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Waterfront Whiffs

Doings of the Mosquito Fleet Which Is the Chief Source of Prince Rupert's Prosperity

The Admiral of the Mosquito fleet is once again in Port and reports that the morale of the crews is of a very high order, and that with better weather prevailing the fishing has been proceeding more on normal lines.

In course of conversation the Admiral explained that deer were very plentiful at this season but considers it is very dangerous for anyone to proceed ashore without taking with them some means of protection. At this season the bucks are apt to resent any intrusion on their domain and are liable to put up a surprise scrap.

Now that election time draws near members of the fleet are evincing keen interest in the final outcome and all news of a political nature, although opinion is somewhat divided. It is well for strangers visiting either the Admiral aboard the flagship or the officers of the Admiralty of the Mosquito Fleet to refrain from conversations of a political nature, as there is quite a bit of "leg pulling" taking place, and one needs to be well acquainted before airing views of a concrete nature.

With the advent of cold and frosty weather it is well that the owners of boats should see to it that their engines are well drained of all water before they are left for any length of time unattended. In the case of an engine freezing up the water jacket is liable to burst with the consequent cost of repair.

It is thought that the Admiral of the fleet will be in a good position for the Christmastide festivities as regards "throat lubricant" for the fleet, in view of the recent donation to this port by the American Synch, which was captured during the week by the Thiepvial.

N. M. McLean has just completed the building of a smart looking little launch for Doctor W. T. Kergin. It measures 18 feet long by a 5 foot beam and is fitted with a 4 horsepower Easthope engine, and is capable of carrying twelve passengers.

The Selma, Capt. Ole Hensen, has been busy getting his engine overhauled, upon completion of which he will be leaving port for the fishing grounds.

The Pug, Captain Angus McMaster has recently returned to her anchorage from a prolonged voyage. The skipper has been out sizing up a trap line but as to whether it was a trap line for the catching of fur bearing animals or crabs it was impossible to ascertain.

The Dixie Rupert, Captain Newcombe, returned a few days ago from Portland Canal where he has been with a party of timber cruisers and surveyors from Victoria, who were looking for timber limits.

Captain Tom Wilson of the Westlerner has just completed extensive repairs and is in good shape to proceed to the deep sea fishing grounds just when he feels inclined.

The Starston, Captain Harry Wilson, arrived in port Thursday morning with a scow load of rock for the city streets.

Captain Ketchum is over at Port Simpson with the Wigwag for the purpose of towing to

Prince Rupert the old river steamer "Port Simpson." On arrival here she will have her machinery extracted and the entire boat will be dismantled. It is understood the machinery will be shipped to the oil fields at Fort Norman. It has not yet been decided what disposition will be made of the hull but in all probability it will be put up for sale.

The dance held at the Fishermen's Mug Up, Cow Bay, on Monday night was a brilliant success. There was a very distinguished gathering of local fishermen, their wives and sweethearts. The prize for the best dressed lady (a purse of \$10) was won by Miss De Lese Frost, who was dressed in a cheese cloth effect gown trimmed with ostrich fins and wore a long flounce. Unfortunately Jack Toner had the mishap to tread on the flounce during the dance which made slight alterations in the dressmaker's original design. The new cook, John Killum, was duly elected and initiated and is now busy working on some new soup inventions. It is said that he has a patent fish broth of which the recipe is worth thousands, if he could get it. There was a great display of jewellery at the function especially pearls, the largest and most valuable pearl on view was that owned and worn by Jack Stewart found recently in the clam chowder. In order to get the pearl away from the dance in safety Jack had to swallow it. The clog dance championship of the Mosquito Fleet went to Mac Burns, who danced for a solid hour to Jack Toner's manipulation of the "wind jammer," as a consequence all the skin on Jack's fingers is conspicuous by its absence. Among the guests present were Jack Smith, Dave Thomps, Harry Frew, Miss Anabelle Slow, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald East, Miss De Lese Frost and Tom Sutherland. Jack Toner acted as master of ceremonies, and did well up to the close he tried on the flounce and nearly queered the evening. Jack Spender and Freddy Lott were on the door.

The Wake, Captain Geo. Place proceeded to Bella Bella and Ocean Falls with Jack Beatty aboard on business. They will probably be absent for a month.

Bill Shrubshell is once again on the job and is putting some pep into his fish curing business. While he is very optimistic about the future trade prospects he is very upset about the way his staff have been acting during his recent forced withdrawal from active business. He says there has been quite a bit of crap shooting going on around his plant and that the stack of nickels he had cached has been discovered and sadly depleted, hence the clue to the crap shooting. However, Bill is taking all the nickels he can get in his change these days and it is hoped he will soon have the required quota to start something with.

Bill the diver and English Tommy got into a heated argument on Wednesday night about swimming, each one claiming that he could outswim the other. The controversy waxed strong and long with the result that a bet was made that they would test their skill as aquatic artists by swimming across the bay and back. Big money was staked and both gentlemen proceeded to the dock side, followed by an interested crowd of sports, to divest themselves of their clothing and take the plunge. Bill had got down to the stage of removing his pants and Tommy was in his birthday suit when some of the spectators prevailed upon the contestants to postpone the exhibition until daylight. Very reluctantly both challengers agreed to this, and the match will be pulled off in daylight in the near future that is if the water gets warmer.

The following boats are at present in port: Vineto, Glaran, Selma, Chatham, Starston, Westerner, Pug, Birdie B. Flora S., Fisher of Seattle, Laura L., Losvera, Billy Boy, Annie May, Ethel June, Gray, White, Violet,

Dixie Rupert, Natchong, Lancelot, Kohn, Lincoln of Seattle, Helen D., Murineax, Lillian M., Daisy, Joe Baker, Viking and the J. & N.

Bill the diver, has a racing yacht, the Kelpie, in port which is at present tied just above Hays Cove. The dimensions are 38 ft x 13 ft beam, and is fitted with a small gasoline engine just for anchorage purposes. The Kelpie was originally used as a racing yacht in South America and was claimed to be one of the best heavy weather boats between Victoria, Seattle and San Francisco. Bill says he never did like frost and snow and is getting his boat put in shape for a trip to the south where the sun shines warm all day long and where blankets on the bed are unknown. On his way south he will call at Swanson Bay just to look things over, and will in all probability go as far south as the South Sea Islands for his Xmas dinner. E. H. Maynard of the city is shipping on the Kelpie as first mate and Harry Green has signed on as cook.

Bill the Diver, otherwise known as Captain Bill Shelton, has been on the Pacific Coast for the last twenty-six years, and originally came to this country from Liverpool. He worked as a diver on this coast for the B. C. Salvage Company and for the Vancouver Dredge and Salvage Co. ten years ago. For the past few months he has been working at the Dry Dock under William Donald as a shipwright. He ran away to sea when he was nine years old and in his own words "has been going ever since," mostly on the deep sea. In his young days he was a swimming pupil of the late Captain Webb, of Channel swimming fame, and swam the sixteen miles from Liverpool Landing Stage to Runcorn without a drink other than sea water.

Launch "Oh Baby," Captain Myhill-Jones, left port Thursday morning with a party aboard for destinations unknown. Captain Jones was up at the Admiralty Offices to borrow a few smoke bombs to hide his withdrawal from port but as there were none on hand, the admiral having used the last one, he had to leave openly.

The P. R. Fish Market, under the management of Billy Kinloch and R. J. Bacon, is the latest victim of Waterfront Whiffs. Both members of this industrious hive are old timers in the City and know the fish and meat business from A to Z. It was the intention to get something on the P. R. Fish outfit but it is very difficult to get a hearing by either of the partners for the crowd of customers on hand. Bill and Bert are both progressive and great believers in the slogan "Advertising Pays." If anyone has any doubt about their slogan being true it would do them good to try, and get served during the rush hours.

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