

## Waterfront Whiffs

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

The fact that Cow Bay, the home of the mosquito fleet is looking somewhat deserted these days is no criterion that the boys are not bumping. On the contrary everything that will float, regardless of whether the machinery will give a kick on all cylinders or not, is out on the deep blue sea harvesting the halibut, springs and cohoes. With the price of fish higher it has given the crews more heart and as a consequence some bumper catches have been brought in. The Admiral of the fleet reports that some 362,000 pounds of halibut has been sold this week, also 11,800 pounds of salmon. As the Admiral says "Not a bad week's work at that."

Word has been received from the Naas salmon grounds that the spring salmon is running in fine shape now, and on Tuesday the boats were averaging 40 sockeye at a clip. While the run on the Skeena up to the present is nothing to brag about the salmon trollers are very optimistic and realize that the season is late this year. It is anticipated that the run in the Naas is a forerunner of a good run in local waters.

At the local Exchange during the week the highest price paid for fish was 13.20c, and 4 1/2c, and the lowest price 8.30c and 3c.

Several of the visiting Masonic celebrities from the south inspected the Mosquito fleet base yesterday afternoon accompanied by the officials of the admiralty and were entertained in regular nautical style.

Those of the boats that were in port were thrown open to the visitors and tea, etc. was bountifully poured all over the decks.

Refreshments were served aboard the flagship by the midshipmen of the fleet after which exhibition of boxing the compass by the Admiral was given. In spite of the Admiral's years, he proved an expert at the art and the whole exhibition would have been a great success but for the fact that in serving ice cream cones, one of the stewards left one remaining on deck which the Admiral encountered. The sequel was that he came to rest upon the shining boards, a little more suddenly than was desired and

broke the bottle in his hip pocket. The Dixie Rupert, Captain G. Newcombe, returned from a trip to the Skeena and Naas rivers on Wednesday night to which points he had been for three days with a private party.

The Norma, Capt. A. Jacobsen, arrived in port on Thursday morning with a 25,000 pound catch of prize halibut. Cap. reports a splendid trip and states that everyone behaved admirably.

The Karen, Capt. Ben Stevenson made port on Thursday morning after a prolonged fishing trip.

The President, Capt. F. Lockwood, arrived in port early in the week and stayed just long enough to unload the fish harvest making a swift B line for his secret fishing spot. Cap. will not be returning to port again for some time being heart and soul in the salmon trolling stunts.

The Thor, Capt. Albert Lund, is back again from the tall timber.

Several Indian families have been passing along the waterfront this week en route to the various canneries. All sorts and descriptions of gasboats have been pressed into service by the natives and the decks have been packed with baby carriages, cook stoves, phonographs, babies, dogs, cats, chickens and other domestic necessities which are so essential to their well being.

The gasboat P.R.T. has completed her overhaul and is now engaged intowing fish waste from the canneries, and will be used by Cap. Ketchum together with the Wigwam on the towing contract for the Marine Products Co., Ltd. of Tucks, Ind.

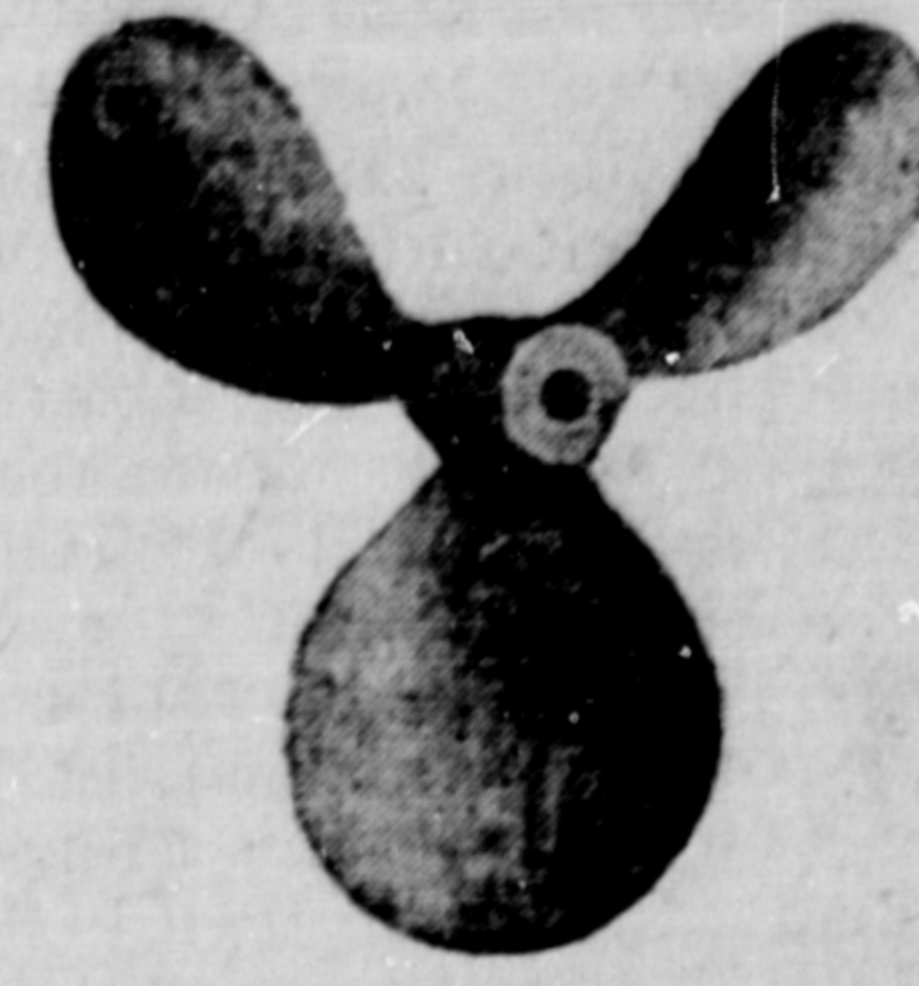
The Gilford, Capt. Bob Hobbs, called in port during the week with a nice little cargo of 10,000 pounds of halibut. Cap. is logging younger ever yday and if the price of fish keeps up there is no telling how young he will get.

The Johanna, Capt. Wick, arrived in port on Monday from her first fishing trip since transferring from American to Canadian registry, and unloaded 18,000 pounds of first class halibut.

The Scrub, Captain Prince, is undergoing a minor overhaul in Cow Bay prior to leaving for the halibut banks.

The Diamond T. of Ketchikan, Captain H. R. Thompson, arrived in port on Thursday after unloading 8,600 pounds of springs and cohoes for the Oceanic can-

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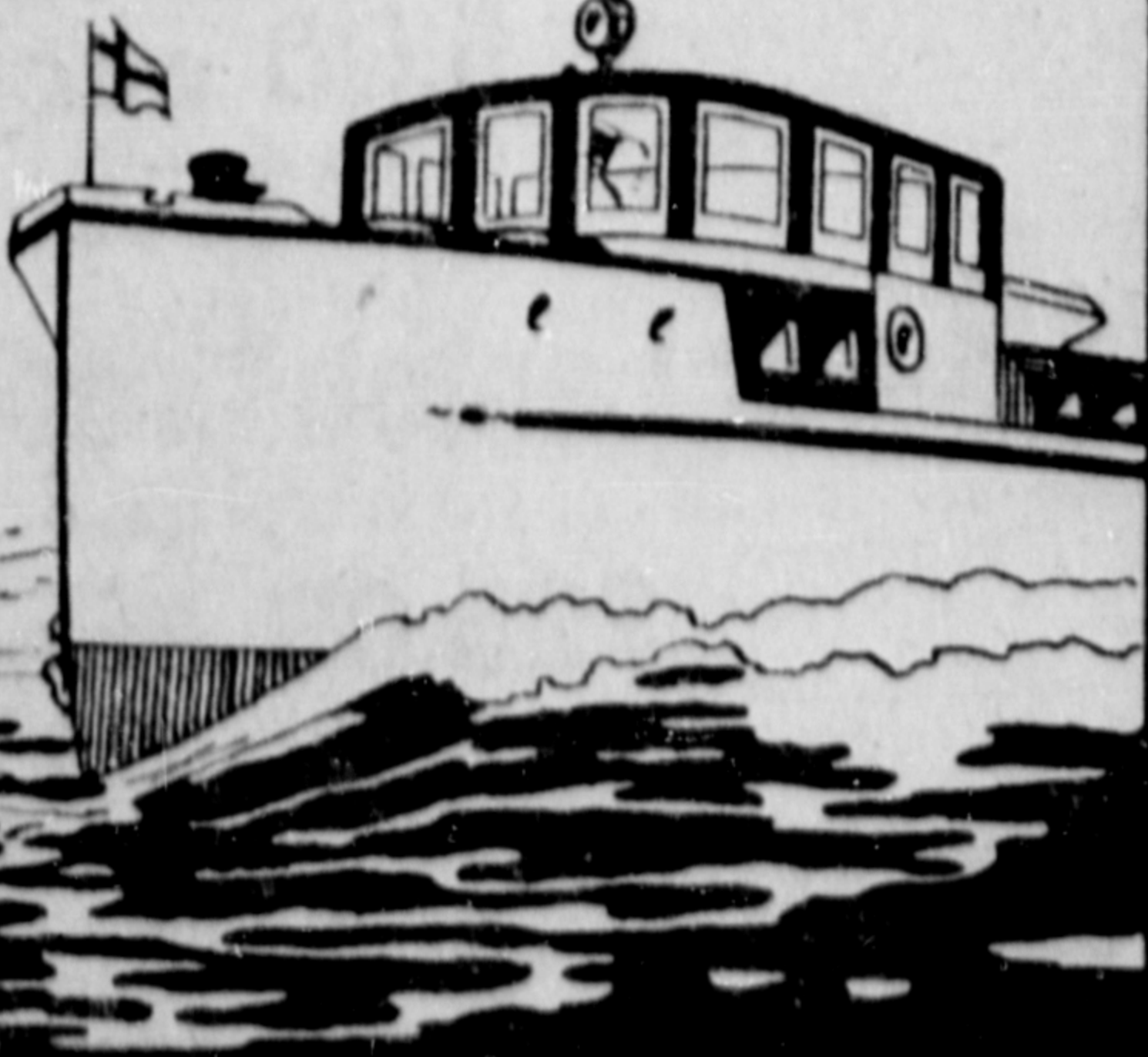
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nery. After taking on supplies he hit for the home port. The Diamond T. is a snappy looking craft measuring 11 ft. long x 9 ft. beam and is fitted with a 25 h.p. Globe heavy duty engine.

The lacrosse game on Dominion Day promises to be a great success if the dark horses along the waterfront are only roped and dragged into the arena. A dark horse at this noble sport has come to light in the person of Lance Styles who played such a strenuous practice game during the week that he wore out two lacrosse sticks. The first stick came into contact with his optic during a scrimmage the impact breaking the handle while the hero looks like a war veteran after seventeen campaigns. However he is still able to see daylight through it with the eyelid propped up with a couple of match stems.

Mat Morrison was the guest of honor last Saturday evening at an informal smoking concert given in his honor by the civil lords of the admiralty, in a specially erected building, prior to his departure for Vancouver. The program opened with refreshments accompanied by a recitation given by Jim Bouzer entitled "Why a Bannana has a Skin." Sam Hughes gave an imitation

of Rip Van Winkle, after another serving of refreshments. A stump speech by Sam McVea entitled "The Quack Doctor," was greatly applauded and for an encore he sang that pathetic ballad called "O Grandma Cut Your Toenails 'Cos Your Tearing all the Sheets." J. Waldorf, as chairman, made a few fitting remarks in which he deplored the losing of such a trusty citizen and football player as Mat. While Mat had never played locally he assured his audience that his stories of football games would get one all hot up. A very impressive evening came to an untimely finish with the singing of "How Dry I am."

Sandy Cook is making good headway with his new restaurant and ice cream edifice on the shores of Cow Bay, and will be in a position to dish out the icy confection and hot dogs. Sandy will be glad of any patronage but he hopes his friends will stay away until he gets a good start.

Mrs. I. Director, Second Avenue, gave a tea on Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Victor Basso-Bert, who is leaving shortly for Europe and her daughter Rosalie who is going to spend a year at school in Chicago.

## WILD CATTLE MORESBY ISD.

Fifty Said to be Roaming the Country Around Copper Bay

MASSETT, June 24.—Residents of Copper Bay and vicinity on the west coast of Moresby Island report that a number of cattle which were left by a former resident have become wild and have multiplied until today over fifty are roaming the wild country of Moresby Island.

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