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The secretary to the Admiral of the Mosquito fleet reports that the amount of fish marketed through the Fish Exchange this week is considerably larger than last week and the morale of the crews is of a high order despite the somewhat exciting times that the fleet has been passing through during the past month. Owing to the severity of fish, which has prevailed during the past few weeks, the price reached the peak for the fall fishing when the Fairway and the Yellowstone received 26c and 16c for their catches on Monday from the Atlin Fisheries and the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company respectively. On Tuesday it took Capt. Louis Holm and his merry men, of the Helgeland, an American schooner to set up a record for the port when they sold 80,000 pounds of halibut for \$11,700 getting 19.2c and 10c a pound from the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, and the Atlin Fisheries. After taking on ice and bait and outfitting in port, the Helgeland left out again to the high spots in an endeavor to repeat the performance.

On Monday last the American coast guard cutter Smith left Ketchikan to search for the Seattle fishing schooner Washington, Pelican, Morenzen and Convention which are reported long overdue from the storm swept fishing banks of Southeastern Alaska. The Canadian fishery patrol boat Malaspina, Capt. Newcombe, also aided in the search but returned to port on Wednesday morning after a fruitless endeavor. Advice received from Seattle on Thursday morning expressed the opinion that the Morenzen, Convention and Valorous were lost more than a fortnight ago in the heavy storm which swept the northern fishing banks. The schooner Washington was reported as having reached Ketchikan safely. Although the Seattle fish men seem to have lost faith in the turning up of the boats still reported missing, local fishermen still have hopes that their comrades will turn up safely. They are of the opinion that the missing boats have suffered serious damage to machinery and were driven on to some out of the way beach far from communication with the outside world and that they will yet be found safe and sound. It is to be hoped that such may be the case. The community can ill afford to lose such men.

### Tough Going

The American halibut schooner Tordenskjold, Capt. Paul Pederson, made port on Wednesday night and reports having experienced a very tough trip, although with all his trials and tribulations he was able to snatch up a few halibut amounting to 58,000 pounds. While in the northern waters, the sea became so rough that two of his crew were swept from the deck and were recovered only with difficulty. The behaviour of the crew was excellent and they faced all risks to save their comrades. Their names will be brought before the Admiral for suitable recognition.

While crossing Dixon's entrance, the boat ran into a particularly rough sea and the forecastle was torn from the mast. With all this excitement to their credit, Capt. Pederson and his

men were in good spirits and only remained in port long enough to take on ice and bait and refit before they struck out again for nature's spoils. Can you beat it?

### Bob Bryson—Hero

The hero of this story is Bob Bryson, and when you have read the story you will doubtless agree that he should be plastered with medals like a German field marshal. From accounts to hand it appears that Bob, in company with Art Ensson and Jack Keefe, were out on a little hunting jaunt. For some unknown reason, yet to be inquired into, Art and Jack clambered into the water. Do you think Bob wrote home to ask what he should do under the circumstances? Not a bit of it. He just peeled off his lid, turned up his coat collar, and disgracefully plunged into the icy depths. After an untold number of seal like dives underneath the boat his search was rewarded by Art hanging on to his hair. With supreme efforts he managed to get him into the boat and instructed him carefully how to hang on while he went back to look for Jack. After a prolonged search he found his missing comrade reclining on a rock some port below the surface. After awakening him he towed him to the boat which was still afloat. With heroic struggles Bob managed to deposit them both safely on deck when he turned his collar down and surveyed the scene. Of course the victims were much obliged to Bob for his timely help. This gallant escapade is being inquired into by the Admiralty department of the fleet and it is found to compare favorably with similar rescues. Bob will be awarded the Cross of the Hot Cross Bun with seventeen clasps which can be used for jant suspension purposes if necessary.

### Ye Merry Skaters

Yes sir, the skating season is with us again but for how long remains to be seen. The busiest launch in the bay these days is the Oh Baby, skipper Myhill-Jones, who has been working overtime giving his labors of love for the Salt Lakes. The fun commenced on Wednesday morning when a few pioneer skaters went over to try their luck. They returned with glowing accounts of the good ice. This started the ball rolling. A bunch of merry boys and girls took advantage of the opportunity and went across to the lake on Wednesday afternoon while, in the evening, the Oh Baby was crowded to capacity. It is said in well informed circles that an Oh Baby trip on a moonlight night in company with your best girl will bring out more romantic ideas than any other medicine yet known to man. In a case these days of all aboard for the Salt Lakes. By the way, we understand that the Myhill Fruit Cannery is in the hands of a competent manager while the founder is busy with the launch. Thus all Xmas orders will be promptly attended to.

### Alma B. Out Again

The Alma B, Capt. H. Brouin, with chief mate Geo. Redgers, is hunting the wily halibut once again. Cap. arrived in port during the week with 1400 pounds of the best fish in the world and after discharging the cargo and



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loading up with ice and bait, he hit out again to try his luck. Cap. is in excellent humor and speaks very highly of the excellent seagoing qualities of his crew.

### Blix Returns

Capt. Norman Broadhurst of the power boat Blix returned to port on Wednesday after an extended trip in southern waters in company with George Clothier, government mining engineer, who was on a trip of inspection. The Blix had been absent from port for some three weeks.

### Monty in Trouble

The gas boat Monty, of aboriginal fame, suffered damage recently as the result of getting caught in the ice in the vicinity of Dennis Arm, behind Kaien Island. It appears that Ad. Montegomery's son together with a chum, went on a little cruise and got tied in. The Silvery Spray and Karen went out to look for the wanderers and found them on the beach after having left the boat. On the boat being freed, it was discovered that some two feet of water was inside as the result of the hull being cut on the jagged edges of the ice.

The boys were safely returned to port none the worse for their somewhat exciting experience.

### Santa Claus Returning

Santa Claus the second, in the person of Capt. Hoopes K. Freeman, skipper of the launch Narbethong, is expected to return to port during the coming week. Cap. has been absent down the coast with a cargo of groceries and other necessities of life which he has been selling to anyone with the price. Incoming mariners reported having sighted the Narbethong down the coast, and according to wireless messages received from Cap. most of the groceries have been disposed of. Upon the return of the old reliable she will stack up a pile of Xmas fare and will tilt down south immediately. We understand that Mr. Freeman has permitted his beard to grow, of a silver color, which gives him a swell Santa Claus appearance. He will doubtless make a great hit with the girls.

### Hanaco Out Again

The power boat Hanaco, Capt. Braanen and engineer Reg. Green, was out for a trial run during the week. The course taken was a northerly one. Coming through Portland Canal she struck some pretty cold weather giving her decks the appearance of a polar region exploration vessel.

### Paddy Raymond

The palatial residence of Paddy Raymond, at Lookout Point, has caused a good deal of controversy in nautical circles during the past week. Passing boats have noticed huge quantities of thick black smoke issuing from the funnels of Paddy's home and it is thought that he has gone into the smoked Irish apple business. It is known that Paddy was experimenting on the smoking of spuds, which he says are a swell dish in the Island of the shamrock. The Irish colony founded at Lookout

Point by this worthy gentleman is going ahead in good shape and up to date everything has passed off peacefully.

The Canadian National steamer Prince John, Capt. Nedden, arrived in port on Thursday morning via the Queen Charlottes. She had on board a cargo of cement for Albert & McCaffery.

### Alten Breaks Shaft

The halibut schooner Alten, Capt. Daya Hassel, broke her tail shaft while fishing in the West-ard waters and was compelled to accept the assistance of the Vansoe and Scandia to enable her to get to Ketchikan. While having the Alten in tow the Scandia lost her rudder. Both boats are at present in Ketchikan getting fixed up.

### Jim is Back

You may not believe it but this is a fact nevertheless, Jim Morrison, on the bridge of the Gaygeon, hove into port on Tuesday morning with 2,000 pounds of second hand fish. It was second hand because it passed through two pair of hands before reaching the hold. Don't laugh.

The power boat Paehena, Capt. R. Gammon, was up to Port Simpson during the week.

The Prince Rupert Boat House has completed the sale of a 55 h.p. Atlas engine to Todd & Sons Victoria. The engine will be installed in a cannery tug at Rivers Inlet.

R. G. Johnson, manager of the Inverness cannery, was in town during the past week on a trip of inspection and left for Victoria on the Prince George on Thursday night.

### Art Oswald Gives Up

Capt. Art Oswald, of the Kayousu and Olaf's wife fame, returned to port on Monday morning having been warned off the deep sea fisheries for hogging

the fish. According to the printed account of Art's catch he got 13,000 pounds and, as his little craft is only capable of carrying about 5,000 pounds, you can see for yourself that it was hardly fair to the other fellows. When his comrades on shore heard of the amount of the catch they wondered how he got into port at all and thought he probably had a screw behind. However, upon careful enquiry it was found that a mistake had been made in the figures, which should have read 1,300. Capt. Oswald has given up the idea of mating Olaf, the feline Prince of Dundas Island. Art says the boy is too d— particular for him and has consequently torn up his matrimonial agency single.

### Fish Sales

A total of 611,000 pounds of halibut was marketed this week through the local Fish Exchange, an increase of 421,000 pounds over the catch of last week.

The highest price paid was 29c and 11.5c and the lowest 11.5c and 7c.

The arrivals were: Fairway, Yellowstone, National, Kayousu, Helgeland, Norland, Gaygeon, Volunteer, Panama, E. Neilson, Pelican, Groth, Livingstone. (Continued on Page Six)

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