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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 reports that during the week 450,000 pounds of halibut and 15,000 pounds of spring salmon has been marketed, and 10 carloads have been shipped to the east, which is going some.

The large amount of fish marketed recently and consequent upon the recent tie up on the railway, a slight car shortage occurred early in the week, which has since been remedied. The price of fish has not been very inspiring. The highest figure paid was 7.70c and 3c, and the lowest 6c and 3c.

Spring salmon is running well. The salmon packer Williams came in to port from the Queen Charlotte Islands with 23,000 pounds of salmon early in the week, which is the largest single landing this season to date.

The Canadian Fish & Gold Storage Co.'s trawler G. E. Foster, Captain E. Sanderson, arrived in port on Thursday with 35,000 pounds of flat fish. This is the result of the first trip of the season and augurs well for the success of the enterprise. It is the first time this vessel has been out on trawling since 1919.

N. M. McLean has a new hull practically completed for the Queen Charlotte Island missionary service. The boat, when completed, will measure 40 ft. long by 10 ft. 6 in. beam with a depth of 6 feet, and will be fitted with a 24 h.p. Vivian engine. Mac says it will be one of the finest boats ever built in Prince Rupert, which is saying a whole lot. The interior will be fitted up with berths, cushioned seats, in fact everything to make her a comfortable boat.

The N. M. McLean yards have two more boats on the waiting list to be built, and keels will be laid as soon as necessary extensions have been made to the already overcrowded yards.

The Nuba, Captain W. Cook, left port on Thursday morning for the high spots.

The tug McCulloch left port on Wednesday for Hatti Island, Bell Bay and Portland Canal for a boom of logs for the Georgetown sawmill.

The gasboat Hanaco left the Georgetown mill on Wednesday night with a scow load of boxes

for the local fish houses and lumber for the Big Bay Lumber Co.

The Karen, Captain Ben Stephenson, arrived in port on Wednesday to refit, and will leave for the salmon trolling grounds around Queen Charlotte Islands over the week end.

The power boat Uneeda, Captain Carl Thompson, with a full crew aboard, had an exciting experience on the bay on Wednesday evening, and incidentally a whale of a time. Everything had been going fine on a speed run to the Salt Lakes, and the pilot had the compass set N.E. by P. T.O. for Digby Island, when suddenly the lookout man yelled from below that a shark was sighted on the port bow between Digby Island and the mainland.

First Mate O'Reilly sprang to action immediately and megaphoned to the engine room to put the stokers on the chain in case of engine trouble. Can piled on the speed, and with quick vision declared that it was a whale. Sure enough his finding was corroborated by the passenger. The deep sea monster was enjoying a little fun by swishing a few ton tail around in the water which churned the salt chup up around the Uneeda a little too breezily to be comfortable. Not satisfied with this exhibition of hilarity the whale let up a spout of water which was a good imitation of a waterspout. In the excitement the stokers broke their fetters and came on deck, the pilot got a fit of the shakes, and the passenger though lovingly of his little home on the beautiful shore. The upshot of the whole thing was that the fires went out below and the speed water came to rest very gracefully in a bed of seaweed, while Cap swore vengeance upon the fish chaser. However, after a few final orders the propeller got loosened up, and Digby Island was made without any further untoward happening. Needless to add the whale got away without any serious molestation.

Capt. Joe Jack left port on Tuesday aboard the Birdie B. on his maiden voyage of the season for the purpose of coaxing a few spring salmon into his patent smoke house.

The Thor, Captain A. Lund, arrived in port early in the week from the Skeena river with a load of piles for W. T. Muse.

A new store is in course of erection on the shores of Cow Bay situated between the Ward Electric factory and the N. M. McLean shipyards. This store is to be opened by Mr. and Mrs. S. Cook, who will engage in disposing of general merchandise. An up to date lunch counter will be installed in connection with the store. Mr. Cook is well known along the waterfront,

was too shy to permit of the occurrence getting into print earlier. During the erection of the new foot bridge, by the Provincial government, over the Oona river, W. Mathieson had the misfortune to fall into the icy waters. Cries of "Help, help!" rent the air and Franks being in the near vicinity rushed on to the bridge to see what it was all about. Noticing a man in the water and in difficulties Franks remarked that he would consider going out to the rescue in his gasboat if the gentleman in the water would kindly keep afloat while he got the engine going. This was agreed to and after several mighty heaves and grunts the engine took the gas and coughed up a little speed. By the time the hero arrived on the scene Mathieson was conspicuous by his absence and fearing he had been drowned Franks made for a landing. On stepping ashore he was surprised to be greeted by Mathieson, who while pleased to see the hero said that at the last minute he had decided to swim for land as it was getting rather cold sticking around waiting for the boat. However, he was much obliged for the effort displayed, which went to show that the spirit of heroism was not dormant in the British race.

The Spey, Capt. J. Cook, has been fixed up and is ready for the salmon trolling days. Cap. expects to leave port over the week end.

The George D., Capt. Fred Dudward, arrived in port from Port Simpson on Thursday morning. Supplies and a minor overhaul is the business to be transacted in port.

Owing to the high water which has prevailed during the past week in the Skeena river one of the wharves at Port Essington was washed out. The gasboat Ivy Leaf, owned by the B. C. Packers, was moored to it, and this together with the wharf was washed down on the tide. Both the wharf and the boat have since been salvaged.

The secret service has been busy this week working on the case of the power boat Dreamer skippered by W. G. Walford. From reports of observations made it appears that the Dreamer has been seen looking out of port with parties of the younger sex aboard, and this week three girls were seen to leave and only two returned. This is the big business that is keeping the S.S. guys awake at nights. Anyone seeing a stray flapper wandering around across the bay will greatly facilitate the brainy work of the fleet by communicating such information to Jimmy Zero care of The Mug-Up.

George McAfee returned to the Georgetown sawmill on Wednesday after spending two days in the city on business.

Jack Toner held a very successful debate during the week at the Mug Up on the subject

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Ties in the Senior Football League series have not been so frequent this year as they were last. The schedule is now a little more than half through and there have been only two, the Orotto having taken part in both, once with the Sons of England and once with the Sons of Canada. In the latter game, the two most youthful teams of the league went at it hammer and tongs and the result of the game was fairly indicative of the merits displayed by them. The Sons and the Tobaccoists are making a bold bid for league leadership and their meetings with the two other teams during the course of the second half of the season will be interesting affairs. The Sons of England and the Callies will battle next Tuesday evening. The former will suffer from the loss of Wearmouth and it will be a good chance for the Callies to work off the jinx that they have been so loudly proclaiming has been following them. Everybody does not agree with the line of "hard luck" talk that they have been handing out but, if they are going to win a game at all they ought to do it on Tuesday night.

The "Booth Boosters" are coming along fine and S. Carter has got their goats to such an extent that they often forget to lay an egg twice daily. Knowing this two of his colleagues, Messrs. Knight and Solem, took a hike out to the booster ranch, bent on spearing a couple of egg-nogs, in fact Steve's chicken coop has become quite an egg-nog rendezvous. However, sad to relate, upon arrival the travellers discovered that the egg laying exhibition for the day was over and that the harvest had been used for domestic purposes. No amount of persuasion could induce Steve's pets to do any more business and the egg-nog hunters returned to civilization sadder but wiser. To avoid disappointment it is advisable to take one's own eggs, that is eggs laid by an outside fowl.

The following boats have marketed fish during the week: Forward, Raven, Tahoma, Valid, Wash, Flattery, Yellowstone, June Spencer, Pelican, Baltic, St. Eloi, Imperieuse, M. M. Christopher, Sunrise, Thelma, Rose Point, Alliance, Tramp, Pair of Jacks, Angus B., Hippo, W. & F. Guilford, Unity, Plop, Bryan, Ethel, N and F., Minnie V. and Sunrise.

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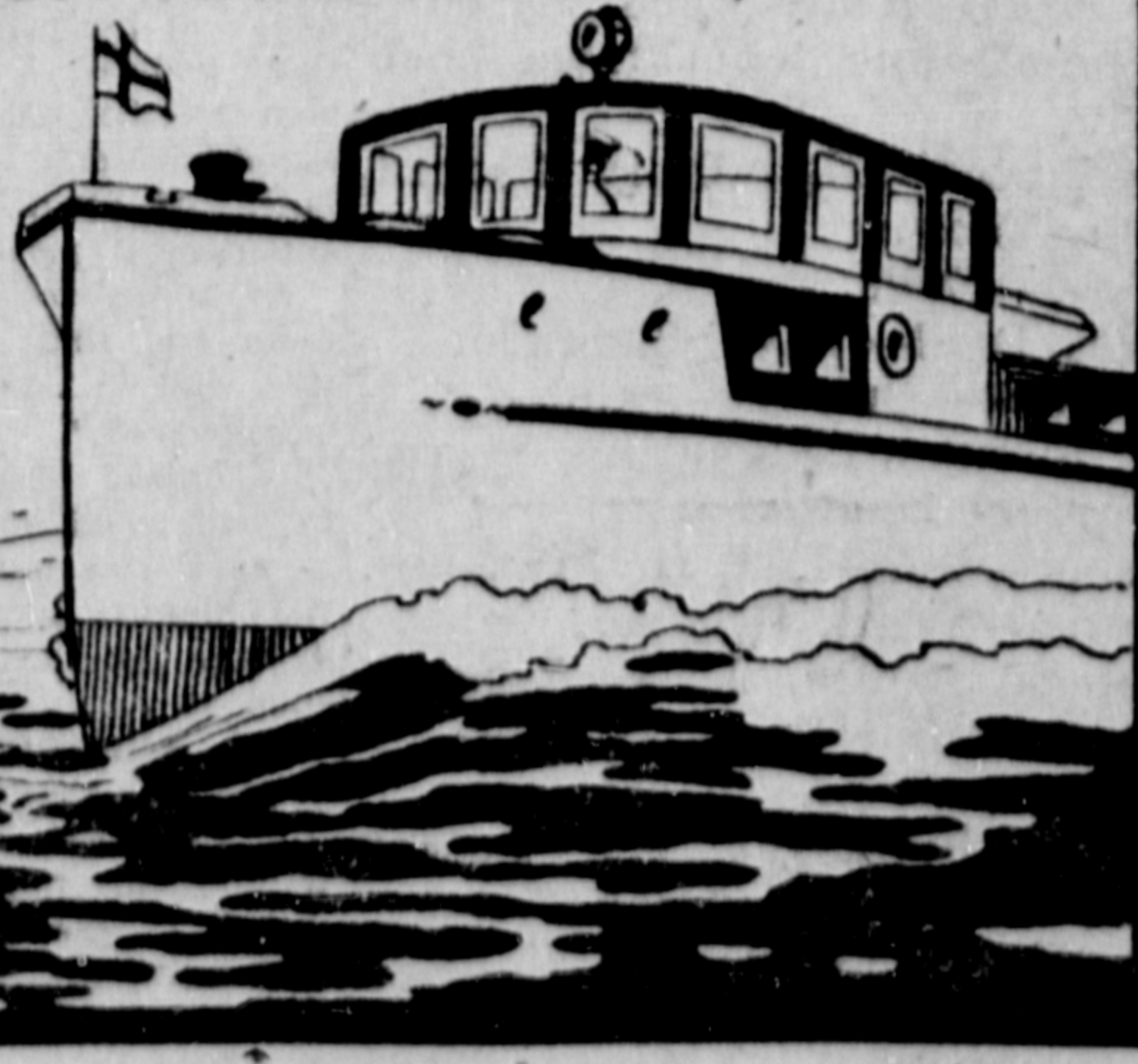
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