. Johnson is working the ground under lease from a large mining company. The strike was kept secret for about two weeks, and the news has just become known.

Johnson drifted under the frozen lake and found a body of pay gravel four feet deep, carrying an average of forty cents a pan. Drifting has been done for a considerable distance. The pay continues to hold as far as the ground has been drifted, and Johnson says he has at least $100,000 already blocked out. Many miners think this is a continuation of the Walrus, on Little Creek, which produced millions a few years ago. Numerous mining outfits are now prospecting in the vicinity of the strike and mining activities have received a great impetus.

A number of local people took in the merchants' dance at New Hazelton last night and spent a very enjoyable evening.

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