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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 some 372,000 pounds of halibut and 5,700 pounds of salmon has been landed by his merry men during the week, and that 10 carloads have been shipped to eastern points.

This is 79,000 pounds in excess of last week, which the Admiral says "is on the right side of the Admiralty fish ledger."

Fish prices have been better this week than last, the highest price paid being 12.70¢ and 5¢, the lowest 9.40¢ and 3¢; as against last week high 11.20¢ and 4¢, low 9.40¢ and 3¢.

The landing of fish at this season of the year has a tendency to be on the light side. This is explained by the fact that during the summer months a number of the fishing boats of the fleet sell their fish at Seaward, Sitka, Ketchikan and other points, which is frozen for winter requirements. Every year the remotely situated cold storage plants take up a percentage of fish during this season. During the past week the arrivals in Seattle have been heavy owing to a number of boats fishing on the southern banks, and a number of the boats have gone into the salmon packing game. When the boats go into the salmon fishing and packing during the summer it naturally takes a number of boats out of the halibut fleet. In distributing a fishing fleet between Seaward and Seattle the area of water covered is a colossal one to say the least. On the other hand at certain times of the year practically all the boats fishing north of Seattle come into Prince Rupert. As soon as the northern points have got their quota of fish the boats will naturally come into the best market, which is Prince Rupert.

The following boats have marketed fish during the week the majority having since cleared for the high spots.
Omanay, Tatoosh, Viking, Eastern Point, Lillian M, Alliance, Johanna, Selma, Guilford, Scrub, Myra, Imperieuse, Ingrid B., Kobe, Rossespit, Murineaz, Rennell, Mab, Vesta, Tramp, Joe Baker, M. M., Christopher, M. & S., Vivian, Lunenabl, Bayzeon, Neptune, Anna, Mayflower and Nornen.

***** PRINCE RUPERT TIDES *****

Saturday, July 8.

High—0:16 a.m., 21.8 feet,
13:14 p.m., 26.6 feet,
Low—6:58 a.m., 2.0 feet,
19:02 p.m., 6.7 feet,
Sunday, July 9.

High—1:01 a.m., 21.8 feet,
14:57 p.m., 26.7 feet,
Low—7:41 a.m., 1.7 feet,
19:46 p.m., 6.4 feet,
Monday, July 10.

High—1:44 a.m., 21.6 feet,
14:38 p.m., 26.8 feet,
Low—8:22 a.m., 1.7 feet,
20:29 p.m., 6.3 feet,
Tuesday, July 11.

High—2:26 a.m., 21.2 feet,
15:17 p.m., 26.8 feet,
Low—9:00 a.m., 2.1 feet,
21:11 p.m., 6.3 feet.

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Hall and joined in the dance given in honor of our visiting sisters from the East. The Admiral did not enjoy himself because he could not dance with two of the fair maidens at one time. He approached the M. G. on the question but there was nothing doing.

The tug boat Hanco, Captain Brennan, left for the head of Gardner Canal on Thursday afternoon on special duty.

The Dreamer, Captain Walford, underwent a spontaneous overhaul in Cow Bay on Wednesday afternoon. Cap was anxious to be in the crowd with his fifty craft and assist in transporting the lady visitors across the bay. Much to his disgust the engine commenced to answer him back in impolite tones. However, after a few moments strenuous coaxing and a goodly sprinkling of priming she soon began to acknowledge her master and hit on the one cylinder in perfect harmony, the other cylinders not being at all necessary.

The Dixie Rupert, Captain Newcomb, left port for Shawatlans Lake on Thursday afternoon with a city official who proceeded to that point on departmental business.

The ex-sub chaser of the fleet "Galeh 'em Alive," Captain Shootum, left port in the early hours of Friday morning under secret orders with the object of trying to locate our old friend Jimmy Thomas, who is considerably overdue. The Admiral required to refer to one of Jimmy's bound volumes on political ethics, which is included in his library aboard ship. Captain Shootum was asked to bring it in.

The halibut boat Katherine, which was recently badly squeezed against the government dock by a larger craft, is on the Ward electric ways undergoing repairs.

The Rosepoint is undergoing a minor overhaul in Cow Bay.

The Skeena river sockeye salmon fishing is improving slowly but surely. The average per boat was between 30 and 40. The Naas river salmon fishing is keeping up well. With the continued warm weather it is anticipated that the Skeena run will improve with a sudden rush.

The officers of the fleet were in full naval regalia on Thursday afternoon on the occasion of the water voyage taken by the eastern lady visitors. Great rivalry was witnessed between the various skippers for the honor of taking the greatest galaxy of beauty and talent aboard. Probably the most outstanding craft among the sixteen hefty speed eaters employer in this labor of love was the N. M. & R. captained by the commodore of the fleet in the person of James Neville ably assisted by his petty officer, Carnegie McDonald. The N. M. & R. dancing and upper decks were artistically arranged with draped milk cases which performed the seating functions and the interior had undergone a wonderful transformation. The willow pattern crockery usually used in the mug-up stunts had been arranged around the walls, while the various milk and beer pitchers were suspended from the ceiling carrying bountiful sprays of Irish apples and hot-temper roses. Both Jimmy and Mac used their best grammar together with their smart personal appearance, in luring aboard between 60 and 70 of the learned and lovely ladies from the not far east. The petty officer had sat up all the previous night lecturing the engine on its good behavior on the following day with the result that by just giving a whistle, when the great moment came, the old bus started in to show a leg, we mean a wheel, and the trusty craft was soon churning up the troughy waves like an electrical eggbeater in a ton of shaving soap. The ladies were loud in their appreciation of the elegant trip across the bay and highly complimented Jimmy's personnel on their smart and businesslike appearance.

The Narbethong, Captain Freeman, obtained special permission from the secret service to leave port, and on Wednesday afternoon proceeded with a party of local water enthusiasts to the Kinnahan Islands, where a very enjoyable time was spent. The weather was ideal and this run is but a forerunner of many more while the good weather is with us.

The tower boat Wigwag, Captain Ketchum, proceeded to the Skeena canneries early in the week for a sea load of 54 1/2 tons of waste for the Marine Products and the power boat P. R. T. of the Ketchum fleet is out gravel hunting.

On Wednesday night the Admiral of the Mosquito Fleet and several of the civil lords of the Admiralty visited the Exhibition

become conversant with the excellent showing of the N. M. & R. and it is understood in influential nautical circles that a wooden medal is to be struck in appreciation. Jack Toner is to be entrusted with the design which is sure to be something in the nifty class. Jim apologized for the meagre display of flags flying from the rigging which had been occasioned by the fact that the vice-admiral had purloined the best of his stock for handkerchiefs.

It is regretted that the Cow Bay orchestra was unable to be in attendance at the bay Thursday afternoon as had been originally intended. It appears that the drummer had become short of cash during the week and had pawned this important part of the proceedings. In addition to this untoward happening the whistle blower had transformed his whistle into a ship's pump which had affected the tone of the instrument somewhat.

(Dedicated to Cap. Freeman.)
Twinkle, twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
How I love my beer and pie.

The Tatoosh, Captain Martinson, arrived in port with some 20,000 pounds of prize halibut early in the week, and reports that everything went off nicely during the last trip. One of the halibut has been adopted as a pet, it is understood and Cap is endeavoring to teach it to do a skirt dance.

It is learned on good nautical authority that Jack Sinclair left for home abruptly on Thursday afternoon in utter disgust with life in general. It appears that Jack had been looking forward to getting into the hike across the bay on Thursday afternoon, and had prepared his ice cream pants with a razor like edge for the occasion. However somehow his skipper misunderstood the dates with the result that his speed wonder was not tuned up and as a consequence Jack was not able to participate in the joy ride. Guess Jack will be running a page ad. in the near future, for a new skipper.

The following boats are at present in port: N. M. & R., Eleanor Mae, Dreamer, Flossie, Maeve, Narbethong, Monty, Timber Wolf, Joe Baker, Caygeon, Flora S., Leila R., St. Clair, Palmer, Swing, Hekla, Nidaross, Yorozu, Neptune and Lillian M. Flossie Flirt is still en route east taking in the various milky ways. A letter has been received by a certain waterfront celeb-

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