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THE PRODUCER

That competition is the life of a farming community is amply demonstrated at the third Prince Rupert Exhibition. This year, in spite of dull times and financial stringency, the farmers of the interior and of the islands show that they have devoted more time and energy than ever before, in their efforts to show what can be produced in Northern B. C. The exhibits are of a standard which not only reflects great credit on the producers, but speak volumes for the climate and soil conditions under which they were produced.

The pioneers who are today bringing the wilderness into a state of cultivation are empire builders of the highest type; they are the trail-breakers for a huge army of northern farmers, who will ultimately conquer wild nature and guide it into channels of usefulness and wealth. Their calling does not carry with it the glory of the leader of battalions, but it is being demonstrated in Europe today that the feeder of battalions is just as important as the leader. All honor to the men who are opening up new avenues of production in this last great west, instead of waiting idly for the chance turn of some market.

There must be great satisfaction to the farmer when his produce gains him a medal, or the produce of his district wins the cup, but, even to the man who wins nothing in the way of prizes, there is the much greater gain of having produced something useful on land which was so recently jungle. The life of the pioneer farmer is a long, stern battle, and every fresh acre broken is another outpost gained for civilisation.

WEALTH IN FISH

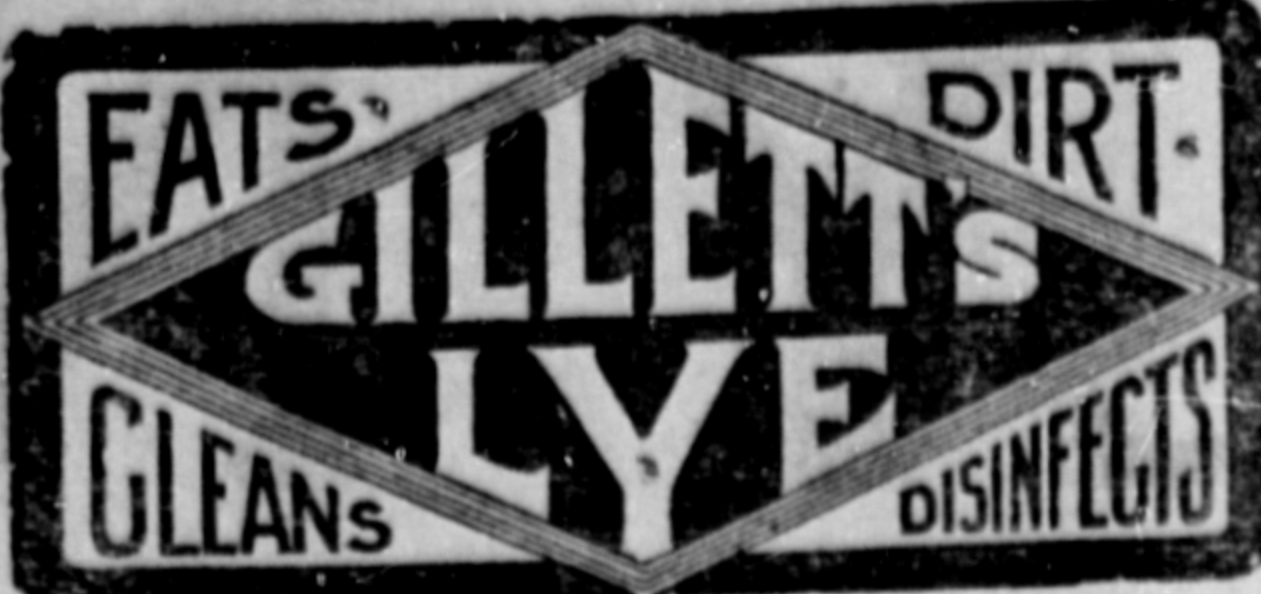
The following from the Seattle P. I. should prove interesting to the people of Prince Rupert:

Aside from the wealth of timber, the deposits of gold, the copper and the coal wealth of this Northwest coast, which seems wellnigh inexhaustible, the Creator, for good measure, filled the waters of the sea and of the rivers and lakes of this region with varieties of food fish in such abundance as to now constitute the principal source of supply for the whole nation. The importance of the fishing industry has not been fully understood even by the people residing on the Coast. Recent bulletins of the federal government and several magazine articles go far to impress this upon the public.

This Coast and particularly Alaska and the Puget sound district, supplies most of the saltwater fish consumed by the people of the interior, the salmon and halibut going even to the Atlantic coast, the halibut catch forming 85 per cent. of the supply of the whole country.

One Pacific coast company alone ships to the market 1,000,000 cases or 48,000,000 cans of salmon annually. This company puts up 40,000 cases on the Columbia river, approximately 400,000 cases on Puget Sound and 450,000 cases in Alaska. Since the period of development began the Alaska fishing grounds have yielded \$275,000,000 worth of fish, or more than the amount of mineral wealth produced by the territory since its purchase by the United States.

In view of the great increase in the use of fish as food, it is encouraging to know that artificial propagation is likely



to sustain and even increase our present annual supplies. Hatcheries are maintained, and we are returning to the ocean waters more than one fish for every fish caught.

In food value certain kinds of fish are greatly superior to fresh meats, eggs or poultry. A pound of canned salmon, at 16 cents, is equal in food value to 36 cents' worth of eggs, 33 cents' worth of sirloin steak, or 21 cents' worth of chicken. The whitefish lead in food value with 22.2 per cent. of protein. The cod has 18.1 per cent., the halibut 18 per cent., mackerel 18 per cent., and black bass 20 per cent. A loin of beef has 17.9 per cent. of protein.

Alaska and the Puget Sound district have an asset of enormous value in the fishing interests. In the salmon industry alone \$40,000,000 is invested and 20,000 men are employed. This product, as well as the greater portion of the halibut supply of the whole country, is handled and distributed from Puget Sound ports, the bulk through Seattle.

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GERMANY TO ANNEX PART OF FRANCE AND BELGIUM

Geneva, Sept. 22.—The Lusanne Gazette says it has learned that the German government has decided to issue a declaration annexing to the German empire the occupied territory in France and Belgium.

The Gazette says this measure has been determined upon for the near future because it now appears impossible that the war will be ended, as had been hoped, before winter. According to this newspaper the German government intends to organize the occupied territory from a political and administrative standpoint which is expected to strengthen Germany's moral position.

Civil administration has been slowly replacing military rule in the occupied regions and, the Gazette continues, this process will be extended methodically.

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