



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

The Situation

The fish arrivals have been during the past week and are accounted for by the fact that several of the large commercial schooners have been south to undergo repairs and general overhaul. Had weather been experienced in the deep sea grounds which has been equal to big catches.

At this season of the year the fellows are giving way to the smaller boats, and while the number of the latter have been going on land hunting and the great majority of them are not yet ready to hit the high spots. As a consequence the deep sea grounds are somewhat depleted of the regular quota of fishing boats. Cowley has taken on a very animal appearance, which is particularly pronounced this week, and the mosquito fleet proper are getting a hustle on to put their crafts in first class shape preparatory to commencing the season's business. Several boats are already putting out to prospect for salmon. The Admiral of the fleet is very much in evidence and is keeping a watchful eye on all the mechanical preparations. Boatbuilding has been an impetus this week and the well known yards of N. M. McLean are a veritable hive of bees, no less than those which have been now on the ways.

Several trappers have called in during the week bringing in a quantity of splendid fur which has found a ready local market. Business is improving steadily and the Canadian National Dry Goods and in addition to one or two small boats undergoing repairs the Prince Rupert, and Prince Albert are in for overhaul and the Canadian Winner is expected to arrive shortly.

Summing up the situation, there seems to be a general all round tendency for the improvement of waterfront business and an optimistic air prevails among the nautical men for the future prosperity of this fair city.

The repairs to the Albert & McGaffery wharf by Messrs. Boliver & Currie have been completed and the donkey engine has been loaded on a raft preparatory to being towed by the power boat Ruby Mae to Seal Cove. An endeavor is to be made to raise a donkey engine belonging to the Prince Rupert Pulp & Paper Co. which fell into the salt chuck sometime ago.

Malolo in Port

The hand logging power boat Malolo is in port from Swanson Bay, after a prolonged logging cruise in the vicinity of the Queen Charlotte Islands and other outlying points. After taking on supplies and doing minor repair work the owner intends to renew his activities, and will probably leave port over the week end.

Salmon Prospecting

The power boat "Just It," skippered by Capt. Klort, is all in readiness for a salmon prospecting trip. The Just It has been in port for the past two months and Cap is consequently becoming anxious to be up and doing.

Ethel June Busv

The old reliable shipper Ethel June, Capt. Ritchie, is busily engaged plying the shrimp business in local waters and from accounts to hand the venture this season

Freeman is Back

Thomas K. Freeman, skipper of the launch Narbethong, who has been on a two months cruise in southern waters, returned to port on Saturday last after a very eventful journey. Cap hit out with a load of the best provisions on earth and visited all the Indian and other villages down the coast as far as Millbank Sound. During the trip he called at Kitimat, Kamano, Hartley Bay, Swanson Bay and China Hat and reports having done very good business. In fact the trip was so successful that it is his intention to reload and do the same thing over and is expecting to get away on Monday.

On leaving Prince Rupert the Narbethong struck a very heavy North wind which necessitated hanging up at Hartley Bay for three days. After giving Kamano the once over Cap left in a strong North wind and shortly afterwards had the misfortune to have one of the exhaust valves break, which shut the engine down. It was necessary to come to anchorage and work all night in an endeavor to repair the damage. After repeated efforts Cap was successful in cutting the broken valve stem off with a hacksaw. Upon going on deck the skipper was very surprised to find himself nicely anchored at the Hot Springs, Gardner's Canal the launch having advanced that far without being told. However the engine was eventually restored to her normal gait and the journey was continued without any further untoward mishap. Speaking of conditions at the outlying points visited, Capt. said he found everybody happy and enjoying life to its fullest extent.

Flossie Writes

The Admiral of the fleet has received a letter from Flossie Flirt which has put the old boy in real good humor. Here she goes: "Dear Admiral, Sorry I ain't

wrote before but there it is. In the absence of anything stronger I drank a Happy New Year to you in a glass of custard as the doings you sent me for Xmas have long since passed away after a hard fight. Hope you and the boys had a good time and that you did not do any damage. I was lucky and Santa Claus gave me the once over. He left three knives and forks with rubber handles, which had been made possible by the kindness of Lady Doodittle. I didn't quite get the idea of the rubber handles at first but it's a fine idea when you catch on to it. If you drop them off your plate they just bounce back again off the floor and it saves one stooping to pick them up. Podge had a great time, in fact he's been sick ever since. He gave me a nice piece of Palmolive soap all wrapped up in silver paper which he had collected from the cigarette boxes, and a bottle of hair dope. The hair dope goes down good with a shot of water. I gave the missus a receipt for my wages for Xmas and Podge some rag money. I got a Xmas tree to fix up for Podge and left it outside but some fresh milkman, come along and tore it to bits to clean his pipe with. There will be a milkman short in this town when I get him."

Nuba Repairing

The power boat Nuba of Ocean Falls, which has been in the hand logging business for some months past, is snugly reeling on the N. M. McLean ways undergoing deck and other repairs in readiness to exploit further fields of conquest.

Big Bay Lumber Jots

The tug McCullough arrived from the Georgetown mill on Tuesday last with two scows of lumber for the Big Bay Lumber Company. One scow contained two carloads of rough, clear, green spruce for transshipment to Winnipeg over the Canadian National lines while the other scow contained fish boxes for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

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Straddlewiggie

A brand new animal, at present unknown to science, has been discovered in the vicinity of China Hat by Skipper Freeman in his recent travels. The animal is reported to be the size of a terrier dog and has six feet on one side and four on the other. On the left side its feet are some four inches shorter than on the right side which enables it to climb the hills at a high rate. It is known locally as a Straddlewiggie. The peculiar thing about this animal is that it can only go one way and keeps on climbing round and round the hills. When it gets to the top its through. These animals are very fierce, according to report, and will make an attack upon the most inoffensive person. The best dodge to follow if chased by a Straddlewiggie (continued on page six)

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