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PACIFIC FISHING

Encouraged by their success in the past, and apparently justified by the knowledge they have acquired through their explorations in the surrounding waters, the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company are again having their steam trawler got ready for sea. The vessel is at the present moment being overhauled and fitted up with her trawling gear, and will go out in a day or two after the ground fish, which are so numerous in these waters, and which up till last year, have never been fished commercially.

There is a steady and growing market for these flat fish, wherever they have been tried, and at the present moment, the ground work is being laid for a very extensive business. Any one who has ever visited the great fishing ports of Great Britain could not fail to be impressed with the tremendous number of steam trawlers in commission there. At certain times, they can be counted by the hundred in the larger ports and it is a sight well worth seeing. To a large extent they fish for and catch the same varieties of fish as are available in the waters of the Pacific ocean, right here at our doors. The only difficulty which Prince Rupert has to contend with is that of distance from the markets.

In Great Britain the trains carrying fish have the right of way over even passengers, and they whiz from the northern ports with their supplies for the great London market at a speed averaging over sixty miles an hour, and at that there is hardly a port in Great Britain that is more than twelve hours away from London. Here in Canada, however, conditions are somewhat different. In the first place, the trains have not got the speed of sixty miles an hour, and the markets are very much further away. Distance and time are the great obstacles. As these ground fish do not carry so well, not having the same size as halibut, their logical market is the nearest one. This market is to be

found in the towns on the prairie in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and even in Manitoba.

There is no doubt of the increasing popularity of these varieties of fish, and as each new consumer becomes a regular buyer, as they are almost bound to do, with the ever-increasing scarcity and increasing high price of meat products, the increasing demand for these ground fish is bound to affect the number of trawlers operating on this coast.

Although there is but the one trawler operating at this present time, it has been proved that the finest fishing grounds in the world lie close by, and within a very short space of time trawlers operating out of Prince Rupert may become the rule, instead of being the exception as at present. There is no doubt that the halibut banks are being depleted of their supplies of fish—this is to be expected. And with the increasing popularity of these other varieties, the continuous demand for halibut, and only halibut, may not continue. The larger supplies of these other kinds is bound to affect the high price which has been obtained for the big fish.

With the most extensive and varied fisheries lying right contiguous to this port, and with handling facilities sufficient for the prompt dispatch of the catches, the time is not far distant when "fish specials" will thunder their way east daily carrying the silver harvest of the sea to the inland towns.

Furniture wanted. Any quantity. Good prices paid for complete household furnishings and all kinds of tools, men's suits, coats, etc. Phone Red 213 or call n F. M. Crosby, 745 Third Ave.

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