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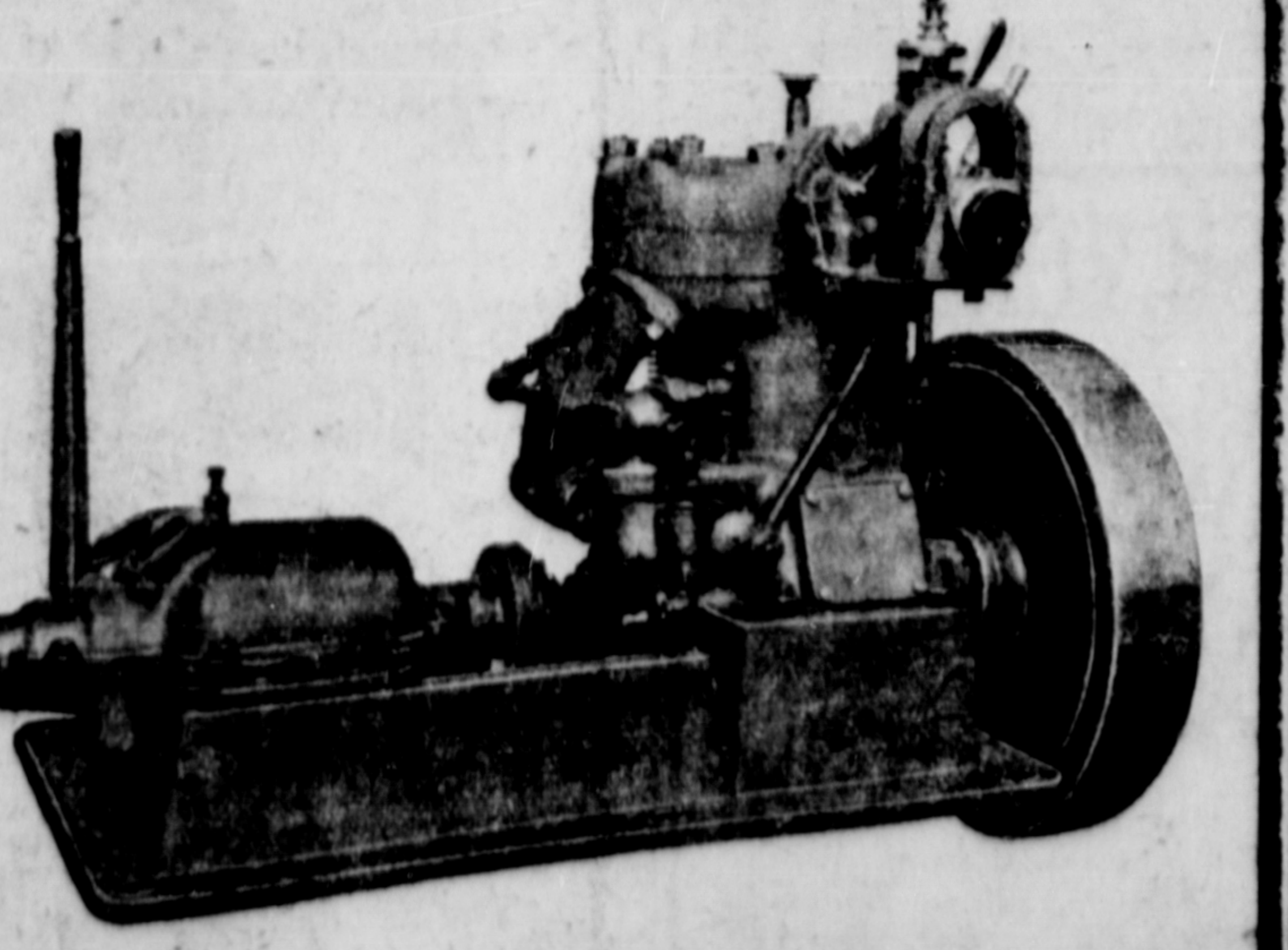
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Doings of the Mosquito Fleet which is the chief source of Prince Rupert's prosperity

The Admiral of the Fleet is in high spirits this week, having celebrated a birthday, and is much satisfied with the amount of fish business put through. He reports that the coming of summer weather has materially improved conditions for the high boat squad operating on the high spots and that the halibut have responded gallantly to the baited hooks. The quantity of fish landed this week has increased over the previous week, although the prices have had a tendency to slightly decline. The Canadian schooners received higher prices than the Americans on Thursday. A cent higher for first and second class fish was paid to the boats of the home fleet on account of the small amount of Canadian fish offering for the Canadian market.

The Plop landed 4,000 pounds of red salmon and 100 pounds of white on Thursday, the only salmon arrival of the week. A number of trollers have gone further afield to garner in their harvest of the deep. Several of the little fellows have already gone out as far as the Hippo Islands and will continue trolling in adjacent waters for the season.

Travel between the Queen Charlotte Islands by the bigger local boats is steadily increasing, the development of the islands demanding better communication between this port, Massett, Buckley Bay, and Port Clements. The Pachena, Capt. Swanson, and the Wigwam, Capt. Ketchum, have both paid visits to the busy island ports as the result of the increased activities of the Massett Lumber Company.

The N. M. McLean shipyards are busily engaged in repair work on the Eleanor Mae, White Lilly, and a new power boat is under construction. The Suga yards are also fully employed.

Admiral's Birthday
 The flagship of the fleet was the scene of a great jamboree on Wednesday night when the Admiral of the fleet entertained his officers, accompanied by their

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New Engine Sunbeam II.
 The coastal cruiser Sunbeam II, skippered by Douz. Stork, has recently been fitted with a 13-15

h.p. Buffalo heavy duty in place of the Winton six which originally did the propelling honors. A trial trip was made on Tuesday night and everything proved satisfactory, mechanically. With this installation the Sunbeam II will not travel quite so fast but will travel more often.

Capt. A. Swanson, of the Prince Rupert Boat House, left on the steamer Prince Rupert on Wednesday evening on a business trip to Anyox.

The power boat Lewis Island II, Captain Lois Locker, arrived in port on Thursday morning from Lewis Island for logging supplies.

Fire, Fire, Fire!
 The cry of fire rang along the waterfront on Sunday evening last when the roof of Doc Clapperton's residence, situated over the Provincial government dock, was seen emitting clouds of smoke, and a pretty array of sparks. The first alarm was blown on the mouth organ by Pete Solem, who afterwards sat down to write a postcard to the fire brigade. However, Bill Strubbs showed his presence of mind by detailing a man to phone up the fire brigade and to inform the chief that something unusual was happening down that way which might interest them. A crowd soon gathered to watch the fun and their ravings awoke Doc who was sleeping quietly under the kitchen stove, the couch having been newly covered. Upon Doc's appearance at the window to see what all the fuss was about the crowd informed him that his abode was on fire. That being the case Doc discussed the matter over the phone with the fire department, which fortunately had left for the scene of action the previous day, and the whole fire fighting and heated spread provided by the old man and as a token of goodwill on behalf of those assembled presented the guest of honor with a subscription card on behalf of the Nurses' Home Campaign Fund. The Admiral, with tears of thanks in his eyes, to say nothing of those in his handkerchief, tried to respond but emotion overcame him and he was forced to sit down amid many empty bottles. However, not to be outdone, the old boy volunteered to give a clog dance on the table to the accompaniment of the violin in the uncapable hands of Sam McVey, the welterweight champion of the fleet. The breaking down of the table, and the breaking of three strings on the violin, brought the turn to a sudden termination. The floor was then cleared for dancing to the miserable strains of the fleet orchestra. The jumping around continued until the miles present were so overcome by their spirits that no partners offered for the ladies. By special request the names of those present are not published.

Building Speed Boat
 N. M. McLean is building a sleek-looking speed boat at his own yards. The hull measures 22 ft. x 7 ft. and will be fitted with 60 h.p. Kermath engine, if a pending deal goes through satisfactorily. If such an engine is installed it would give the boat a speed of from 25 to 30 miles per hour and would bring the Sall Lakes right to Mac's door, so to speak. The boat is for Mac's personal use.

Rosie H. in Port
 The power launch Rosie H., Capt. Matthew Yeoman's, arrived from Massett on Tuesday with A. Brown, A. Edwards, and Alex. Yeoman's aboard. The Rosie H. is a useful looking deep sea boat and measures 45 feet long by 10 ft. 4 in. beam. She derives her power from a 15 h.p. Yale engine which gives her a speed of 8 miles per hour. The boat was built at Old Massett and will be used for seining purposes. While in port the Rosie H. will go on the dry dock for mechanical finishing touches, and when completed will leave for the Naas river district.

The Cub, Capt. Vic Markland, is on the Ward ways for general overhauling purposes.

A scow loaded with lumber arrived from Swanson Bay via the tug Earl on Thursday for the Albert-McCaffery interests.

Eleanor Mae's New Engine
 The halibut schooner Eleanor Mae, owned by skipper Jarvis McLeod, is on the N. M. McLean ways for the installation of a 20 h.p. Standard heavy duty engine. It is said by the fleet secret service that with this power aboard it is the intention of her owner to run cheap excursions to England and Mediterranean health resorts. Don't crowd for tickets, please.

Vesta in Tow
 The American schooner Vesta, Capt. Swanson arrived in port on Thursday morning in tow of the Azores, Capt. Edwards, having run amuck on the rocks between Cape George and Seal Rocks. While fishing off Cape George the Vesta climbed on to the rocks which made it expedient

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for three of her crew to make for Butler's Cove in a dory to try and obtain aid. The skipper and another member of the crew stuck to the boat. The Azores from the shore and on taking them aboard learned of the mishap and made at once for the stricken boat. After a little difficulty the Vesta was towed off the rocks and is now on the dry-dock undergoing necessary repairs.

Fish Business
 During the week 705,700 lbs. of halibut has been marketed through the Fish Exchange. The highest price paid was 14.5c. and 10.5c. and the lowest 12.1c. and 6c. The arrivals were: Helge-land, Eastern Point, Teddy J., Imperial, Fram, Reliance, Livingstone, Joe Baker, Nuba, Agnes B., Fisher, Kingome, Anna J., Yellowstone, Brothers, Clara N., Kayousu, Republic, Royal, Reliance No. 1, Reform, Hi Gill, Sentinel, Pioneer, Constitution, Valorous, Tahoma, Lincoln, Adeline, Tom and Al. Tillie S., Azores, Saandia, Sitka, Seattle, Serivus, Viola, Murineag, D.C.F., E. Lipsitt, Plop.

Whitie Changes Hands
 The combined sailing and power yacht Whitie, owned by Corporal Thornthwaite, of the R.C.M.P., changed hands on Thursday when it was sold to Mr. Conklin, manager of the shoe store for the Pacific Mills, Ltd., Ocean Falls. Mr. Conklin shipped his newly acquired craft to the pulp town on the steamer Prince Rupert on Thursday night.

Bob Takes Plunge
 Bob Thomas, the general manager at the Prince Rupert Boat House is tired of the hard boards on land and occasionally takes a plunge in the drink just to show how clever he is at walking on the water in his new ten boots. The latest plunge happened on Wednesday when, with the assistance of Harry Gilbert and the good ship Provincial, Bob was endeavoring to pry loose some logs in the vicinity of the dry dock. All went well until one of the logs became jammed and Bob started to fix it. Forgetting that his number tens were not spiked his foot slipped and before he could gain his balance to do the water walking stunt he was precipitated into the salt chuck. But for the gallant efforts at rescue by Harry it is on the cards that Bob would be walking the bottom of the bay yet.

Maevie Looking Swell
 The speed alex Maevie, skippered by Alex. McDonald of fire fighting fame, is reclining gracefully in Cow Bay. This little craft is gradually assuming a healthy outlook on life by the application of paint, etc., at the hands of her owner, Alex, who has been spending a lot of spare time to say nothing of spare change, in fixing the boat up for the sunny days although to the un-

experienced eye it is difficult to see what has been done. The interior is a masterpiece of his artistic art and the windows of the cabin are to be fitted with flower boxes in which are planted spring onions and garlic. This is a new innovation in the decorating of boats and will undoubtedly cause a flurry of excitement when she appears at local holiday resorts.

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 The tug Marmon, Capt. Cameron, arrived in port from Vancouver on Thursday morning with 50 drums of ammonia for the Kennebec Copper company of Ketchikan. The ammonia will be transhipped to Ketchikan via the Princess Mary on Monday.

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