

Waterfront Whiffs

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

The Admiral of the Mosquito Fleet and his merry men were in jubilant humor a few days ago for the fish business was booming. The past week has been a bumper one and thirty carloads of the best halibut in the world has been shipped. The largest fish train that has yet left this port pulled out on Monday last at midnight, consisting of fifteen carloads of fish weighing 350,000 pounds, and valued approximately at \$30,000, plus \$850 per car express charges. When one contemplates these figures one realizes the great importance of the "little" fleet, and what the fishermen mean to the prosperity of our fair city. The plentiful supply of fish during the week has meant a bad drop in prices, however and there is kicking at the slump.

One happening along the waterfront which has brought joy to the hearts of the fishermen is the installation of the new ladders along the fish dock, which makes the landing from boats so much more convenient and safe. Grateful expressions have been heard from all quarters in nautical circles, and the fishermen realize that someone is at last taking a sensible interest in them and giving a helping hand in their dangerous calling.

Now if one or two good electric light clusters could be fixed up in the same vicinity, which would afford police protection of the most economical kind, and which would give the landing of boats at night good lighting facilities, everybody would be happy.

A fur arrival consisting of mink, otter and wolf skins, is reported this week. There are a number of small craft yet to report from their trapping expeditions, and several arrivals are expected early in the coming week.

Good progress is being made on the demolition of the overhead roadway leading from Cow Bay. The structure has been removed as far as the Akerberg-Thompson shop, and the first bed of material has been laid.

As a result of the Disarmament Conference held in Washington recently at which the Mosquito Fleet was not represented the Admiralty branch of the Fleet is undergoing re-organization, and the outlasses of the fighting branch have been hammered into propellers, which have an excellent cutting edge, so much so in fact that the Admiral is retaining one for shaving purposes. He says they have got a safety razor heated for close shaving and would shave the hair of a bald frog. Reductions in staff will consequently take place. The "powder monkey" has been relieved of his authority and is now engaged in shaking up the sauce bottles for the Admiral's festive board. The stenogs have been laid off and have been installed in a needlework branch for the benefit of the Fleet, so that no member of the Fleet need be a button short. It is understood, on good authority, that Flossie Flirt will take over again as the Admiral's secretary and will work in the dual role of stenographer and "anchor pie" dispenser. The Admiral says that Flossie can do more work around his quarters than three able-bodied seamen. With these changes in staff it is anticipated the saving in cash will permit of the Admiral's sanctum being decorated with two Gatto, fifteen year old, instead of one.

Jack Toner being indisposed with a touch of the flu, and pending the aforementioned changes in staff, Flossie has taken over the active management of the Mug-Up. To keep the fair damsel in a cheerful humor Jack has installed an electric incubator. Jack started the incubator off with what he thought to be eggs, but Flossie found, upon inquiry, that the supposed eggs were old golf balls. Flossie said it was too much to expect of any incubator, whether driven by "juice" or steam, to hatch out golf balls, and wondered if Jack had it in his bean to start a golf ball

factory that way. Anyway the incubator now contains a setting of humming birds eggs, and it is the intention to keep on humming around the Mug Up when the hummers happen, and start humming.

The Dorothikolon, Captain Dasso, arrived in port on Wednesday night from Kelly's Logging Camp on the Queen Charlotte Islands, with a casualty aboard in the person of Jas. McEntee, who had the misfortune to sever his shin bone with an axe, and who was rushed to the General Hospital.

Jim will be in hospital for a while yet and Cap returned to his home port on Friday.

The good ship Wake, owned by Captains Ketchum and Newcombe, has been sold to M. L. Clark, millwright for the Georgetown sawmill. The new owner has cleared for Georgetown where she will be used for prospecting trips and other private purposes.

The Snipe is now on Charlie Newman's ways across the bay, and Captain Frenchy, her owner, has been busily engaged in hauling chicken wire and plaster of Paris aboard the Mauritanian for the purpose of fixing new planking on the hull. The engine is in fine fettle and will give a jump or a kick at Cap's command. With the completion of the hull repairs, and if Cap can coax the craft off the slips by making a noise like a wave, he will leave for an extended tour in waters unknown at present. Frenchy says that no millionaire has the price to buy the Snipe in its present excellent condition, so don't pester Cap to sell.

Launch Oh Baby, Captain Myhill-Jones, which has been undergoing a machinery and hull overhaul, is practically completed, and everything will soon be in good shape for the forthcoming season's rush of business.

The Wigwag, Captain Claude Ketchum, called into port on Wednesday morning for additional gear and supplies preparatory to leaving Mellakalla Passage with the two donkey engines for the J. R. Morgan Logging Company at Surf Inlet. The Wigwag will leave for Surf Inlet early in the coming week.

The Silver Spray, Captain Billy Thane and first mate, Ben Boliver, returned to port from the mouth of Portland Canal with a cargo of mink, otter and wolf skins, but have been unable, as yet, to make a sale on the local market owing to low prices offered.

The launch Red, Captain C. Stroethorse, arrived from Lawson Harbor on Wednesday. Cap is in the city on important financial business.

The Maude, Captain S. Pierce, arrived in port on Thursday morning with 4000 pounds of first class halibut. Cap reports that the trip was O.K. and that excellent weather prevailed on the whaleback.

O. P. Smith of the Billy Boy is overhauling in preparation for his leaving for the Dundas Camp, Inverness Cannery, which it is expected will be opened up about April 25. Both the Billy Boy and the Horseshoe will be put on the run this season. A new store scow is also going out which will afford better accommodation for the commissary end of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mallis arrived from Vancouver on Wednesday aboard the S. S. Prince Rupert. J. Mallis is taking over the store management at the Inverness Cannery, Dundas Camp.

The Scrub, Captain Dolph Prince, arrived in port on Thursday morning with a light catch. Cap complained that the weather was against him, and that the fish had taken a dislike to his idea of bait. Cap says that to make up for the light catch of fish he was able to shoot some rock oysters of Cape St. James, and had several fills of oyster stew. The trip was marred by an accident to his chief engine-

er and secretary. These two gentlemen got into an argument about wrestling and to prove who was the better man they both got to wrestling on the dancing deck. Cap says the bout was a good one until they both struck the side rail, which collapsed, precipitating the exponents of the mat art into the salt chug. However, this occurrence did not end the bout and the wrestlers disappeared from view locked in one another's arms, like a couple of spring lovers. At this juncture Cap threw a dory overboard and at their first appearance on the surface grabbed them by the hair, devoting a pat on the back to each signifying they had both won, otherwise they would have been wrestling in the water yet.

Captain T. Wilson, of the Westerner, made port on Wednesday night with some 2000 pounds of first class halibut, and reported a fine trip. After overhauling gear Cap will leave for the high spots again on Monday.

Captain Roberson of the Torberg, who has completed his trapping expeditions for the season, is overhauling his craft preparatory to a trip to the halibut banks. He anticipates clearing for the Whaleback on Monday.

A slight mishap occurred on Thursday morning which drew the Bingo, Captain A. Anderson, into the limelight of publicity. Buster, one of the star members of the crew, while grabbing at a fly from the deck, overbalanced and slid gracefully into the icy waters of the bay. The cry of "man overboard" brought the crew on deck and willing hands grabbed the swimmer to safety. Buster is a cute looking pup, and is the mascot of the ship.

Captain Frank Lockwood of the President has arrived in port from a gold prospecting expedition, around Greenville Channel. Huge gold nuggets were stacked on the deck valued at millions of dollars, till Cap woke up.

Mr. Markland has practically completed his new boat, which is undergoing finishing touches in the Bone Yard Creek, and it is sure some snappy looking craft. It is expected overtures will be made to Cap to have his new boat become the flagship of the trolling fleet.

Two launching ceremonies happened during the week at the N. M. McLean shipyards, when the new Lear Bros. halibut boat, and Capt. Saunderson's new craft hit the water. Mac had gone to some trouble and expense in procuring a couple of bottles of champagne for the ceremony and had them, as he thought, carefully stowed away in his roll top desk. However, when the time came for Mac to pick up

the bottles to place in position, it was found that the champagne portion of the bottles was conspicuous by its absence. However, Mac rose to the occasion and filled the empty bottles with some cold and mighty weak tea, and no one knew the difference. The secret service of the fleet are working on the case and do not want this information to get out so please don't tell anybody about Mac's misfortune.

The tug McCullough left on Thursday afternoon with a load of machinery which has been repaired at the Dry Dock for the Georgetown mill. On her return trip the tug will bring in a load of boxes for the fish houses.

With the arrival of new head blocks at the Georgetown mill a new log carriage is to be installed.

The Gazoom, owned by Dr. W. T. Kerzin, is undergoing finishing touches at the hands of J. E. Jack at the Prince Rupert Yacht Club moorings. This pleasure cruiser was built at the Dry Dock last year by H. J. F. Turney from whom Dr. Kerzin made the purchase. It is the last word in comfort and compactness, and has collapsible berthing for seven persons, three berths forward and four aft. The aft berths when closed are flush with the side and are hidden by beautiful paneling, situated in the observation cabin. The forward berths when closed are tastefully upholstered in dark green leather and give

the acme of comfort, this cabin forming a splendid lounge. The cruiser is also fitted with collapsible nickel plated wash basin, a modern cook stove and sink and everything is to hand and compact. The dimensions of the boat are 56 feet long by 9 feet beam and she is fitted with a 20 h. p. Kermath engine, capable of making eight knots.

G. E. Atkinson of the Sinclair Fisheries is confined to his bed with an attack of flu.

A good April fool joke was played on one of the foremen at a local fish house, on Saturday last. Having procured an old legal looking document the whimsical manager notified his foreman thereon that he was liable for his Poll Tax for two years ago in default of the payment of which he was liable to a ten dollar fine. The victim of the joke, thinking it was a genuine request, was much worried, so his manager told him he had better get legal advice as to the best procedure. Off went the victim up town and consulted a well known notary who said he would look up the case. In the meantime the notary was informed of the joke and he rang up the victim to tell him that unless the Poll Tax, plus the ten dollar fine, were paid before noon he was liable for a fine of \$500 or six months in jail. This put the match to the fireworks and the victim grabbed his hat and ran for the up town legal opinion only to find upon arrival that the door was locked. After a prolonged search the notary was located, who then imparted to the victim of the joke the fact that it was April 1.

Pat Daly, and T. J. Shenton, inspector of mines, together with a party of mining experts left on the Pachena for Stewart, on Thursday morning.

The Snagscow, Captain Mulligan, which has been on the Dry Dock for hull repairs, has returned to the Government wharf, and will leave for the Naas River early next week.

The following boats are at present in port: Dixie Rupert, Oh Baby, Narbethong, Silver Spray, Towena, S. Vito, Pug, Cub, Tulip, Westerner, Rea, Torberg, Jean, Roy W., Laura E., Manilla, Beaver Cove, Somme, Mink, Billy Boy, Oh Boy, Anna J. Tordenskjord, Ketcham and Pioneer.

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Funeral Service for Late W. X. McDonald at Catholic Church.
ANYOX, April 8.—A service was held in the Catholic Church on Thursday morning for the late William X. McDonald, at which there was a large circle of friends of the deceased present, among whom were a large number of members of the local Elks Lodge of which Mr. McDonald was a prominent member. The body was accompanied from the church to the wharf by a procession of Elks, from where it is being shipped to Granby, Que. Mr. McDonald was 53 years of age.

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