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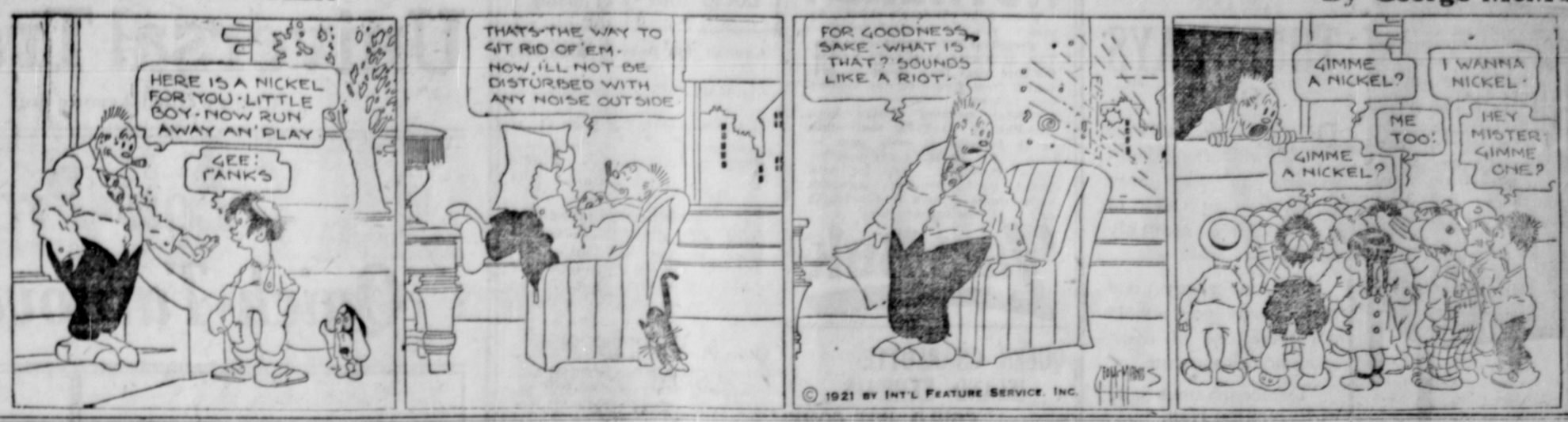

HERRING: *Interesting Facts About Sea Fishes*

The quest for the herring constitutes one of the important branches of our extremely diversified fishing industry. More than 2,056,680 cwt. of herring were landed last year on our Atlantic and Pacific coasts, with a first hand value of $2,255,506, and a marketed value of $3337,738. No other fish are captured in such abundance, the cod, generally believed to be the most prolific, falling some 75,000 cwt. short of the herring catch. From the standpoint of value it gave place only to salmon, lobster, cod and halibut.

Immense Shoals.

The common herring (clupea herangus) is beyond question, says D. S. Jordon, the most important of food fishes in the Atlantic, if not in the world. Distributed as it is throughout the whole of the north Atlantic it affords occupation to many thousands of fishermen. An estimate made by Prof. Huxley places the world's annual catch at three billion fishes or half that number of pounds, and some authorities place it even higher. But even three billion is probably no greater than the number contained in a single shoal if it covers half a dozen square miles, and shoals of much greater size are recorded. Professor Huxley says that there must be scattered through the north and north Atlantic at one and the same time scores of shoals, any of which would go a long way to supplying the whole of man's present-day consumption of herring.

Spawns In Sea.

The herring is found in the colder waters of the north Atlantic. It has been caught on the American shore as far south as Cape Hatteras, but it seldom prevails in abundance south of New England. It very seldom takes to brackish water, and it spawns in the open sea, the female depositing from thirty to fifty thousand eggs. Unlike most fishes the herring is regarded as particularly delicious at spawning time and the most successful herring fisheries are prosecuted when the fish are in full roe, that is, ripe in eggs and in milt.

Shore Fishery.

On the American side of the Atlantic the herring fishery is entirely a shore fishery. With the exception of a few occasionally taken for bait by the line fishermen on the banks, our herring are all caught in the immediate vicinity of the shore. Although the fishery on this side of the ocean has not assumed the importance it has long held in Europe, there is no doubt that the species obtains in as great abundance immediately off our shores as in the North Sea and European Atlantic. Our fishermen, however, never found conditions sufficiently inducing to invest in special equipment to fish off shore. The Fisheries Department, Ottawa, conducted experiments in 1915 and 1916 which seemed to indicate the prolificacy of herring in the St. Lawrence and Atlantic, and of a class adapted to "Scotch" curing, which is popular in the American and other markets. Generally speaking, the inshore fish are not suited for this cure. The herring fishery on our Atlantic coast extends from Newfoundland to Cape Cod, while the stretch from the Bay of Fundy southward is practically a continuous fishing ground.

Three Methods.

The fishery is carried on chiefly by means of brush-weirs, gillnets and torching. The brush-weir is a wall of brush which diverts the course of the fishes, and leads them into a pound. The torching method is most primitive, and is employed only after the water has become cool. An oil torch—formerly a birch bark torch—is fixed to the bow of the boat, which is rapidly rowed through the water. The fishes rise toward the light as long as the boat is in rapid motion, and a man standing at the bow scoops them in large quantities with a dip-net.

The herring food consists of small animal organisms, chiefly two small crustaceans, known in the vernacular as "red seed" and "shrimp." It has a great host of enemies, including cod, haddock, pollock, hake, dogfish, albacore, squid, porpoise, seal and the fin-backed whale, each of which is very destructive.

Pickled and Smoked.

Approximately two-thirds of our sea herring are produced on the Atlantic coast, where they are mostly pickled and smoked. The latter are known on the market as "kippered" herring or "bloaters," if they are unsalted and half dried in the smoke-house. A comparatively small quantity is canned.

On the Pacific coast there is another herring very similar (clupea pallas) which prevails in great abundance about Vancouver Island. An indication of its prolificacy in this zone was brought to light in a recent case before the Admiralty Court at Vancouver. Ira C. Epperson, master of a boat, is declared to have stated that 150 tons—300,000 pounds or a good-sized fare for a steam trawler operating on the Grand Banks—had been taken in one haul of the seine on board the craft, and that frequently the catches were so heavy that one end of the net had to be released to dump one half the catch into the sea.

Mostly Dry Salted.

It is very striking that exceedingly small amounts of the Atlantic and Pacific herrings are used fresh in this country, despite the fact that they rank high in food value and palatability. They are obtainable in abundance all the year round—from the Atlantic coast during the months of May, June, July, August and September; and from the Pacific coast during October, November, December, January, February and March.

Used as Bait.

The herring, in addition to being an important food in itself, is instrumental in the capture of other important sea fishes. It is the chief bait used for the capture of cod, haddock, lobsters and halibut on the Atlantic and halibut on the Pacific. Large quantities are put in cold storage each year to provide bait for the season when they are less readily available.

No reference has been made in this article to the young herring canned extensively along the Atlantic coast as "sardine," nor to the fresh water herring of our lakes. Each of these is of sufficient interest to be considered separately.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

Notice is hereby given that the reserve against the acquisition of Coal under the "Coal and Petroleum Act" established by notice dated 11th of February, 1920, and published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 12th of February, 1920, is cancelled, except in so far as the same relates to the following areas:

1. All the lands lying within the boundaries of the drainage areas of the Skeena River above and including Outi Creek, the East Fork of the Naas River, the Little Klappen River, and the Spatsuil River, above and including Kluayetz and Indian Creeks.

ALL that portion of Vancouver Island lying easterly of the following described boundaries:

Commencing at a point on the West Coast of the Island at the mouth of Muir Creek, thence following the western boundary of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt to the southeasterly corner of the Strathcona Park Reserve, thence west following the south boundary of the said reserve to its southwest corner; thence north following the west boundary of the said reserve to its northwest corner, thence west along the south boundary of Sayward and Rupert Districts to the westerly boundary of the watershed of Nimpkish River, thence northwesterly along the westerly boundary of the watershed of said Nimpkish River, Nimpkish Lake and Keogh River to the south boundary of Township 3, Rupert District, thence west along the south boundaries of Townships 3, 4 and 10 to Marble Bay, thence northwesterly along the centre line of Marble Bay and the West Arm of Quatsino Sound to the mouth of Spruce Creek, thence along Spruce Creek to the east boundary of Township 37, Rupert District, thence north along the east boundary of said Township 37 to the northeast corner thereof, thence west along the north boundaries of Townships 37, 41 and 44 to the Pacific Ocean, and including all the foreshore and lands covered by water adjacent to the East Coast of Vancouver Island, together with all Islands lying between the Mainland of the Province south of the 51st parallel of north latitude and Vancouver Island and all the lands within the boundaries of the Districts of Otter, Goldstream, Metchosin, Esquimalt, Victoria, Lake and North and South Saanich, Sooke and Highland.

The cancellation of this reserve shall not take effect and staking for coal shall not be lawful until notice of such cancellation is published for sixty (60) days in the British Columbia Gazette and in a newspaper published or circulating in each of the Land Registration Districts of the Province of B. C.

This notice shall in no wise affect the reserve against the acquisition of Coal, Petroleum and Natural Gas in the Peace River District, established by notice in the British Columbia Gazette on the 27th of March, 1919, which reserve is still in force and effect.

G. R. NADEN,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Department of Lands,
Victoria, B. C.,
July 20th, 1921.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT.

IN THE ESTATE OF TUCKS INLET BY-PRODUCTS LIMITED, BANKRUPT.

Notice is hereby given that TUCKS INLET BY-PRODUCTS LIMITED of Prince Rupert, B. C., was adjudged bankrupt and a Receiving Order made in favor of the undersigned on the 17th day of August, 1921.

Notice is further given that the first meeting of Creditors in the above Estate will be held in the Office of Messrs. Borie & Small, Chartered Accountants, Federal Building, Prince Rupert, B. C., on the 21st day of September, 1921, at 2:30 p.m.

To entitle you to vote thereat, proof of your claim must be lodged with me before the meeting is held.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with me prior thereto.

And further take notice that if you have any claim against the debtor for which you are entitled to rank, proof of such claim must be filed with me within thirty days from the date of this notice, for from and after the expiration of the time fixed by Subsection 8 of Section 37 of the said Act, I shall distribute the proceeds of the debtor's estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which I have then notice.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B. C., this Seventh day of September, 1921.

GEORGE RORIE,
Authorized Trustee.
Federal Building, Prince Rupert, B. C.

LAND ACT.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND.

In Range 5, Coast Land District, Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on Dennis Arm.

Take notice that I, Claud C. Ketchum, of Prince Ruert, B. C., occupation master mariner, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about 2000 feet from head of Dennis Arm Inlet, thence 20 chains north, thence 20 chains west, thence 20 chains south, thence 20 chains east, and containing 40 acres, more or less.

C. C. KETCHUM.

July 25th, 1921.

LAND ACT.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO PURCHASE LAND.

In the Range V. Coast Land District, Recording District of Prince Dupert, and situate on Lakelse Lake.

Take notice that Frederick Davison Mulholland, of Prince Rupert, occupation forester, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

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