



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

Things along the waterfront have considerably improved during the week and the Admiral and his merry men are in excellent spirits. The fish arrivals have been coming in splendidly while the weather man has been more indulgent from a fisherman's point of view. Best of all the Fish Exchange has been very considerable and good prices are prevailing which, in view of the rather strenuous times experienced on the deep sea grounds has helped the boys considerably. No untoward happenings are reported from the high spots.

Spring salmon have made their appearance in nearby waters. During the week a launch came in from Port Simpson with a catch which had been landed by hand trollers in that vicinity.

Cow Bay is selling a lively pace among the salmon trollers and the real Mosquito fleet are putting everything in order for a spirited dash to the salmon grounds. Seal Cove and vicinity is much frequented and a number of trollers have left that place also.

The collician has been discovered sporting itself in the Naas River and the natives have been busy chasing this class of fish.

Several fur arrivals are reported from northern and southern points and the cargoes have found ready local buyers.

#### Oonah in Port

The launch Oonah, with Capt. Annie Barstad on the bridge arrived in port on Tuesday last with a nice little cargo of 63 fish which had been trapped on

Campagna Island, outside Surf Inlet. The furs were of excellent quality and found a ready local market. After taking on provisions and doing minor overhauls, Annie left for his happy hunting grounds to repeat the performance.

#### S.S. Chief's New Launch

The chief of the Mosquito fleet secret service has bought himself a new launch, said to be one of the queerest crafts on record. All the queer gadgets and listening apparatus aboard, including the remodelling and engine fixing, has been done by the well-known shipbuilder N. M. McLean. The boat measures 26 ft. long x 7 1/2 ft. beam and is fitted with ample horsepower Regal engine capable of giving this important craft a speed of unimpaired knots per week. The main listening apparatus is said to be so high powered that it is possible to hear if the fishes in the water are watching any plots against the admiral, while conversations carried on in a whisper in Honolulu sound as if the person was relying upon the power of his lungs for a living. The main salon is beautifully upholstered with green lumber while the interior is brilliantly lighted at night with the nose of the skipper. The new craft is to be named Turquoise while in port and will be named in cuss words by the skipper while out on the high seas. The admiral has threatened to go out on a glorious bust up when it is launched.

#### Spring Salmon Arrive

J. Flewin, of Port Simpson, arrived in port on Wednesday

night with a few delicious spring salmon. The salmon had been caught by a fleet of hand trollers in the waters around the northern port. The skipper nearly got lynched by the eager crowd of purchasers.

#### Eagle Had Tough Time

The halibut-chaser Eagle, which arrived in port on Monday with a catch of 6,000 pounds of halibut, reports experiencing some tough going while in Hecate Straits. A terrific wind was blowing and the force of the waves against the pilot house smashed all the windows. It was necessary to wake up the expert flapjack maker to cook some flapjacks. The big idea was to put the flapjacks in the place of the glass and so keep out the elements. However a safe landing was made after strenuous struggles. According to reports the flapjack scheme worked so well that the Eagle put to sea again on Thursday morning with the throat stoppers still doing the honors for the broken glass.

#### Capt. Smith Transfers

Captain Tommy D. Smith has transferred his affections from the Eagle to the halibut boat Verna and will take over the latter craft as chief in command—that is if his wife does not ship with him. Accompanying this well known nautical man will be the noted engineer, Fred Collins, who will be in charge of all things mechanical aboard, including the egg beater. Tommy has not located a cook yet and is searching for a good clean man who has never heard of the word flapjacks! Should anyone reading these lines know of such a man it will be appreciated if they will kindly inform the secret service department.

#### A. C. Little in Spotlight

We've been waiting for months to get something on the waterfront tobacco cocktail dispenser and now we've got him nailed to the mast. The boys have been sitting up nights worrying as to why they never saw A. C. Little in person at the waterfront store. While casting no reflection upon the sterling tobacco and cigar selling propensities of Herb Hampton, it was thought that the boss of the show should turn up in state occasionally and give the high boot squad the once over. Now we know the reason from the s.s. that he didn't have time to come down. It has been established without doubt that the absence was caused by that terrible malady known as love at first sight, we mean sight. Yes sir, a guy can't attend strictly to business and go courting around Section 2 at the same time but we guess we'll have to excuse one so young and frivolous. We've all had our little bit of fun in our time. The boys around the fish dock are already preparing for the happy day when they'll hear the boss say "This exceptional Havana is on me."

#### Summer Had Good Trip

The Summer, skippered by Cap Soriano, familiarly known as Mingo, arrived in port on Thursday morning with a nice little catch of 50,000 pounds of the best fish in the world. The catch found a ready purchaser in the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. at 17.3 and 9c. This is one of the best trips of the season for Cap, who has had considerable hard luck lately, and the nauticals are tickled to death at the turn for the better. What with his young daughter winning the first prize at the Rotary oratorical contest recently, and the fish simply scrambling over themselves to get into his boat, Cap is waking up and taking a great deal of notice these days.

#### Boats Commit Suicide

The heading may read strange but the story of the happening is a good deal stranger. This story comes from a secret source at Seal Cove so that we can vouch for its veracity. Here she goes: Capt. Richardson and Capt. Plews, of Seal Cove, both own boats, named respectively Bessie Richardson and Daisy Plews. Until recently both boats had been bosom friends and had reclined gracefully side by side for a considerable time at the same dock. Great was the excitement when it was discovered that Bessie had taken a stern dive in the night and was reclining disgracefully on the bed of the bay. Capt. Richardson decided to acquaint his chum Plews with the fact and upon the skippers returning to the scene of the disaster imagine their

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dismay when it was found that Daisy, evidently mourning her loss, had committed suicide too and was below the waves with Bessie. As to how both the boats happened to join Davey Jones' locker, is still a mystery, and an investigation is being made into the circumstances surrounding the tragedy.

#### Iceland in Port

The power boat Iceland, Capt. Anderson, arrived in port from Oslund during the week to obtain supplies and mechanical requirements. All the necessities of life having been loaded aboard, she left for a wide field of exploration on Thursday. It is conjectured that Cap is bent upon getting a Catavampus hide. Skipper Freeman absolutely refused to sell his hide to Anderson although the latter pleaded with tears in his voice.

#### Furs from Portland Canal

The power boat Ern, Captain Goodman, arrived in port early in the week with a fine catch of furs which were disposed of locally. After taking the necessary supplies on board Cap cleared for the north again on Wednesday morning.

The native power boat Cougar arrived from the Naas river on Tuesday last with a catch of fur. Marten predominated in the catch, which was sold locally. The Cougar cleared for the north on Thursday morning.

Who was the young lady, noticed early in the week, carrying a 20 pound halibut home in a music case from the fish dock?

#### Who Has Five Spot?

Where did the five spot go to? This is the burning question of the hour around the Alfin Fisheries. It happened this way. Jim got mixed up in an up-town afternoon function in which a raffle took place for a five spot. After much persuasion, and much against his own will, Jim fell for a ticket. Jim was reluctant to go into the thing because he had a horror of winning the beastly five dollars and the thought of spending it would keep him awake at night. Much to his delight he actually won the money and the laying awake ordeal faded quickly and entirely in Jim's mind. His fingers itched to clutch the easy money. Then the plot thickened like pea soup in a fog. The prize was

conspicuous by its absence and diligent inquiry failed to unearth the money. The strange thing about the whole affair is that Jim's loving spouse was connected officially with the function and it may be—but that's up to Jim to figure out.

The halibut boat Tillie S., Capt. Smith, is overhauling in Cow Bay preparatory to another dash to the high spots.

The bottle was a square one. The outside wasn't in. The label was a masterpiece. It read "I'm Old Tom Gin."

#### Fish Business

During the week 637,500 lbs. of fish has been marketed through the Fish Exchange. The highest price paid was 19.1c, and 10c, and the lowest 11c, and 8c. The arrivals were: Panama, Vansee, Wireless, Eagle, Eastern Point, George E. Foster, Malamute, Pair of Jacks, Ethel June, Azores, Viola, Senator, Tillieum, Venus, Democrat, Mah, Daisy, Bingo, Ingrid H., Agnes B., Eids-vold, Commonwealth, Pioneer, Hilda, Fisher, Summer, Republic, St. Eloi, Tramp, Minnie V., Atlas, Reliance, Annie May, O'Malley, Ringleader, Belegland, Alaska.

#### Charlie Wins Eggs

Charlie Starr has started a chicken ranch on the roof of the Waldron apartments and is going in for a special breed of high flyers. The idea came to Charles when he drew the lucky number in a raffle and got a dozen new laid eggs for his trouble, at least it was said they were new laid. The only drawback to the scheme is that the chicken rancher is expending so much brain power on the future

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