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Results Of Closing Port.

Discussing the possibility of closing the port of Prince Rupert to American fishermen, which eventuality it seems to consider quite within the range of possibility, the Pacific Fisherman has the following to say:

Opinions vary widely as to what the results would be, but the brunt of the hardship resulting from the closing of Canadian ports would fall on the American fishermen. They feel that the Prince Rupert market is absolutely essential to their continued welfare, and some would undoubtedly quit the field if this were closed to them. It is held to be the only ideal shipping point for the halibut fleet; all others have serious drawbacks, and if this were closed they feel that it would be impossible to adjust their affairs on a satisfactory basis.

One possibility that has been discussed is to change the boats to Canadian registry. This would require government permission ,which might or might not be easily secured. To stand the 2c per lb. duty on Canadian fish would probably be cheaper for them than to take any of the other alternatives offered; but there are other difficulties. Engine parts and mechanical equipment would cost them 35 to 40 per cent more on the Canadian side; they would be cut off from access to the Ketchikan and Seattle markets and the Alaska freezers; and there is no assurance that the American duty would not be raised. Most of the vessel owners and masters, moreover, have homes at Seattle, and for this and other reasons would be very reluctant to make the change. It is improbable that any great number would do so except as a last resort.

Little Benefit For Ketchikan.

Ketchikan interests have long fought strenuously to stop the landing of American halibut fares at Prince Rupert, in the belief that this would bring the bulk of the traffic to the Alaska port, where the fish would be prepared for shipment. This would be feasible in a large way only if the boxed fish were shipped in bond through Prince Rupert; to ship via Seattle for the Eastern markets is considered impracticable. It would then be up to Ketchikan to provide ample terminal and transportation facilities for prompt and regular movement of the fish, which would be quite expensive, if at all possible. As a matter of fact few people outside of Ketchikan believe such an arrangement feasible. That port would doubtless get more halibut than at present, but it is not believed that the great bulk of the catch would ever be landed there.

Some believe that a large part of the catch would be frozen at the various plants in Alaska, whose requirements would be about doubled by the proposed closed season: the balance being either handled fresh through Ketchikan or brought direct to Seattle. It is evident that the Alaska freezers would reap some advantage, which might outweigh difficulties in other directions. The fishermen, however, feel that this would place them at a marked disadvantage in the matter of prices, and do not greatly relish the idea of fishing for the freezers as a regular thing. More would be landed at Seattle than at present, but this also present important difficulties and would be impossible had the fleet generally not been equipped with diesel engines.

It would mean holding fish five or six days longer in the boats, which could not be done after long trips. It would mean ten days or more additional for each round trip, with the extra cost of fuel and food, as well as the waste of time for skipper and crew, adding heavily to the expense of the operation. It seems likely that, in general, fish which would not stand long shipment after reaching Seattle would be landed at the freezers, other fares in great part being brought to this part.

Step Would Be Serious One.

One phase worthy of consideration is that so far discussion of the matter at issue has been of an amicable nature. Comparatively few American interests give any strong approval to the present tariff restrictions, and many feel that Congress did not intend to place a duty on fresh or frozen fish coming through Canada, if owned continuously by American interests. So far, under the existing conditions, it seems possible that the regulations which have occasioned most offense in Canada may yet be relaxed. If, however, Canada should definitely commit itself to retaliatory measures, it will not be easy to recede from its position. At the same time, such measures would be likely to arouse antagonism in the United States, which may be persuaded but is not likely to be moved by outside pressure.

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XMAS MESSAGES AT ROTARY CLUB

Greetings from Far Away New Zealand—Also from District Governor.

The following Christmas messages from the Rotary Club at Auckland, New Zealand, and from Miles Higley, district governor, were read at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club by President Dr. H. R. Grant:

From New Zealand

Auckland,
New Zealand.

Would you please, at your nearest Christmas meeting, convey to your Club President and Members the following message:

International Director Charles Rhodes; Special Commissioner, the Hon. George Fowlds; President H. W. Segar and members of the Auckland Rotary Club, send Christmas and New Year Greetings. May the spirit of friendship, goodwill and happiness, health and prosperity be yours during this Christmas time and throughout the years to come.

Our Club is your Club, though thousands of miles divide us: we are joined by the Rotary spirit of service, friendship, goodwill.

Kia Oro.
"Hutch."

From District Governor

Fellow Rotarians:

The recurrence of the Yuletide Season brings to mind the fact that we as Rotarians should ever be mindful of the blessings which come to us, not only as individuals, but to the organization we all love so well.

Looking backward over a year of progress our membership may well be proud of its accomplishments.

To have helped the other fellow, lightened a burden, relieved distress, adds a luster to Rotarianism time cannot efface.

The determination to continue a work so well and ably begun by our predecessors is a resolution well worthy the best efforts of every Rotarian.

Shall we not pledge ourselves anew, on the threshold of the New Year, by cooperating as one man, to make the coming year the best we have ever enjoyed, thus fulfilling the greatest expectations of the most earnest Rotarian.

With best personal wishes to all,

MILES H. HIGLEY,
District Governor.

BRANCH BANKS ARE CLOSED UNDER SAW-OFF PLAN ADOPTED

A co-operative movement is under way throughout the province between various banks for the closing of certain unprofitable branches overlapping one another. One bank, under the scheme, closes one branch and another closes one in return. An example is the closing of branches of the Royal Bank at Ashcroft and Abbotsford in return for which the Bank of Montreal closed branches at Vanderhoof and Quesnel. Similar action, it is stated, may be taken at other points in this district.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

December 21, 1913.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Duncan McKenzie took place this Kenzie took place this afternoon from Hayner Bros. chapel to Fairview Cemetery, the cortege being one of the longest ever seen in Prince Rupert. Rev. F. W. Kerr officiated and the pallbearers were: Archie McDougall, David McKenzie, William McRae, R. R. McKinnon, John Munro and Rod McLeod.

The children of the Rand Block School under the supervision of Miss Elsie Taylor held their closing exercises yesterday afternoon. Following the entertainment there was an informal afternoon tea. Miss Elizabeth Taylor and Miss Maude Haslett assisting in serving.

A. W. Agnew denies the allegation of Ex-Ald. D. W. Morrissey that he misrepresented facts in connection with the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Co.

The Man in the Moon SAYS:—

ANOTHER war has started. This time it is a war of words and finance and has to do with the election of a president for the United States of America.

WHAT you need to know about a woman is the thing you don't know.

THE latest idea is working your way through college. It is done by proxy and follows out the old maxim "Let Dad do it."

WHEN a girl has tried her best to get a hubby and failed she takes instead a hobby.

DURING the days of scant bathing attire, one of the minature dresses was described as "beginning at nowhere and ending at once."

IMITATION may be the sincerest form of flattery, but that is not what a girl thinks when she gets a Christmas present of imitation stones.

MARIA says she has been counting the days and discovers that it is only ten days to leap year. Then the fun will begin.

SKINNY people have a slender chance of keeping warm but plump people have a fat chance.

BALD heads run in some families, red noses in others and then again stockings run in a good many.

WHEN the businessman was telling about the visitor coming in and sitting on his desk it was evident to us all that she must have been a cute little thing or he would have told about throwing him out.

THE poor fish that gets caught does so because it couldn't keep its mouth shut.

GET ready to say "Merry Christmas" in the right way. Remember that actions speak louder than words.

MOCK TRIAL PROVES HUMOROUS AT LUNCH

Rotary Club Holds Interesting Session of Light Nature at St. Regis

At the Rotary luncheon yesterday there was a mock trial in which C. H. Orme was charged by Dr. Kergin with having sold a bottle of hair restorer to Dr. Grant and to Consul Wakefield guaranteed to grow hair knowing that it could not be effective.

Thomas McClymont was the judge, Jack Nicholls counsel for the prosecution, and M. P. McCaffery for the defence.

Evidence of a humorous nature was given by the witnesses and the cross examination and pleadings of the counsel for either side proved ingenious and funny.

At the close His Lordship said he found the prisoner guilty and sentenced him to celebrate Christmas by taking internally some of his own medicine instead of that with the label having the Scotchman in kilts in the corner such as he intended to take.

COLONEL MCMULLIN IS MAKING CHANGES

Will Introduce Finger Print Department under Provincial Police

VICTORIA, Dec. 20.—With the first of the New Year the Provincial police will have added another branch to its work which is aimed at an important development in the future. This will be the nucleus of what is deemed to become the clearing house of criminal identification work in the Province.

Col. J. H. McMullin explained that the system would be added to from time to time as the work progressed. The office will be under the initial direction of Constable W. J. Voisey, one of the best known finger print experts in the Province, and for many years identified with that branch of the work at the New Westminster office.

Finger print records, and photographic identification of criminals handled by the proposed B.C. central bureau which will be at the disposal of all municipalities, and at the same time the Bureau will be in close touch with international centres in an exchange of records.

As time goes on it is planned to make the Provincial police bureau, the clearing house for all criminal identification records of the Province, and an integral unit of that phase of police work in Western Canada.

It is probable that the new office will be equipped with a finger-print camera for the taking of prints at the scene of a crime.

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For VANCOUVER, VICTORIA, Alert Bay, and Swanson Bay, Saturday Noon.
For ANYOX, ALICE ARM, STEWART, Wales Island, Sunday 8 P.M.
For PORT SIMPSON and Naas River Canneries, Friday A.M.

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