

Waterfront Whiffs

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

In spite of the inclement weather prevailing on the "high spots" there was marketed here up to Thursday night, 86,800 pounds of halibut, which was 198,900 pounds in excess of last week's catch for a corresponding period. In addition there was 2800 pounds of red king salmon sold on Monday which fetched 17.9c. The price of halibut was on a downward trend during the week, the highest price paid being 10.7c. The Mosquito Fleet is to be congratulated upon its excellent showing in face of adverse conditions.

The Admiral of the Fleet is all "hot up" over the number of carloads of fish shipped to eastern points during the month of April, which totalled 95 cars. He thinks the remarks of A. E. Warren, general manager of the C.N.R. western lines on this subject prior to leaving for the east on Thursday morning, were very timely. However, the Admiral differs with Mr. Warren as to it taking five years to double this output and considers the output can be doubled in less time if all put their shoulder to the wheel and stand pat behind the deep sea toilers. The Admiral is a great believer in united effort.

P. I. Smithers, vice-president and general manager of the Booth Fisheries Co. is touring the Pacific Coast, accompanied by Mrs. Smithers, and arrived in Seattle early this month, remaining about a week in conference with the members of the company's local staff. Mr. and Mrs. Smithers have left Seattle for California regretting that the time at their disposal would not permit of their visiting Prince Rupert.

The Marine Products Ltd., of Tucks Inlet is making excellent progress with the installation of its machinery and already has part of the cooking plant in running order. The tug boat Wigwag towed a scow load of fish waste to the Marine Products' dock on Thursday. The power boat M. T. 3 belonging to the company is undergoing an overhaul at Cow Bay, at the hands of P. Metz, and will be put into commission immediately the repair work is completed.

The tug McCulloch left for Surf Inlet on Thursday morning with two donkey engines for the J. R. Morgan Logging Company.

Two scows of boxes arrived behind the Hangeo during the week for the local fish houses from the Georgetown mill. The Hangeo cleared from port on Thursday to pick up a boom of logs from Hudson's Bay Cove for the Georgetown mill.

The Pacific Fisherman states: During the last month halibut has been coming into Pacific ports in about the normal volume for spring, the total for the principal ports being over half a million pounds in excess of the April arrivals last year. Prince Rupert arrivals have jumped 1,200,000 pounds over the previous month, and are nearly a million pounds more than for April of last year. This bears up to Thursday night, 86,800 pounds of halibut, which was 198,900 pounds in excess of last week's catch for a corresponding period.

It was rumored some weeks ago that our new Attorney-General favored a policy of reducing the price of liquor. The Admiral states that one night while he was lying on his eiderdown quilt aboard the flagship, solidifying on this proposition, he was aroused by a sweet serenade. Thinking it was a bunch of Flossie's admirers who did not know that the dear thing was away prospecting, he loaded up his 8-gauge shotgun with pepper and salt and made a quiet rush. He was astonished to find the ship surrounded by shoals of fish singing "You Don't Know How Dry I Am" followed by "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." One great halibut rendered that pathetic melody "Where is My Wandering Joy Tonight." However, when he woke up he found himself tangled up with the tablecloth while Jack Toner was trying to feed him oysters through his ears.

Flossie's absence from port has certainly made the fleet look better, the boys having more time to devote to their floating homes. The wireless acrial on the Mug Up were seen to be flashing sparks one night in the week and upon investigation by the secret service it was found that the director of the hotel was conspicuous by his absence. However on tapping in on the aerial the message "Where the L's the operator" greeted them, and upon further communication it was soon learned that Flossie was trying to get Jack on the wire from Porcher Island. It appears that the band on the sewing machine, with which Florrie is doing her oil boring, had broken and the sweet young thing wanted a new one sent over right away. The Admiral was awakened from his slumbers and told to decipher some of the message as the language could not be understood. It is regretted that we cannot publish the exact message in toto but it would not be gentlemanly of us. However, there not being the necessary driving belt available around the Bay and the hour being late, the Admiral, like a good sport, despatched a power boat with his suspenders with the directions how to convert them into the necessary article. The sequel was that the leading light of the Admiralty had to lie in bed till noon next day awaiting one of his orderlies to bring him a new pair of necessities before he could get up for breakfast. Such is life on the ocean wave.

Captain A. Swanson is building himself a brand new boat-house, which will take about a week to complete. The dimensions of the building are 50 ft. wide by 70 ft. long, and will be capable of housing 50 row boats and 20 canoes with increased docking facilities. The building

is being superintended by Cap. who has associated with him W. E. Thompson, and J. G. Viereck, two well known local exponents of the saw and hammer art. When completed this boat-house will be one of the finest north of San Francisco, which is taking in a lot of territory. The frontage, according to the plan will be very imposing and the new structure will certainly be a credit to the waterfront.

Two scows are on the Seal Cove Marine ways for complete overhaul. These are the property of the Prince Rupert Boat-house.

The following boats marketed fish during the week, the majority having already cleared again for the high spots: Kodiak, Laura & Margaret, Forward, Bingo, Democrat, Garruthers, Scandia, Omaney, Alaya, W. J. Bryan, Oakleaf, Bartolome, Augusta, Spencer, Eastern Point, Virginia, Groth, Selma, Baltic, Vesta, Sunrise, Vancue, Andrew Kelly, Plop, Osumi, M. M. Christopher, Ethel June, Awaji, Fanny F., Wahash and Lineoln.

Geo. Atkinson, accountant with the Sinclair Fisheries, has been confined to the house for the past two days suffering with neuralgia.

The following attempt at a poem was picked up around Cow Bay during the week. It is thought the one refers to Flossie. The owner may have the original upon application:

Oh, darling I am feeling blue,
Life is empty without you,
Of all the girls I've loved before
You are sure I can't say more?
If you'll be game to change your name,
I'm hanged if I won't do the same.

GROTTO'S WON OVER CALLIES

Third Fixture of Football Season Last Night Resulted in 4 to 2 Score.

Football fans had full value for their money when they witnessed the league game last night on the Acropolis Hill Grounds between the Grotto's and the Callies, the former winning 4-2.

For speed the game was certainly a "humdinger," and, in fairness to the losers, it must be said that they had quite a bit of hard luck in the first half when Jock Campbell retired from the field with leg trouble necessitating the Callies playing a one back game and they undoubtedly missed Kilday in the forward line. The Grotto's are certainly improving in their play and their defense has been strengthened. Perhaps the one outstanding player on the field was Mercer, in goal for the Grotto's, who played a splendid game. A lot of the credit for the Grotto's win is undoubtedly due to his fine exhibition of goal keeping, although Butters and Kirby did good work also.

For the Callies, Kinghorn at centre half, Mitchell outside right, Main centre and Ed. Ross at back played a fine game.

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Callies—W. Martin, goal; Ed. Ross and W. Jacks, backs; G. Abbott, A. Kinghorn and J. M. Campbell, half backs; W. Mitchell, J. Sellers, D. Main, D. Gay and J. Andrews, forwards.

James Hunter was the referee.

Opening Half.

The Grotto's had the best of the grade from the start. From the centre the Callies got away and tried Mercer with a shot but he proved equal to the occasion. From an outside throw the Grotto's got the ball down the field but an outside kick resulted. The Callies pressed hard but the Grotto defence managed to keep the ball clear. Butters got the ball on the run and centred but Kirby missed the goal posts.

The Callies took a turn with the ball and tried Mercer with a hot shot but he saved. The Grotto forwards made a dash and, after a slight melee in front of the Callies' goal, Kirby beat Martin by heading into the net. From the centre the Callies got away well and forced a corner but nothing materialized. From a fine run by Mitchell and a nice centre pass Main, put a beauty past Mercer which evened matters up. From the centre the Grotto's pressed Martin but he cleared nicely. The Callies then forced a corner but nothing came of it. From a goal kick the Grotto's got away but the ball went outside before it could be utilized to advantage.

The Grotto's got away once more and after quite a tussle in front of Martin, Kirby put another shot past him. The Callies made several bold bids but were unsuccessful. The Grotto's again forced their way through the Scottish defence and Campbell scored with a good shot. At half time the score stood 3-1 in favor of the Grotto's.

Second Half.

In the second half the Callies evidently intended to snatch the laurels from their opponents in spite of being a man short and forced the play. The game for some time was centered around Mercer who proved equal to the task but in spite of many gallant efforts the Callies did not succeed in scoring. After repeated attempts by the Callies at their opponents' stronghold the Grotto's got away and Butters tried Martin with a long shot which was easily handled. After much backward and forward play, the Grotto's got up the field and hit beat Martin for the fourth time. From the centre the Callies hiked down the field with splendid combination, and after quite a bombardment Kinghorn put in a lovely goal for the Scots.

Soon after the centre was taken the Callies forced the ball into the Grotto danger zone and during a scramble in front of Mercer one of the Grotto boys fouled the ball, the Callies being awarded a penalty. Ed. Ross took it and although he drove a speedy ball Mercer made a brilliant save. The Callies soon had the ball around the Grotto goal again and Kinghorn put a splendid drop shot at Mercer which he just managed to tip over the bar. The Callies continued to bombard the Grotto goal area and got several corner awards but in spite of ardent play could not score. The final score 4 to 2 for the Grotto's.

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