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Halibut fishing getting better as 480,000 pounds landed

Five boats sell on fish exchange

Halibut landings, slow at the start of the season May 1, are showing signs of picking up as one American and four Canadian boats sold a total of 162,000 pounds on the Prince Rupert Fish Exchange this morning.

Down at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association plant at Fairview 12 Co-Op boats landed a total of 318,000 pounds of halibut.

An American vessel the Eureka, which brought in 19,000 pounds was paid the highest price yet this season for medium halibut at 19.2 cents, while receiving 19.1 for large and 11 cents for chicken halibut. She sold to B.C. Packers Ltd.

Large halibut appeared to fetch the highest prices among Canadian vessels with the Oslo, which brought in 34,000 pounds collecting 21.5 cents for large from Babcock Fisheries. She received 17.7 cents for medium and 13 for chciks.

Other Canadian boats selling on the exchange this morning with prices for medium, large and chicken in that order are as follows:

W-8, 65,000 pounds, sold to Atlin Fisheries for 18.1; 18.1 and 13.

Nornen, 22,000, sold to Babcock Fisheries, for 17.7, 21 and 13.

Atlin, 22,000 sold to B.C. Packers Ltd., for 17.7, 19; 13.

Co-Op landings were as follows: Cape Spencer 18,000 pounds; Viking 37,000; Advance 24,000; Lois N 43,000; Tramp 18,000; Primrose 4,000; Strathen 15,000; Gony 28,000; Neptune 24,000; Dovre B 52,000; Fredelia 28,000; Gustav 27,00.

Meanwhile from Vancouver, the other principal halibut port on the British Columbia coast, Canadian Press reported Saturday that fish were not as readily available as last year.

"The fishing's not so good this year," said skipper Hans Tobiasen, who brought in about 17,000 pounds in his 43-foot Aleutian after six days on the fishing grounds.

The season has just begun and while catches may be light there was no doubt that the quota would be taken and industry spokesmen said there is no cause for alarm.

The quota, set by the International Halibut Commission and maintained as a conservation measure, is 56,500,000 pounds in the two main halibut areas this year, the same as a year ago.

Last year's total take, including fish from areas where no quotas exists, was 65,000,000 ponds, of which B.C. fishermen took 29,000,000 pounds, nearly 4,000,000 pounds more than the previous best year of 1954.

The 1958 take was worth more than $6,000,000 to halibut fishermen from B.C. ports.

Friday, two small craft arrived in Vancouver carrying a total of 37,000 pounds, which sold at auction to packing companies and wholesalers at just under 20 cents a pound about one-half cent a pound lower than initial prices last season.

Prices usually climb about three cents a pound as the season progresses.

The vanguard of the halibut fleet will be out another three or four days before checking in to Vancouver for the first time.

Vancouver spokesman for B.C. Packing Company and Canadian Fish Company, two leading buyers, said another week will give a better indication of the size of the halibut run. The season opened a few days earlier this year than last, water was reported colder than a year ago and weather poor, all matters to be taken into account in the catch.

More than 600 regular halibut fishing craft are out this season —about 400 from United States ports and 200 from Canadian centres. Another 500 Canadian and 150 U.S. small craft, with one or two men aboard, also take part, working from shore camps and accounting for about 15 per cent of the catch.

Area 3B catch twice that of April, '58

SEATTLE (AP)—Halibut catches by United States and Canadian boats in the Bering Sea amounted to between 2,250,000 and 2,500,000 pounds in April, the International Pacific Halibut Commission reported Saturday.

This is about twice the April 1958 catch and more than the entire take of the 1957 season.

The Bering Sea fishery has been watched with interest because the principal halibut grounds there were discovered by the commission only three years ago.

Seventeen Canadian boats and 23 or 24 U.S. boats have been fishing in the area west of the Shumagin Islands, designated Area 3B by the commission. This includes both Bering Sea and waters south of the Alaska peninsula. Fishing began April 1 in area 3B.

About 800,000 pounds of halibut were caught south of the peninsula in April.

With other areas opened to fishing May 1, most of the boats which operated in area 3B, are reported to have moved farther east.

The annual meeting of the Museum of Northern British Columbia board of directors will be held Wednesday, May 13 at 8 p.m. in the museum office.

THREE WINNERS of the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited "Forest Products Safety Week" essay contest and treasure hunt are shown above with their prizes. From left to right is Robert Armstrong, Lynne Ewart and John Rosedale.
—Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

Debt-end party August 1

KELOWNA (CP) — Tentative plans for a razzle-dazzle celebration to mark the end of British Columbia's net debt have been announced by Premier Bennett and Mayor R. F. Parkinson of Kelowna.

The climax of a day of celebrations in Kelowna August 1 will be a bonfire in the middle of Lake Okanagan. A stack of logs, topped by an out-size replica of a mortgage document, will be floated onto the lake and set afire.

Mr. Bennett said the costs of the celebration will be borne by sponsors, advertisers and the Social Credit League of B.C.

The bonfire will be timed between 9 and 10 p.m. to coincide "exactly to the minute" with the time seven years earlier when the Bennett government was sworn into office for the first time in B.C.

The day will also see a seven-tiered cake, parades, picnics, a giant barbecue, fireworks and street dancing.

Premier Bennett has made it one of his chief working principles to free the province of net debt. He maintains this will be accomplished by August 1.

Opposition party spokesmen counter that elimination of net debt figures has been made from juggling of accounts, and that the province is deeper in debt than ever through guaranteed loans by provincial agencies.

Safety Week winners given prizes at mill

Robert Armstrong, Grade 11 student at Annunciation school and Lynne Ewart, Grade 5 pupil at King Edward Elementary school Friday were presented with their prizes for winning the Columbia Cellulose Ltd., "Forest Products Safety Week" essay contest.

At a dinner held in the cafeteria at Columbia Cellulose for the 32 finalists, CCC safety director M. E. Thompson presented Robert with a record player and Lynne with a transistor radio.

Lynne's winning essay on "Why I Like My Father to Work Safely" was chosen from 16 other essays from elementary schools in the city.

Robert's essay on "What can Be Done to Eliminate Traffic Accidents in the Prince Rupert area" was judged the best of 11 Booth Memorial High school and four Annunciation student's work.

The senior essay by Robert was chosen by the RCMP and City of Prince Rupert traffic committee while the junior essay was judged by three members of Columbia Cellulose management.

After a tour around the Watson Island Mill, the 32 students were treated to a dinner and each given a pair of theatre tickets.

Other guests and committee members were Ian H. Currie vice-president of King Edward School, J. L. Miners, chairman of the Forest Products Safety Week committee, Robert Kelsey, William Smith, and Stuart Rutledge, Columbia Cellulose assistant accountant.

John Rosedale, winner of the safety week treasure hunt, was also presented with a $50 cheque.

The "treasure", a special safety tag from the mill, was found May 1 by the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosedale, 147 Fourth Avenue East.

Meanwhile the safety flag is still flying out at the plant with no lost time accidents reported since 8 a.m. last Monday.

There were three doctors' visits during the Safety Week and 38 cases received first aid treatment.

The Safety Week's second mystery man, Thomas Wardrope, was caught Friday throwing a hammer in the air and catching it. He was nabbed by Michael Finnegan.

Alberta Socreds seek seventh term in June

EDMONTON (CP)—Alberta's Social Credit party will be seeking an unprecedented seventh consecutive term in the June 18 provincial general election.

The balloting, third provincial general election this year, was announced Saturday night by Premier E. C. Manning in a CBC radio broadcast and repeated 40 minutes later in provincial radio and television programs Manitoba votes May 14, Ontario June 11.

Alberta's nomination day is June 4.

The Social Credit party, swept into power in a 1935 landslide, has won all six provincial general elections since then.

The party, formed in 1934, scored an overwhelming win over the United Farmers of Alberta who had formed the government since 1921 but failed in 1935 to elect a single member. The province had Liberal governments from its formation in 1905 until 1921.

FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM

The 50-year-old Mr. Manning, mentioned only briefly the election date, devoted most of his address to the Social Credit party's five-year development program, likely to be one of the chief issues in the election campaign.

Standing in the 61-seat 13th legislature, dissolved Saturday, was: Social Credit, 37; Liberal, 15; Progressive Conservative, 3; CCF, 2; Liberal-Conservative, 1; Coalition, 1; Independent, 1; Independent Social Credit, 1.

Sixty-five seats will be at stake in the June 18 balloting. Edmonton representation will be increased to nine from seven; Calgary's to seven from six; and a new constituency, Dunvegan, has been carved out of the Peace River region in the province's northwest.

For the first time in a general election, Albertans will use the simple X system of marking ballots, replacing system used in Edmonton and Calgary and the single transferable ballot used in other constituencies.

LPP names Stevens candidate

VANCOUVER (CP)—Homer Stevens, secretary of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union (Ind.) has been nominated by the Delta Labor Progressive (Communist) party to contest the riding in the next provincial election.

Mr. Stevens said he is entering the campaign because recent provincial legislation poses a grave threat to the trade union movement.

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Ex-resident Hans Hansen dies in south

A former resident of this city for 43 years, Hans Hansen, died Friday in New Westminster at the age of 72.

Born in Mosjoen, Helgeland, Norway, Mr. Hansen came to Prince Rupert in 1908. About eight years ago they moved from the city to Victoria and when Mrs. Hansen became ill they moved to South Burnaby with their daughter Mrs. J. W. Steele, in South Burnaby and three grandsons Robert, Bruce and Donnie in Prince Rupert.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. tomorrow from Centre and Hanna Funeral Chapel, South Burnaby.

FREDERICK MURRAY of 915 Eleventh Avenue East shown above with daughters Dianne and Mona-Lou displays his 43-pound spring salmon that to date is the largest in the fish derby being sponsored by the Prince Rupert Yacht Club and the Rod and Gun Club. He boated the large "spring" on a pearl pink plug at the herring ponds last night.
—Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

Murray's 43-pounder tops derby to date

Pearl pink plugs seem to be the most popular bait for catching spring salmon.

For the second week in a row Prince Rupert Salmon Derby winners have landed their fish with pearl pink plugs.

Last week's winner, Fred Murray of 915 Eleventh Avenue East and also holder of the largest fish in the derby to date last night boated a 43-pounder at the herring ponds near Digby Island.

His fish tops one caught by Horace Leighton who opened the derby with the largest salmon a 41-pounder.

A 45-pounder caught by Gordon Best was not eligible for the contest as no entry had been placed and another city resident who boated a 42-pounder was also disqualified for not using 30-pound test line.

Mr. Murray will receive a steering wheel donated by Love Electric. Next week's prize is a sports shirt donated by Esquire Men's Wear and a pair of hip gum boots donated by Family Shoe store.

Cash prizes now stand at $100 for first prize, $65 for second prize, and $35 for third prize.

Winner of the derby for the week ending May 2, Les Westergard, also caught his 26-pounder on a pearl pink plug.

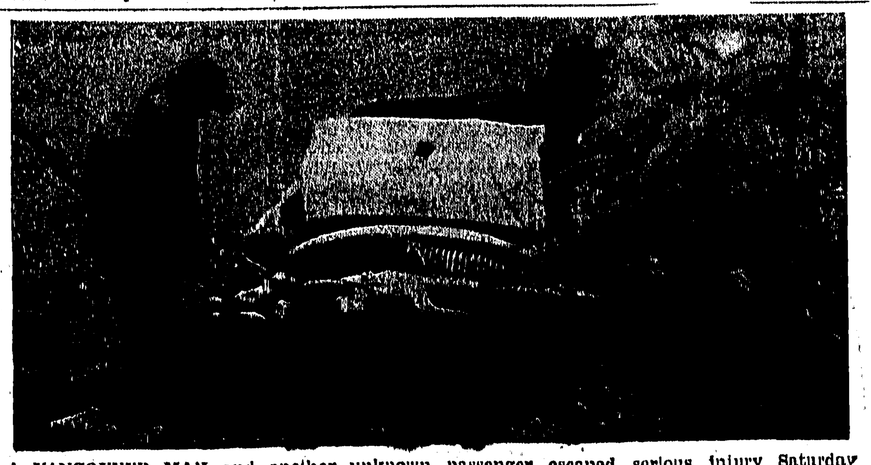
Howard named on committee to study Indians

Special to The Daily News

OTTAWA—Frank Howard, MP for Skeena has been named as one of the members of the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs.

There are 24 MP's on the committee and there will be a number of Senators also.

The Senate has also appointed its members to the joint committee and as a consequence the committee is expected to meet immediately.



A VANCOUVER MAN and another unknown passenger escaped serious injury Saturday afternoon when the late model car (above) they were riding in skidded on the loose gravel of Highway 16 and plunged into the Skeena River near Exlow, about 35 miles west of Terrace. Driver of the vehicle, Harry Hammer of Vancouver and passenger were taken to Terrace hospital and released Sunday after being treated for minor injuries, Terrace RCMP reported today. Damage to the car has not yet been estimated but is believed to be considerable, RCMP said.
—Photo by Robert McDonald.

Inquest set into death of logger

An inquest was scheduled for 3 p.m. today in Kitimat into the death Wednesday of Fred Woods, 23 of Kitimaat Village, who was killed in a forest mishap on Kildala.

Coroner E. Donald Forward will preside at the inquest. Woods, employed by Monroe Logging Company was struck on the head by a winch cable and died almost immediately. Munroe Logging has been working in the Kildala area for the past three weeks.

Prince Rupert has now gone 116 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Reds delay East-West conference

GENEVA, Switzerland (Reuters)—A major bid by East and West to settle the future of divided Germany faltered before it really got started.

Russia threw a last-minute hitch into arrangements for the East-West foreign ministers' conference due to open today by insisting on full representation for East and West Germany at the conference table.

The United States, Britain and France rejected the Soviet demand that the conference be made a six-power instead of a four-power parley.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd was striving to work out a compromise—after having told Russia's Andrei Gromyko Sunday his demand was unacceptable to the United States, France and Britain.

Lloyd was to confer with Gromyko again today before the conference opening at the Palace of Nations. French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville also was to meet with the Soviet diplomat at his villa during the morning.

Western officials said the Russian manoeuvre to seat East Germany was aimed at compelling a degree of Western recognition of the German Red regime.

The move could force a quick breakdown of the conference, they said, but most of them expected Gromyko to back down, perhaps in a compromise deal.

The West is willing to invite the East and West Germans in as observers but not as full-fledged participants. British informants said Gromyko and Lloyd had talked about something along this line:

Gromyko would drop his demand to have the Germans seated. The West in turn would agree that the German representatives could speak out in the conference instead of making their views known only through one of the Big Four ministers.

The Soviet move created an atmosphere of crisis that obscured the larger crisis of Berlin, which caused the conference to be called in the first place.

Eby funeral set tomorrow

Funeral services for Lindsay C. Eby, 75, who died Friday, will be held from First Presbyterian church at 2 p.m. tomorrow with Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott officiating. Ferguson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The Eby family has requested that no flowers be sent but that donations be made to the First Presbyterian Memorial Fund.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Elizabeth Taylor and Eddie Fisher will be married here at 2 p.m. tomorrow in a Jewish temple in this desert gambling resort. The ceremony at Temple Beth Shalom will be performed by Rabbi Max Nussbaum and Rabbi Bernard Cohen. Nussbaum who converted the Protestant-born film beauty to Judaism last March, will be assisted by Cohen, resident rabbi at the temple.

WEATHER—

Mostly cloudy Tuesday with rain beginning in the afternoon. Not much change in temperature. Winds southeasterly 20 in exposed areas Tuesday. Low tonight and high Tuesday 40 and 54.

TIDES—

Tuesday, May 12, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	03:34	10.4 feet
	16:36	17.5 feet
Low	01:02	4.3 feet
	22:16	8.5 feet