



Doings of the Mosquito Fleet which is the chief source of Prince Rupert's prosperity

Welcoming Him In

The entry of 1923 was welcomed in a right royal manner by the boys of the mosquito fleet. The boats of the fleet, with their sirens and whistles, went to the feeling of business with long and loud blasts while the little fellows had no such noise-making contrivances did not blow them. To be sure, however, by their bigger brothers they made up for this deficiency by the use of their healthy lungs and the shouting of freerackers.

The admiral of the fleet, at a general meeting, gave his magnificent audience a very perspiring and in which he called upon them to make even greater efforts in the New Year than they had done in the past. In the course of his address he warned them to remember the words of the song, the eminent French suggestion professor, when he said "Each day and every day I will work harder and harder and harder and harder, and as a bonus I will try to do something useful." If such sound advice were followed, said the admiral, we would simply have to build another Prince Rupert wharf to care of the increased fish production.

A number of the Scotch fellows, who are members of the fleet, lived up to their old Highland traditions and paid regular and repeated visits to the home of Tom and Jerry, who, of course, gave them a splendid welcome. One gentleman from the Highlands got in wrong for doing his fountain pen with the things but there were few calls for the ambulance.

The entire fleet has settled down to a regular snappy gait

and just to show there is no all feeling the halibut fleet marketed a nice little catch of 194,000 pounds of fish on Tuesday morning which augurs well for the 1923 production.

Brady & Collart Ltd

"At last we have them in the limelight. Yes, sir, the two famous local skippers, Principal J. C. Brady and Alderman Theo. Collart have hit the spotlight of publicity. The story is too good to pass up. According to the secret service the above named gentlemen hit upon the wonderful idea of building themselves a three storey float somewhere in the vicinity of Section 2, where the coastal cruisers, Asolando and Leishin could float gracefully at the command of their distinguished owners. Of course this work entailed the cutting of the necessary logs and piling. With this end in view the two nautical desperadoes went out in the Asolando for the wild and woolly woods armed with double bit axes and cross cut saws. It did not take them long to decide on the necessary timber and with quick deft strokes a boom of logs was soon lying in the water ready for the tow line. The old reliable was quick to hit on all cylinders and with the boom of logs securely fastened alongside made for the wharf side to the merry strains of "When We Get Home Dear," sung by the crew. All went well until a damned ugly looking rock came up from the bottom of the bay right ahead of the proud box of the craft, and alas a sudden halt was made. With the jarr of the grounding on the rock the boom very gracefully parted from its moorings and returned to the

woods while the Asolando went to sleep on its new perch. The crew then took to the boats, no women and children being aboard, and quietly but firmly rowed in their skill to terra firma. The sequel was the pulling of the Asolando off the rock early in the morning of January 4, by her owner, and she is now safely moored at her berth while the logs are reclining gracefully on the beach across the bay.

Irish Belle In

The power boat Irish Belle, with Captain Bergman on the bridge, arrived in port from PHT Island during the week with a nice cargo of furs. The cargo contained 51 mink, 3 martin and 1 otter, which soon found a local buyer. After making a minor overhaul it is Cap's intention to take another flutter in the trapping business.

What a Mess

Of course one would think that an experienced skipper could go out and tow in a scow of firewood without any trouble but even the most experienced men sometimes run up against a snag.

It's like this, Jim, of the Gay-geon, who is a fiend for exercise, hiked over to Porcher Island to bring in a load of firewood with which to give the kitchen fire a shot. Having arrived on the ground, or rather water, Cap. started in to give orders to chief engineer Frank Morrison to back up and go ahead, which orders were fulfilled to the letter. It was either while backing up or going ahead that the tackle in some way became obnoxious to the scow, resulting in the scow going on strike and turning turtle. Then the fat was in the fire, or rather the wood was in the water.

To collect all the wood with a skiff was no mean job and to make matters worse the commissary department was on the hammer, it containing only three small loaves with no small fishes.

It had been the intention to get back the same night but it took three days to get the wood together and out it back where it belonged. The resulting expense of time of absence caused a deal of stress in the domestic

circles and it became necessary to despatch the Konyasu, Capt. Art Oswald, to the scene of action to see if there had been a wreck. However, the heroic attempt of skipper Art did not bear fruit as he met the wandering firewood chaser a couple of miles out, and peace was at last restored. The motto is never back up and go ahead at the same time.

The trawler Karl returned to port during the week after a prolonged cruise in southern waters.

Reward Offered

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Capt. Juh Thurber, late skipper of the Mayflower, who was last seen in company with Dinty Moore about two weeks ago with a pack of cards in his pocket, and communicating such information to the secret service will be given a suitable and snappy reward. Foreign papers please copy.

Karen Changes Hands

Capt. Billy Thane, owner of the Silver Spray, has added another craft to his fleet. He recently purchased the trawler Karen from Ben Servenson and is now busy remodeling her. New decks are being installed and the carrying capacity is being enlarged. The newly acquired craft is undergoing repair on the Thane Ways at the hands of Cap's own staff of mechanics.

J. McIntosh Wins Again

Another crab wizard has been unseated along the waterfront who promises to give Steve Carter a long run for his money. This time it is Jack McIntosh, Jack went and spoiled an otherwise interesting New Year Crab tournament by beating Bill Knight and thus winning the specially imported turkey from Turkey. This is the second turkey Jack has won for he upset all calculations on the Xmas bird. Steve is mighty mad about the changes in his fortune and is sitting up nights playing crib with a dummy to see if he can't make 19 count as 29.

The Canadian National coastwise steamer Prince John arrived in Port on Thursday with

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Capt. Bill Sims—Swimmer

Capt. Sims, of Porcher Island, has developed into a real worth while swimmer according to reports to hand. In fact he is contemplating going across the Atlantic early this year to swim the channel both ways twice nightly. Cap was in town during the Hagmanay period and somehow or other the conversation turned to swimming. When that word was mentioned, Bill wanted to be up and doing, and in spite of the chilly atmosphere promised to swim any man in the country across the bay and back without turning his collar up.

To prove that he was running no bluff he hiked down to the wharf and was preparing to don his birthday suit, just to get in training, when the Admiral chanced to pass that way and put a stop to it. However, the challenge still holds good.

A Good Catch

Skipper Frank Lockwood, of

the power boat President, returned to port during the week after a prolonged absence on a trapping expedition. He met with considerable success and brought in some 43 mink, 1 martin, some weasel, and last but not least the hide of a wild tame cat. It seems that pussy had originally belonged to the domestic species of feline creatures but had been left stranded and as a consequence had become more or less wild. Frank was very surprised to find the cat in his traps one morning and upon examination found it to be of a very large and fine nature, in fact at first he thought it was a horse. The hide was particularly fine from a fur standpoint and measured—however, it doesn't matter how much it measured. Suffice to say that the entire catch, including aforementioned cat skin—found a ready local buyer.

Joe Baker O.K.

The halibut chaser Joe Baker, Capt. Lund, is now in fine shape for the high spots having recent-

ly undergone a thorough overhaul both to engine and hull. It is Cap's intention to hit for the deep spots over the week end.

Home Fleet Preparing

There is great activity in home fleet circles these days and a number of the smaller boats are getting ready to hit the high spots. Cow Bay is alive with boats undergoing overhaul and necessary repairs. In another week a number of the little fellows will be away from home hunting the wily halibut.

The halibut boat Maud is on the Ward ways undergoing repairs at the hands of her skipper, H. Selig, in readiness for some big fishing business. Cap. expects to be out and doing over the week end.

New Trawler Building

A new trolling boat is being built in Sourdough Bay, Seag Cove by Alex. Wiley. The boat measures 45 ft. long with a 9 ft. beam and is to be fitted with (continued on page six)

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Our January Clearance Sale starts in the Men's Store. Watch this space for Drygoods and Ladies' Store Bargains
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Heavy Knit, in Navy, Brown and Red with striped collar. All sizes. Reg. \$1.5. Sale Price 95c

Boys' Jerseys, All Wool, with Polo collar and stripes on body. All sizes. Reg. \$2.00. Sale Price \$1.55

Boys' Striped Denim Overalls, with bib. All sizes. To clear at per pair 95c

Boys' Tweed Caps. Reg. value to \$1.50. While they last 95c

Boys' Overcoats. Reg. value \$18.00. Sale Price \$11.95

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Boys' Suits. Some have two pair of pants. Special 20% Reduction during January Sale.

WORK GLOVES

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