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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 is feeling very proud of his merry men these days and not without a reason. During the month of May the "Hil'ole" landed a catch of 2,637,250 pounds of halibut, and 33,780 pounds of salmon. The port of Prince Rupert also made a record shipment of fish to the eastward during the past month, 109 cars of the best fish in the world leaving over the Canadian National lines. This is 14 cars in excess of the previous monthly record which was 95.

In the past week 287,500 pounds of halibut, and 13,900 pounds of salmon, including 8,000 pounds per the salmon packer Billy Boy for the Sinclair Fisheries, has been marketed. The price offering for fish has been low. The highest price paid during the week was \$4.00 and 3c and the lowest price 6.30c and 3c.

The spring salmon continues to come in slow but sure and the troling is improving fast with the advent of the summer weather. Most of the salmon trollers are out, the few remaining being busy preparing for the season's run.

With old Sol in his best humor last Sunday many families blazed with bountiful lunch baskets for pastures new in the near vicinity of the bay and enjoyed to the extreme the balmy breezes which wafted down from the snow clad mountain peaks. Digby Island, the Salt Lakes, and Turnell Island were alive with hosts of happy picnickers from early morning till late in the evening. Paddling, snapshotting, fishing and last but not least, eating being the order of the day. Even Pa and Ma joined the little ones in introducing their lower extremities to the cooling waters of the Pacific and seemed to get more fun out of the pastime than the youngsters.

The Dixie Rupert and the Oh Baby took several parties around the Island. This local trip is one of the finest on the coast and is becoming very popular.

Mrs. W. J. Whalen, left port on Tuesday afternoon for the Holland Rock lighthouse, situated at the mouth of the Skeena to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. Baker, who are in charge.

The fishing schooner Johanna is undergoing a complete overhaul on the Ward Electric slips at the hands of John Wick and Chris Olsen, pending her transfer from American to Canadian registry, the papers for which are being prepared.

The logging cruiser Ruby Mae, owned by J. and C. Currie, returned to port on Wednesday from Wark Canal. A considerable number of trees have been felled and bucked. The craft will leave for the north again on Monday. It is the intention

to take up a small steam donkey engine in the near future for the purpose of hauling the logs out of the bush, the ultimate disposition of which is not yet decided upon.

The Provincial forestry cruiser Leila R. is taking on a new appearance. The entire exterior is being repainted.

Captain A. Swanson returned from a business trip up the Skeena river yesterday. Cap's new boathouse is practically completed, and the first coat of paint is being artistically applied. It is expected the new boating edifice will replace the old boathouse during the coming week.

Captain Khori left port aboard the Just II on a salmon trolling stunt on Thursday afternoon. Cap says if the salmon don't take the spoon fast enough he'll dive in and hook 'em on. He has taken his latest diving outfit along for that purpose.

The tug McCullough arrived at the Georgetown mill on Wednesday from Alice Arm with a boom of logs comprising 350,000 feet.

The tug left the Georgetown Sawmill on Thursday night with a saw load of lumber, partly for the Big Bay Lumber Co. and four carloads for shipment to Winnipeg over the Canadian National.

There was considerable speculation along the waterfront during the week over the sudden activities of the Narbethong. After laying peacefully at anchor in the bay for two months she suddenly disappeared.

Immediately the loss was noted the secret service got busy and all the radiophones for miles around were shooting sparks. Flossie's wireless station on Porcher Island was notified and upon the owner hearing about all the fuss, suggested that Central might know something about it. Of course no one had thought of that simple avenue of information. It was learned that the missing link of the fleet had taken Messrs P. W. Anderson, Murray and Mathewson of the Provincial public works department to Oona River, southeast of Porcher Island. A foot bridge is to be built over the Oona River connecting the two settlements in that vicinity.

The Birdie B. Captain Joe Jack is undergoing final touches to her machinery, at the hands of her skipper, prior to taking part in the salmon trolling activities. Cap is one of the expert trollers of the trolling fleet and the Admiralty have every faith that he will land some bumper catches. This craft is one of the most up-to-date in the fleet and the cabin is so fixed up that salmon can be smoked en route. Instead of smoking salmon in an expensive smoke house on shore it is hung up downstairs and arrangements are so fixed that the salmon become toothsome smoked upon return to port.

The Laura E has transferred her affections. The new owners have trimmed her hair while paint, putty and face powder has been applied, in fact you wouldn't know her if you met her in the street.

The Steelhead, Captain Lindsay, is being outfitted for some mysterious voyage. The secret service suspect that the four-masted deposits at the mouth of

Wark Canal have a magnetic influence over the skipper.

Captain Babington's dredge The Skookum, which has been anchored over at Digby Island during the winter has coated at the government dock, and will participate in the unloading at Shockley's new layout near the Imperial Oil dock.

Captain Jud Thurber called into port with the Mayflower during the week to unload 6,000 pounds of the best. While in port Cap put the sturdy craft on the ways and gave her a darned good spring clean. There are no vacuum sweeper touches about Jud's cleaning and she was put through the mill in a thorough going manner. Jud says it's sure hot work fishing these days and that if he had trodden on a piece of blotting paper at some stages of the game he would have blotted himself out.

The Eagle, Captain Johnson, put into port early in the week after having been out for some days trying to entice the salmon into his hold. Cap's catches have been light but he is never downhearted and has struck out again determined to beat the record.

The Robert G. Seymour, Captain Anderson, is being repainted in Cow Bay.

Captain Geo. Newcombe has just completed giving the Dixie Rupert a final summer season coat of paint and has polished up the fittings aboard. One almost needs a pair of smoked glasses to look at her in the sunlight. She is sure a credit to the fleet.

The power boat Nancy, owned by T. C. Duncan, has a new pilot house installed which is quite a big improvement.

Jack Toner is undertaking some colossal extensions to the Mug Up. An annex is being built on to the south end and additional tables and chairs are being installed for the accommodation of ice cream chasers, that is people desiring to indulge in the cooling confection.

Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes will also be on sale, and this addition to the already established hostel will doubtless prove very popular. On the opening day, which will be announced later, a special will be put on consisting of a combination of ice cream and colored "pop" at a slaughter price, so it will behoove judicious nickel spenders to watch these columns.

Flossie Flirt, who returned from Porcher Island during the week, has been busy hunting around the second hand mart for an additional sewing machine which it is the intention to fix up as an auxiliary oil borer. The tremendous strain on the present gadget is telling on the bearings and assistance is badly needed. Jack Toner is taking up a position with Flossie as chief fixer, and has a great idea for oil boring. His idea is to drive

a pile with a sugar coated tip down about two thousand feet which is guaranteed to coax oil up to the surface even if located as far south as Australia.

There has been trouble with the crew recently on board Flossie's yacht Olympic, and it became necessary for the Cow Bay Amazon to stun half a dozen of them before order was restored. The row started over a suggestion by the first stoker that Flossie was in love with him. Of course it was a foolish thing to talk about. The first mate joined in the argument and told the speaker that if he intimated again he would knock his eye-brows off. That started the trouble. The stoker grabbed a mighty piece of coal and heaved it at the skipper, which caught Flossie, who had come upon the scene unexpectedly, on her favorite corn. The fat was in the fire then. Flossie, just to show how much she loved any of them, grabbed a mauling spike and cleaned the whole bunch up. The invalids are at present recuperating on the beach at Porcher Island, as Flossie did not want the occurrence to become public, so don't tell anybody about it.

J. Prescott had a blood curdling experience early in the week when a huge barnyard rooster made an attack upon him. The fray became so hotly contested that Jack tripped up and fell, barking his shins. It is thought that someone had been feeding the rooster "fighting moonshine." It is not known how many rounds were fought but Jack is still able to get around nicely.

The Zorra, skippered by Roy Brown, has taken on a contract with the J. B. Morgan Logging Company, for booming logs. Cap left port on Tuesday for Surf Inlet.

The Starston, Capt. Henry Watson, is engaged on towing rock from the Smith Island quarry for the city.

The following boats have marketed fish during the week: Washington, Tom and Al, East-ern Point, Hi Gill, W. and Y. Volunteer, Annie Tuck, Selma, Daisy, Anna J., Glacier, Happy, Dolan II, Inez H., Torberg, Awazi, Unity, Cub, Plop, Brand, Silyn, Vesta, Roal Amundsen, E. Neilson, Lenor, Pioneer, Mayflower, and Viking.

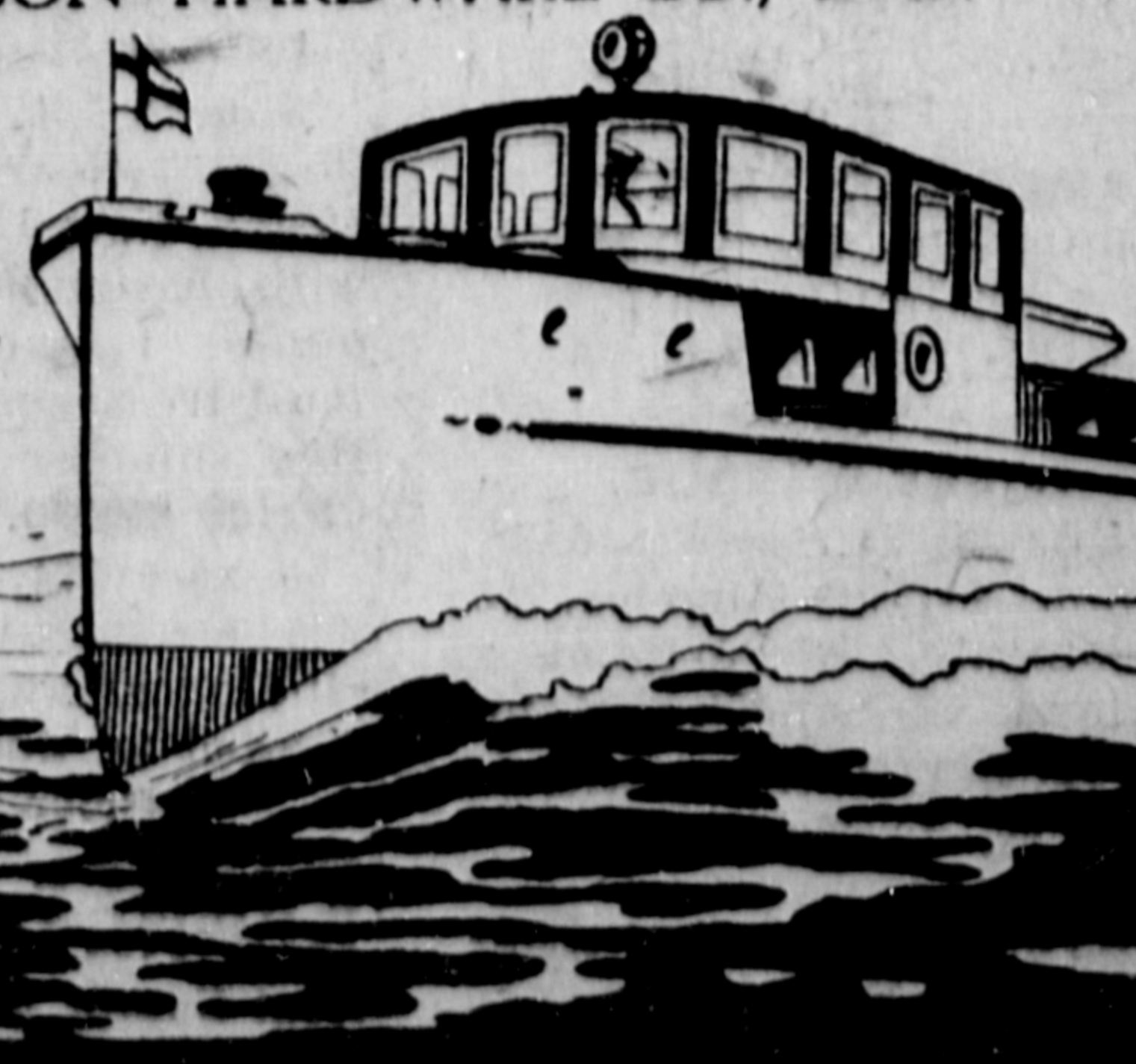
The following boats are at present in port at Cow Bay: Steelhead, Mab, Annie Tuck, Ruby Mae, Inez H., Bingo, Hanaco, Narbethong, Leila R., Annie, Adeline, Bekla, Mabel, Lois, Roal Amundsen and Flossie.

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Everybody stands behind the home team and puts on as bold a front as possible when outsiders face the local boys. That is fitting and the spirit is the right one. However, among ourselves, when one city aggregation is pitted against another, be it in football, baseball or any other line of sport, the faults and weaknesses should be realized and given stress where possible. There are a number of local people who think that when one side is criticized there are personal motives for it and the criticism is prejudiced. They do not seem to realize that such criticism is made fairly and for the good of the general cause. The Daily News has always tried to give praise where it is due—and also criticism. It will continue to do so to the best of its ability.

Much better form was shown by the Senior League baseball players in the game on Thursday night between the Sons of Canada and the Elks than that in the first public meeting of these two teams in the few innings on Victoria Day. While there is plenty of room for improvement, especially in the fielding stuffs of both teams, the game on Thursday night was not a bad exhibition at all, considering that the season is just started. The Sons of Canada, especially, did not show to their usual good advantage and the Elks, although they have now gained the opening advantage, should not yet start counting their chickens. The Sons are capable of better things than they have already shown and weakness this week was manifested where it is not usually found. The Knights of Columbus are also to have a prosperous lot of sluggers whose first appearance on the diamond scheduled for next Friday will be watched for with general interest. If they are to keep up their honors, like the Catholic Club in the old days did, they will have to extend themselves for all they are worth.

Jack Reynolds has wiped the records of the Intermediate and Junior Billiard Leagues off the board in the Prince Rupert Pool Room and announces that the season is all over. There were a few games to be played off but the evenings are now too long and the boys are too busily engaged outdoors, he says, to finish up. Anyway, these games would make no material difference to the standings. There has been sufficient interest shown during the past season to warrant leagues being organized with proper rules and regulations drawn up next winter and the business will be started early in the fall.

The final standings in the two billiard leagues are as follows:

Juniors.		
G.	TL.	AV.
Maple Leafs	10	8599 860
St. Andrews	10	8284 828
Excelsiors	9	7265 807
Grotto	9	7014 779
Beavers	9	6831 959
Elks	9	6504 723

Intermediate.		
G.	TL.	AV.
Sons of Canada	5	4327 865
Elks	6	4872 812
Grotto	6	4861 810
Barbers	5	3567 713

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