Looking Backward

Over the year about to end, we feel grateful for the many things it has brought us; for the new friendships that have been made; for the old friendships that have been made more enduring.

Looking Forward

To the New Year with thankful hearts we wish to express the hope that 1933 will bring to you prosperity in the fullest measure, together with health and happiness more precious than riches.

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WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Opening of Halibut Fishing Season May be Delayed —Biological Men Leaving for Ottawa Monday— Speculating on High Boat of Americans

Although the North Pacific halibut fishing season is due to open on January 15 following the annual close season, there appears to be a strong possibility that new regulations, shortly to be promulgated by the International Fisheries Commission, will alter this date. Whether or not the date is changed by the authorities, however, it seems probable that the fishermen and vessel owners will voluntarily delay resumption of fishing beyond this date in the event that the stock of frozen halibut is not sufficiently reduced by the first of the year to make it likely that fresh fish prices will be high enough to make operations at such a difficult and hazardous period of the year profitable. The subject of production control is also being seriously considered prior to the opening of the 1933 season and it appears probable that methods along this line which were instituted in 1932 will be even further extended next year. A new suggestion that is now being offered is that a definite maximum catch per man per trip should be agreed upon and then, by restricting the number of trips as the condition of the market dictates, the actual supply of fish could be readily regulated.

Capt. Sid Barrington of the Barrington Transportation Co., well known Skeena River transportation concern, has been spending several months this fall in Los Angeles. During his absence from Wrangell, his brother, Capt. Hill Barrington, has been in charge of the company's operations. The new "Hazel B. No. 2," which was placed in operation last year, is proving to be a very satisfactory ship.

To the readers of these columns, the Whiff Man extends the compliments of the season. That Christmas Day tomorrow shall be as merry a one as possible for all is our earnest hope. We are all having our share of vicissitudes these hard times but, at that, things might have been a good deal worse. Anyway, let us forget the depression and its cares for the day, if we can, and enter into the spirit of the happy Yuletide season.

Leaving For Ottawa

John Dybhavn, member of the Biological Board of Canada, and D. B. Finn, director of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station, will leave Prince Rupert on Monday morning's train for Ottawa where they are to attend the annual meeting of the Biological Board of Canada. They expect to be away about three weeks. Mr. Dybhavn, in addition to attending the Biological Board meeting, will visit various eastern points on company business.

It has not, as yet, been definitely ascertained what vessel was the high boat of the Pacific halibut fleet for the 1932 season in the matter of shares paid although the impression is that the Western, Capt. George Eliasen, is probably high. There were many very low shares, some boats sharing no more than $100 for the entire season.

Jim Bacon, Verge Moore, James Boyd, Capt. R. Gammon and Tom Watts were members of a hunting party which visited the Gardner Canal district last week-end in quest of geese and ducks, making the trip on the seineboat Zenardi. The huntsmen had a very enjoyable trip and got a large bag of game.

Repair Job Near Finished

The local dry dock has just about completed the repair job on the halibut boat Lysekil which was badly battered on her last trip of the 1932 fishing season and had a narrow escape from destruction. The vessel has had a solid bulwark fitted in place of the former pipe rails and a new pilot house has been built, the old one having been almost demolished by the storm in which she was damaged. By the time the 1933 season opens, Capt. C. Wall will have a craft which will be quite as good as new.

WHIFFS GAL TWO

The lighthouse tender Newington, Capt. Harry Ormiston, is hitting the high spots again following a thorough and rather extensive overhaul at the local dry dock.

As a result of an investigation conducted by Dr. W. A. Clemens and G. V. Wilby of the Nanaimo Biological Station, herring have been found to constitute the principal food of the fur seal herds migrating off the coast of British Columbia to and from the breeding grounds on the Pribiloff Islands. The investigation was undertaken because of complaints of fishermen who felt that the fur seal herds were a serious menace to the salmon runs. Twenty-five filled stomachs were secured from fur seals killed by Indians off the coast. Herring were found in seventeen of the stomachs, salmon in nine, squid in eight and pilchards in six. In fourteen cases herring made up from 75% to 100% of the stomach content.

Experiments conducted on this coast have confirmed private findings that oil glaze for the protection of frozen fish has given results inferior to those obtained by ice glaze. At the request of T. H. Johnson, manager of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., experiments were conducted by the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station on both salmon and halibut. From the point of view of expense and in view of technical results, it could not be found that there was any point in favor of the oil method.

Expectation now is that the stock of frozen halibut will not be over-heavy next year if fishing for fresh halibut is delayed until February 1 or 15. Early trade in frozen halibut this winter has been fairly good and prices have been held to even levels in the principal markets. As halibut frozen in 1932 went into storage at lower cost than in many years, it is being quoted at figures which should serve to move it in fair volume even under existing conditions.

Robert P. Fletcher of Wilmington, Delaware, has been appointed as trustee of the Booth Fisheries Co. which recently went into bankruptcy and which is now in process of reorganization. It is announced that some of the company's multifarious branches and activities will be closed down although which has not yet been said. It is not expected that there will be any change in the company's activities at Prince Rupert.

XMAS TREE ENJOYABLE

Presbyterian Children Give Concert After Which Santa Claus Pays Visit to Gathering

Upwards of 200 persons, mostly children, attended the annual Christmas tree entertainment of the Sunday School of First Presbyterian Church last evening in the church hall, the affair being a very delightful one for all. After an excellent program had been rendered by the children, Santa Claus arrived on the scene and distributed prizes and sweets to all the children.

John E. Davey, superintendent of the Sunday School, was in general charge with teachers assisting.

The program was as follows:
Carol, "Christmas," Junior Choir.
Recitation, Nancy Bremner.
Sketch, Mrs. C. G. Ham's class.
Recitation, Betty Bremner.
Drill, Miss Helen Walker's and Miss Elsie Findlay's classes.
Sketch, Mrs. Robert Davie's class.
Presentation of diplomas for memory work, Rev. W. D. Grant Hollingworth.
Carol, "Christmas Comes Again," Junior Choir.

Tomorrow is
Xmas Day

May all the peace and joy of the holy season descend upon you
Like the fragrance of beautiful flowers

Arctic Studio

FUN FILM IS COMING

"Prosperity" With Marie Dressler and Polly Moran, Christmas Picture at Capitol

The management of the Capitol Theatre here has made the happy selection of "Prosperity," latest starring picture of Marie Dressler and Polly Moran, that great comedy team, for the Christmas holiday feature offering at the first of next week.

Misses Dressler and Moran play the parts of battling mothers-in-law in this story which was written especially for them. The scene is laid in a small town and depicts the amusing events which follow upon the marriage of Anita Page and Norman Foster which brings about an intense rivalry between the respective mothers-in-law.

Things are bad enough when they live apart but, when the depression necessitates their sharing one home, fur flies and the fun becomes fast and furious. The two mothers-in-law can never agree upon anything whether it is to be who is to play Santa Claus, the cut of their grandchildren's hair or the wisdom of putting their money in to a savings bank. It is the latter argument which eventually brings about a crisis between the rival mamas and a separation between their offspring.

The versatile Miss Dressler again contributes some exceptional character work in the dramatic scenes as well as in the many riots of laughs. Splendid support is given by Miss Moran.

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— or —
Hot Mince Pie
Coffee — Tea — Milk

No. 2 — 75c
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Chicken a la Reine
Fillet of Sole, Maitre de Hotel
Roast Local Young Turkey, Chestnut Dressing
— and —
Cranberry Cauce
Mashed Potatoes - - - Cauliflower au Gratin
Christmas Plum Pudding, Hard Sauce
— or —
Hot Mince Pie
Coffee — Tea — Milk

No. 3 — 75c
Fresh Shrimp Salad Mayonnaise
Chicken a la Reine
B. C. Salmon Chambord
Roast Domestic Goose, Sage Dressing
— and —
Apple Sauce
Mashed Potatoes - - - Cauliflower au Gratin
1932 Christmas Plum Pudding, Hard Sauce
— or —
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