

ALTERATIONS IN FISHERY REGULATIONS

REPORT OF FISHERY DELEGATES TO OTTAWA

The report of the delegation recently returned from interviewing the government in Ottawa regarding fishery matters was presented last evening at a public meeting held in the city hall. The mayor presided. The report is as follows:

Prince Rupert, Feb. 15th, To His Worship the Mayor, and the City Council of the city of Prince Rupert, the Prince Rupert Board of Trade and the Citizens of Prince Rupert:

"The delegation which you sent to Ottawa in connection with the fishery interests of northern British Columbia herewith encloses a copy of the resolutions setting out your requests together with the answer of the deputy minister of the naval service thereto. We are very pleased to inform you that your delegation acting under your instructions has succeeded in getting several important changes in the fishery regulations affecting District No. 2 in British Columbia, and which should be of substantial advantage to the fishermen and fishing interests of this district.

We are also pleased to report that the reception accorded to your delegation by the Fisheries Advisory Board, the Honorable Mr. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, and Mr. Clements, M. P., was very cordial and courteous, and that they gave us a careful and sympathetic hearing and every opportunity to present our views and the arguments adduced by us in favor of the changes sought, and we believe that the results warrant the conclusion that these arguments impressed them deeply and brought about a better understanding of the conditions in District No. 2, and an appreciation of the necessity for the changes which we consider were far too long in coming.

"Your delegation would further recommend in the interest of uniformity and in order to avoid misunderstanding, and that the regulations of the local government may be speedily brought to conform with the amended regulations of the Dominion government that a copy of these resolutions together with a copy of the reply of the deputy minister of marine be forwarded to the Hon. Mr. Brewster, premier of British Columbia, and to the Hon. Minister of Fisheries for British Columbia, with a request that the provincial government concur in and see that provincial regulations be made to work harmoniously with the Dominion regulations.

"Your delegation also desires to express our appreciation of the attention and assistance accorded us by Lieut.-Col. Cunningham, chief inspector of fisheries for British Columbia, and Lieut. McIntyre, deputy minister of fisheries.

"In conclusion your delegates wish to thank you for the confidence placed in them and trust that the results achieved may assure you of the sincerity of our efforts to serve you."

Yours faithfully,
W. E. WILLIAMS
O. H. NELSON
GEO. W. MORROW.

The resolutions passed in Prince Rupert and taken to Ottawa by the delegation and the replies accorded thereto by the government are as follows:

Clause 1.

That the license for the taking of herring by gill-nets or seines

SHIPPING CONGESTION IN THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Feb. 16.—The government begins to feel impelled to take action in opening a way for movement of shipping which is tied up in United States ports as a result of the submarine menace.

Through Barred Zone.

The French liner Chicago has reached New York safely with 1318 passengers on board.

Two More Ships Sunk.

London, Feb. 16.—The British steamer Cecilia, 3750 tons, has been sunk. The steamer Serga is also reported sinking. The crews of both vessels have been landed safely.

be made an open license; to cover all of District No. 2, and to be granted to all applicants who are British subjects, or bona fide pre-emptors who have made a declaration of their intention to become British subjects, and also Indians. The charge for such license not to exceed ten dollars for a seining license and one dollar for a gill-net license per annum.

Answer.—The importance of doing everything feasible to make it easy for those engaged in the deep sea fisheries, to be assured of a bait supply when needed is fully realized. As it appears that it will facilitate the procuring and supplying of bait if herring gill-net fishermen were allowed to operate in any part of District No. 2 it has been decided that hereafter licenses authorizing herring gill-net fishing will be good for any part of the district. It has also been decided to comply with the request to reduce the fee on gill-net licenses to \$1.00.

In view of the nature of purse-seine fishing, and the importance and necessity for properly controlling it, it is not regarded that it would be in the public interest to make any change in connection therewith at the present time.

Clause 2.

That bona fide halibut fishermen fishing in Canadian bottoms be permitted to take dog or humpback salmon, for the purpose of bait alone, anywhere and at any time, having due regard for the spawning ground, close seasons and in accordance with present or future fishery regulations.

Answer.—As a general thing, those engaging in deep sea fishing are not fitted out for the capture of bait and would rather purchase bait if they can do so, than depend upon catching it for themselves. If licenses were granted to halibut fishermen to capture dog and humpback salmon for bait purposes, such would be almost certain to result in these vessels at times going into the salmon fishery, as they would catch more salmon than they would require for bait. This would not only make the object of the resolution in view mis-carry, but would result in the speedy depletion of the various smaller streams to which these varieties of salmon resort. It is not, therefore, considered wise to authorize such fishing.

It should be possible, however, for the halibut fisherman to procure such salmon as they may require for bait at a reasonable price from the salmon canneries at any time that salmon are on hand in the canneries, and to assure this being done thereafter, it will be made a condition of salmon cannery licenses that cannery managers will be required to sell to bona fide Canadian deep sea fishermen, such quantities of salmon as such vessels or boats may require for their own particular purposes, at the price that the salmon are worth for canning purposes at the time.

Clause 3.

That licenses for the taking of salmon be issued to all applicants (Continued on Page Three).



German and Austrian Ships in New York Harbor Would Make Rich Prizes.—The above ships in New York and Brooklyn harbors are only a few of the hundred German and Austrian liners and freight carriers lying interned in United States ports, from the gigantic ten million dollar Vaterland, of fifty-four thousand tons, down to the Neptune of 197 tons in San Francisco. Their total tonnage is over half a million and their value over thirty million dollars.

JAPAN PROMISES CHINA ALL SUPPORT

Tokio, Feb. 16.—In connection with the Japanese approval of China's action in supporting the United States in protesting against the German submarine warfare, Japan promises to give China all possible support.

DEPARTURE

The scene at the Grand Trunk wharf at the departure of the big steamer last night was quite like old times. Notwithstanding the midnight hour, the wharf was packed with citizens giving a send-off to their friends. Prominent among the voyageurs were Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull. The Scots were out in strength and the haunting lilts of their folksongs cheered the departing. Sid Hardy and Wallace Anderson were also accorded three cheers and best wishes for a safe return from the front.

WEDDING BELLS

Yesterday afternoon in the Methodist Church, Miss Elizabeth Dyer and Mr. Fred Gilhooly were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony took place at 4:30. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. J. E. Dyer, and was attended by her sister, Miss Willa Dyer. A reception of their numerous friends was afterwards held in the Besner Apartments. There were many pretty presents. "Gil" has the best wishes of all his friends.

SUN AND TIDE

Saturday, February 17th.
Sun rises 7:48 a. m.
Sun sets 5:32 p. m.
Low water 2:52 a. m. Ht. 10.3
High water 9:24 a. m. Ht. 19.2
Low water 4:16 p. m. Ht. 5.4
High water 10:39 p. m. Ht. 16.4
Captain McGee, M. M. S. A.

"Slicker" coats for school children—Wallace's. tf.

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SERIOUS FREIGHT CONGESTION IN STATES

New York, Feb. 16.—The most serious freight tie-up in the history of the United States prevails on all railroads carrying food-stuffs and other commodities between the east and west. Thousands of loaded cars are on the sidings, movement being impossible owing to the congestion on the Atlantic seaboard, brought about by the German submarine menace having limited shipping movement from Atlantic ports.

DUAL PERSONALITY OF PRUSSIANIZED GERMANY

What makes the tragedy of Germany in this war the thing which puzzles even those who are fighting against it is the fact that Germany is acting on a doctrine stranger and more terrible than Paganism itself. It undertakes to be both Christian and Pagan at the same time—Christian in the individual life, Pagan as a nation. It has two eternally hostile codes of ethics—one for the individual and the other for the State. As a private citizen the German may be a Christian, and ought to be one; but the moment he puts on a spike-helmet or sits at a government desk he strips himself of all Christian morals—vice and virtue change their names for him. As a soldier he can clothe himself with "frightfulness"; can rape, plunder, kill, burn, with the entire approval of his official—that is to say, his Paganised—conscience. As a diplomatist he can lie and cheat and forswear himself, and leave his Christian self-respect untouched. For Germany acts on the theory that the State is a non-moral, predatory entity, for which the distinction between good and evil does not exist. It stands in no relation to God; it has no more morals than a tiger; it acts on the law of the jungle. Might, in its dreadful code, is right.

In the Prussianised Germany against which we are fighting we have, in brief, a double personality. When it acts as a nation it undergoes a transformation more terrible than that in R. L. Stevenson's tale when Dr. Jekyll turned into Mr. Hyde. All the separate individualities of Germany melt into one gigantic Mr. Hyde—Mr. Hyde in a spike-helmet. Or, to change the figure, they become the "great blond beast" of Nietzsche, lawless, predatory, invincible, the superman, a non-moral monster.—Dr. W. H. Fitchett in the Cornhill Magazine.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

In connection with the Red Cross meeting in St. Peter's Church next Monday, refreshments will be given by Mrs. D. Candow and on the following Monday, by Mrs. E. Christensen.

When you think of SHOES, think of WALLACE'S. tf.

RESOLUTION TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVT.

At a public meeting in the city hall last night, the mayor presiding, the delegation recently appointed to visit the powers that be in Ottawa regarding the fisheries, presented their report. The success of this delegation in getting what they went after has already been reported in these columns. The following resolution was moved by Captain Rorvig and seconded by Mr. Harry Hoffman:

Be it resolved by this public meeting assembled, the mayor presiding, that a copy of the resolutions presented to the Department of Fisheries, Ottawa, by the delegates sent by this city for that purpose and a complete copy of the department's answer granting certain changes, alterations and concessions be immediately forwarded to the Hon. Premier, H. C. Brewster, and the provincial minister of fisheries at Victoria, B. C., and that the Hon. H. C. Brewster and his government be requested to concur in and agree to the said changes in so far as they may concern the province of B. C., so that no further questions or complications may arise in connection with the Fisheries District No. 2 from any source that will in any way interfere with the recent regulations agreed to by the Department of Fisheries at Ottawa or to any further concessions that may hereafter be obtained, contained in the said resolutions.

GERMANY ADMITS RETIREMENT

London, Feb. 16.—Berlin admits that the German troops between Serre Hill and the Somme have withdrawn from their advanced positions.

Eastern Front.

Petrograd, Feb. 16.—The Teutons have attacked the Russian positions near Zlotahaf, on the Galician front. So far, the Russian troops have had no difficulty in repelling the enemy advance. The battle is still in progress.

DIED SUDDENLY

It has just been reported that Mr. Wm. Arthur Brown, of Skidegate, died very suddenly last night. Deceased, who was a native of Ontario, was 65 years of age. He had been speaking on the telephone only ten minutes before. Mrs. Brown is the nurse at the Indian village at Skidegate. The sympathy of the community will be extended to her in her bereavement.

Mid-winter sale at Geo. Tite's. Complete home furnishings at cost. tf.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT NOTICE 1917 Dog Taxes.

These taxes are now due and payable. Same are to be paid to the Chief of Police or Health Inspector, who will issue 1917 brass tag.

Owners of dogs who have not taken out these Licences by March 1st next will be prosecuted without further notice. mt CITY COLLECTOR.

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* usual war despatches. *

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