Tough Going

Admiral of the Mosquito reports that the crews experienced some tough lately, and the untoward nings have cast a general over the waterfront.

winter hardships of the boys were forcibly brought to all on Wednesday when the Seattle Lincoln, Capt. J. Lind- arrived in port and reported of two of her crew, E. and Olof Bru, off Hazy last Sunday evening. The encountered a terrific a heavy wave swept the off the deck into the ers. At the same moment erable gear was swept off which fouled the pro- and made rapid navigation of the vessel impossible. kegs were thrown board immediately nothing could be done in the way rescue work in face of the difficulties.

The nautical boys were shock- on Tuesday last to hear of suicide of John Wanner, of Island, who shot himself Monday afternoon, as the re- of failing eyesight. It was a couple of weeks ago that late John Wanner came into to get his eyes fixed up arrangements had been for expert medical atten-

deceased was one of the old timers along the water- and his visits to town his boat Lois were a feature. He was of a disposition although his were aware that his fail- eyesight was a constant to him of late. His loss deeply felt.

spite of the tragic occur- the business of bringing the harvest of the deep has continued as usual and the fish arrivals during the week ahve been well up to the average.

Ben Boliver, who has been spending a week in the south on business, returned on the steamer Prince George on Wednesday last. It is understood that Mr. Boliver was in the south in con- nection with logging contracts.

Tame Wild Ducks

A flock of wild ducks can be any day around the boats Cow Bay, which have become great deal tamer than many of domestic species. These fellows swim right up to boats and pick up the scraps food thrown overboard. Some them even perch on the decks the boats and a person can within almost arms length before they care to move away. It seems an unwritten law among the boat owners that their feathery friends shall not be molested.

Fur Arrivals

The power boat Irish Belle, Capt. Bergman, arrived in port during the week with a good catch of beaver and mink. The successful trapping had been done on Porcher Island, and the cargo found a ready local market. The J. & N., Capt. J. Nelson, arrived at the same time with a fair catch of mink.

The launch Skeena City, Capt. George, arrived in port from Oonah River on Tuesday last. It is Cap's intention to rebuild the launch here preparatory to engaging in the spring salmon fishing.

The tow boat Tide Rip, of the Rupert Marine Products, Ltd. has been busy hauling scow loads of fish heads to the reduction plant at Tucks Inlet. With the continued good supply of fresh fish offal it is hoped that the plant will be able to keep up to full working capacity.

Quite a Blow

A heavy south-west gale struck the waterfront on Thursday morning accompanied with a heavy fall of hail and considerable fog. While the wind was full of pep, and blew for about half an hour, the boats at anchor weathered it well.

Some Life Says Bill

Somebody has upset life's outlook for poor old Bill Knight, the nickle juggler at the Booth Fisheries. Bill says that life is just one round of fish and fury. Summing up life on this mortal coil Bill says "Man comes into this world without his consent and leaves it against his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of contraries and misunderstandings. In infancy he is an angel. In boyhood he is a devil. In manhood he is anything from a skunk up. When he is small the big girls kiss him and when he is big only the little girls kiss him. In his work he is a damned fool. If he raises a family he is crazy. If he raises a cheque he is a thief, and then the law raises hell with him. If he takes a drink he is a drunkard. If he is a teetotaller he is a misery to himself and everybody else. If he spends his money freely folks say he must have robbed a bank and if he doesn't spend any money he must be Scotch. If he is in politics he is a grafter, if he is out of politics he cannot be placed as he is an undesirable citizen. If he goes to church he is a hyprocrite, if he stays away he is an infidel. When he is born everybody wants to kiss him, before he dies everybody wants to kick him. If he dies in infancy there was a great future before him, and if he lives to be old he is only in the way and living to save funeral expenses. If he eats too much he is a glutton and if he doesn't eat at all people say he is malingering. If he falls in love some say his thatch is leaking if he doesn't fall in love he is a woman hater. If he has a good time he is dissipating and if he mopes he's sickening for the mumps." Well all we can say is that Bill is having a pretty hard time of it and must be sickening for the mumps.

Ethel June Away

The old reliable shrimp catcher and halibut chaser Ethel June, Capt. Dave Ritchie, which has been engaged in the shrimping and crab catching in local waters during the past few months, hit out for the bigger game on the high spots early in the week. Cap. got 600 pounds of halibut on the first set and things looked rosy for an excellent haul. However luck was not with the skipper and the engine developed serious internal trouble which forced her to return to port. After completing repairs Ethel struck out again to see what was doing.

Caught Good Breakfast

Yes sir, he sure is some fisherman allright, allright. Left port some three weeks ago, local tugs expecting S.O.S. to help him haul in the big catch, but nothing doing, and eventually he lands home with a measly little plateful of 400 pounds, or enough for a good sized man's breakfast. However, as the official inquiry into the matter has not been completed the Admiral of the fleet has no report to make yet, but we have been promised a copy when it is finished. Watch these columns, no use to mention names.

Skipper Louis Sears, of the logging boat Blue Jay, expects to have his new engine installed and everything ready for leaving for Swanson Bay in about ten days time. Louis is contemplating engaging in the hand-logging game in the south.

Wake Overdue

The tug Wake of Georgetown met with engine trouble, while en route north to her home port early in the week, which delayed her considerably in her time of arrival. However, the skipper was able to get things going smoothly and a safe landing was eventually made.

The hand logging boat Ruby Mae, owned by Ald. Currie, was over to Lewis Island during the week on a logging prospecting cruise.

The launch Glide left for Banks Island on Wednesday.

Bill Rufus' Rats

There is a real live rat farm situated on Rat island some mile distant from Mile 7, which is owned by Bill Rufus, an old timer in these parts. It appears that Mr. Rufus is troubled with a lot of rats and mice around his abode, and they came in such numbers that he conceived the idea of putting them to some commercial value. The idea is working fine to date. The rats and mice are caught in wire traps, which do not injure the hides in any way, and they are then transplanted to Rat island, some half mile distant from the beach, and there put at liberty. You might think that such a business would give one the rats but Mr. Rufus considers it a great hobby and one that has wonderful possibilities. He says that while the rats will answer to their names the mice are more difficult to handle and seem to have less horse sense. A couple of special rats have been trained to entice the other members of the family into the cages, and in this way considerable money is saved yearly in cheese and other kinds of bait. The owner of this rat ranch has met with considerable success in tanning and curing the hides, and has several fine specimens of rat and mice fur in domestic use including fur bed quilt, table cloth and curtains. To those interested in rats and mice Mr. Rufus extends a hearty welcome and all the tricks of the trade will be gladly explained to visitors.

Fish Business

During the past week 510,500 pounds of halibut has been marketed through the Fish Exchange.

The highest price paid was 17.3c. and 10c. and the lowest 12.7c. and 8c.

The arrivals were: Brothers, Reliance, Wabash, Vansee, Ruth, Daisy, Guilford, Glacier, Mermaid, Uranus, M. M. Christopher, Ingred H., Mars, Hilda, Valorous, Grayling, Pelican, Oonah, Yellowstone, Teddy J, Happy, Restitution, Cape Spencer, W. & T., Ringleader, Koyasu, Helegland, Rosana, Lincoln, Fortuna, Fairway, G. E. Foster, Hippo, W. & F., Commonwealth, Westfjord, Fremont, Alli, Trio, Goney, Jas. Carruthers and Maude.

The power boat Spey, Capt. Lambie arrived from Porcher Island on Tuesday with a load of hen fruit fresh from the Lambie ranch.

Coal Cargo Expected

The Canadian National coastwise steamer Prince John is expected to arrive in port on Wednesday next with a cargo of 500 tons of coal and 50,000 feet of finishing lumber for Albert & McCaffery's local stock.

The native power boat Mark Well came in from Hartley Bay on Wednesday last. The natives unloaded a nice catch of fur, consisting of mink and otter, which were sold to the trapper's friend, W. Goldbloom.

H. E. Poole, superintendent at the Allin Fisheries, left on the steamer Venture last Tuesday evening on a holiday trip to Vancouver, Seattle and other southern Pacific cities. As this is the first holiday Mr. Poole has had in three years we trust that the excitement will not upset his equilibrium.

The halibut boat W. & F., Capt. Geo. Cook, is on the N. M. McLean ways undergoing a general overhaul in readiness for the spring fishing season. The hull is to be recaulked and painted and the engine will be thoroughly gone over.

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SILVERSIDES OPEN FINE NEW PREMISES

Take Store Formerly Occupied by W. G. Barrie, Third Ave.

The future prosperity of the city of Prince Rupert is remarkably reflected in the absolute faith in the town of the local merchants. The manner in which they are looking ahead to the coming good business conditions is shown in a practical manner by their occupation of enlarged and more modern business premises.

Silversides Bros., painters and decorators, are the latest local business house to exhibit their preparedness by moving from their old store on Second Street to more commodious and better situated business premises on Third Avenue, formerly occupied by W. G. Barrie. The interior of the premises have been entirely remodelled and redecorated and the increased floor space affords the necessary room for the artistic display of wallpapers, paints, varnishes, glass, etc. A roomy workshop has also been added which will permit of the ready handling of all classes of painting work.

DISTRICT ENGINEER LEAVES FOR CALGARY

W. S. Featherstonhaugh Will be Joined in New Post by A. M. Bremner, Chief Draftsman

W. S. Featherstonhaugh, who has been C.N.R. district engineer here for some years and who was recently transferred to a similar post at Calgary, leaves tonight on the train for Calgary. Mrs. Featherstonhaugh and family will be remaining in the city for some months yet.

A. M. Bremner, chief draftsman to Mr. Featherstonhaugh, has also been transferred to Calgary and he will leave for there with his family on Monday night.

A. Roy Nicholls, chief clerk to Mr. Featherstonhaugh, will be remaining in the city for some time at least in a similar capacity under W. H. Tobey, divisional engineer.

VANDERHOOF

Miss S. E. Oliver, who has been teaching at Giscome this term, has resigned her position and returned to her home in Victoria.

J. L. Stinson has been appointed school teacher at Hulatt succeeding Miss Lillian Raferty, who is now at Stuart River.

J. R. Terry, chief poultry instructor for the Department of Agriculture, and R. G. Sutton, of the Land Settlement Board, addressed the Nechako Farmers' Institute last Wednesday evening.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tenders for Bear River Bridge Embankment," will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to noon of Friday, the 16th day of March, 1923, for the completion of the rock embankments, Bear River Bridge.

Plans, Specifications, Contract, and Forms of Tender may be seen after the 15th day of February, 1923, at the office of:—

The Department of Public Works, Victoria, B.C.
The District Engineer, Prince Rupert, B.C.
The Deputy Mining Recorder, Stewart, B.C.
G. A. Young, General Foreman, Alice Arm, B.C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the sum equal to five per cent (5%) of the amount of the tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

P. PHILIP,
Public Works Engineer.
Public Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., February 8th, 1923.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Coast Range 4, Prince Rupert Land District, Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on Captain Cove, Pitt Island.

Take Notice that I, F. H. Cunningham, of Vancouver, occupation Broker, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north shore of Captain Cove about half a mile from the head; thence north 3 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence to shore line; thence following the sinuosities of the shore line to point of commencement; and containing 5 acres more or less.

F. H. CUNNINGHAM,
Name of Applicant.
W. J. JEFFERSON,
Agent

Dated Jan. 26, 1923.

PRINCE RUPERT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that all assessed taxes levied under the "Taxation Act" and the "Public Schools Act," are now due and payable for the year 1923.

All taxes collectable for the Prince Rupert Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situate in the Provincial Collector's Office, in the City of Prince Rupert.

This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 15th day of February, 1923.

W. S. FISHER,
Collector for the Prince Rupert Assessment District.

SALE OF LAUNCH "MYFANWY."

SEALED TENDERS, marked "Tender for Launch Myfanwy," will be received by the undersigned up until noon, Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1923, for the purchase of the police launch "Myfanwy," now stationed at Prince Rupert, B.C., description as follows:—

Length 35' 0"; Beam, 9' 6"; Draft, 3' 0"; Speed, 7 knots; Sleeping accommodation for three persons. Engine, Atlas 16 H.P. 2 cylinder H.D. 4 cycle; Bore and stroke, 6" x 6"; 400 R.P.M. Make and break ignition. Wizard magneto. Three gasoline tanks, capacity 60, 60 and 4 gallons. Water tank, 40 gallons. One 52 lb. anchor with 30 fathoms 3-8 galv. chain.

For further particulars apply to the Chief Constable, Provincial Police, Prince Rupert, B.C.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES PATERSON,
Purchasing Agent
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.,
Feb. 7th, 1923.

MINERAL ACT

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE.

Lord Kitchener Young Bull, Irish Rose, General Joffre and Verda Mineral Claims, situate in the Skeena Mining Division of Range 5 Coast District, located on Bald Mountain, Porcher Island.

Take Notice that I, Alfred C. Garde, F.M.C., 56594, acting for myself and for Gordon Denison F.M.C. 56580, Ford Robertson, F.M.C. 56581, A. E. Wright, F.M.C. 56575, Geo. Bath, F.M.C. 44270, Michael McFadden, F.M.C. 44271, Neil McTavish, F.M.C. 56577, and John A. McLeod, F.M.C. 30871, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1923 A.D.

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