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The Admiral of the Mosquito fleets reports that weather conditions have considerably improved on the deep sea fishing grounds and both the American and Canadian fishing fleets are getting back into their old stride. The bad weather experienced in the past two weeks has caused quite a bunching up of the boats and, as is usual under these circumstances, they have been arriving in port in the same manner. However, the fine weather experienced for the past few days has materially assisted the schooners in marketing their catches and the landings for the week have greatly increased. No serious happenings have been reported by incoming skippers for the period under review although several boats were severely tested in the recent storms. The volume of the landings of halibut this week, taking into account the very severe weather handicaps experienced recently on the high spots, speaks volumes for the tenacity of purpose and bravery of the members of the high boat squad. Prices offered on the Fish Exchange this week have had a tendency to drop slightly as against the corresponding period for last week and more specially is this the case with American landings.

Trappers Out

The first snowfall of the season was marked along the waterfront by a number of small boats emigrating to various points of the compass on trapping excursions. The skippers of the trapping fleet keep their destination a secret and their leaving port is not marked by any complimentary gun salutes. To date a number of trappers have left for distant trapping grounds and the New Year will have been ushered in before any of them return. The Gardner Canal district, and inland from there, appears to be the favorite rendezvous for a number of fur chasers.

Buying for Xmas

The home base around Cow Bay has taken on the appearance of a Hudson Bay post. Several native boats came to anchor in the old familiar spot during the week from the various Indian settlements. The skippers and their families are in port to purchase Xmas presents and also to make sure that the family larder lacks for nothing during the festive season. The various boats are being crammed with good things to eat and wear, the result of a remunerative fishing season. It looks as though Santa Claus has a particularly warm spot in his heart for the native charges.

Frank Davies, the financial wizard of the Alin Fisheries Ltd. has been confined to his home this week suffering with a touch of turkettis. According to the fleet surgeon this malady is brought on by too much anticipation of winning the waterfront Xmas crib turkey.

William the Conqueror

Yes sir, William the conqueror has returned to the fold. When the steamer Gardena drew up to the wharf on Sunday night the Cow Bay orchestra struck up "See the Conquering Hero Comes," as Bill Shrubbsall smilingly walked down the gangplank. Bill has returned from a busy business trip to Vancouver in an effort to conquer the southern tribes. It was a bloodless battle as Bill had his best smile with him and that would conquer a concrete mule. The Admiral read an address of welcome brilliantly illuminated by a candle stuck in an empty beer bottle held by James Spanner. The wind was a bit severe on that particular night and the address seemed to have a lot of "D's" in it as the candle would insist upon being blown out repeatedly. As the old man learned to read in day school he cannot see to read in the dark. During the reading some would be will rolled the big drum into the salt chuck. The original Bill is once again installed at the famous fish smoking plant and the laughs are sixty to the minute.

Kermac Hits Rock

For full particulars as to size, shape, weight and formation of a nice large rock in the centre of Canoe Pass, Six Mile Point, apply to Dr. J. P. Cade, skipper of the good ship Kermac. It all happened while the doctor was entertaining a hunting party aboard. The party included Dave Stuart and Bill Wrathall. The hunt had gone off exceedingly well and the Kermac was loaded down with three fine deer when, passing through the pass on Sunday evening, on the return trip, the aforementioned rock jumped up from the bed of the ocean and held the sturdy launch fast. After strenuous efforts, and the expiration of the engine room telegraph through overwork, the power boat was again floated and behaved herself very nicely. No damage was done.

Jack's Tame Duck

Did you know that Jack Keefe has a tame duck? Well, it is a fact and furthermore, the duck is as fond of hunting as is its master. Only last Thursday morning Jack appeared at the Yacht Club float armed to the teeth with a nice fat wobbly duck quacking along behind. Jack was off on a duck hunt and the tame bird was his decoy. Once aboard the lugger the duck did not seem to be very comfortable or was a little over anxious for the firing to commence. Anyway the little old bird kept up a loud quacking and would not keep quiet although repeatedly told to do so. The result of the wily hunt is yet to come to hand. It is understood the tame duck is called "Kidem" by its owner.

Skipper John Field, of the Northern Exchange, has chartered the power boat Eleanor Mac from Capt. Dass and left port on Wednesday for Kitimaat to engage in the logging game for the Kitimaat Logging Co. The Eleanor Mac and her new skipper will be absent from port for several weeks.

Bad Weather Monday

There was a stir in nautical circles on Monday night when a strong gale struck the waterfront. It was feared that the wind would get round to the southwest, which is the dangerous angle for the Cow Bay anchorage, and all hands were called to the action stations. After standing by for some time the danger passed off, the wind dropping considerably.

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