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TELLS VANCOUVER OF PRINCE RUPERT

T. Johnson, Manager of the Cold Storage Company, Gives interview in Southern City.

The shortage of cold storage space all over Canada has resulted in the laying up of the steam trawler James Carruthers at Prince Rupert, and a consequent lessening of the supply of flat fish for the prairie market," says T. H. Johnson of Prince Rupert, who is at the Hotel Vancouver on his return from a visit to eastern cities, says the Vancouver Province. He is the manager of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company at Prince Rupert, which has been providing the prairie and eastern market with its supply of cheap fish.

With regard to the conditions of storage at the northern plant, in further explanation of the tie-up of the big trawler, Mr. Johnson goes on to say that, being a government-subsidized cold storage, the company is compelled to give preference to the general public over its own goods, with the result that the general public, including the competitors of the company, are making use of the cold storage, precluding the handling of the usually large catches brought in by the big trawler.

"However," adds Mr. Johnson, "the trawler will be placed in operation again as soon as the situation improves. Up to the present we have had very good fishing, the Carruthers as a rule coming in with a full cargo. She has brought in as much as 80,000 pounds of fish within forty-eight hours after leaving our wharf. Although this is a tremendous amount of fish, we are able to handle it, with out perfected machinery, within a few hours. The machinery cleans the fish, heads them, removes fins and tails and, as a matter of fact, when we ship the fish they are ready for the pan.

Ship to Prairies.

"Our shipments of flat fish extend over the greater part of Canada, from Vancouver to Montreal. Our chief market, however, is in the four western provinces. The aid of the government makes it possible to ship at such great distances. The government pays two-thirds of the freight to popularize the fish. The result during the past few months has justified this foresight. It will be recalled that this was the recommendation of Mr. H. B. Thomson, present food controller, when he was a member of the fisheries commission.

"The flat fish are sold at a fixed price of 5 1/2 cents per pound, f.o.b. Prince Rupert, and all varieties of codfish for 6 1/2 cents per pound, f.o.b. point of shipment.

"This has been a most strenuous fishing season, what with strikes, tie-ups and the difficulties of getting supplies. The halibut pack has been below normal as far as Canada is concerned. On the other hand the government-controlled fish catches have been the biggest on record. We had a good run of salmon, speaking generally.

Halibut Disappearing.

"A reason for the smaller pack of halibut is the steady depletion of the banks, but the chief reason is the difficulty in securing fishing crews for our boats. A further reason is that many boats were diverted to other fishing lines, as in the case of the trawler Carruthers, which used to make record halibut catches."

Asked regarding the government embargo on canned salmon, Mr. Johnson said there was a pack at Prince Rupert worth \$250,000 but the owners were prepared to trust the Canada Food Board and believed they would get a square deal. "I am sure it will work out in the end to everybody's satisfaction," said Mr. Johnson.

Speaking of conditions in the north generally, Mr. Johnson said

NEW JAPANESE COMPANY WILL INVADE COAST

Uchida Trading Co., Ltd., to Operate Number of Ships Across North Pacific.

A new Japanese shipping company is to invade the north Pacific. This time it is the Uchida Trading Company Ltd., of Tokio and Kobe, Japan. The company owns a number of steamships which it has chartered to other shipping companies. Now it proposes to operate these themselves. The company is capitalized at \$37,500,000.

It is not yet announced where the headquarters of the company will be on this continent, but Seattle is to be one of the important ports of call. It is understood that this is one of the companies that had representatives visit this port during the summer with a view to investigating the possibility of running a line of steamers from here across to Japan, Korea and Siberia. The other company was the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, whose representative when here recently told The Daily News that a new company had been investigating the possibilities and that one of the companies would be sure to come here before long.

The Uchida Trading Company has a number of small steamers of about one thousand to five thousand tons, any of which would be suited to initiate a service to a new port. It also is building a number of new ships.

everybody was doing well. There were three express trains a week and a daily freight out of Prince Rupert for the east and a special spruce train could be made up every day. Getting out airplane spruce was giving work to an army of men on the Queen Charlotte Islands and the output was in every way satisfactory, so far as Mr. Johnson could learn.

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WHERE DO YOU BELONG?

On the Farm?

Thousands of men are urgently needed on farms in this province to make possible increased production of food. Those who could go and yet hold back, should not forget that, unless production is greatly increased, hundreds of thousands of people will die of starvation.

In the War Garden?

By growing vegetables in home gardens or on vacant lots, and thus helping to feed themselves, city and town people can leave the farmers free to grow more food for export. All that is produced in this way is gain and a net addition to the national food supply.

War Garden service is not sufficient for the man whose rightful place is on the farm. But the War Garden does offer an opportunity for tens of thousands of people, whose circumstances oblige them to remain in the city, to have at least a small part as food producers. Interest the boys and girls in the War Garden, for they too can help to grow food. If there is a garden or vacant lot movement in your community associate yourself with it. If no organization exists, do what you can to interest your neighbours in the War Garden campaign.

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