



The admiral of the Mosquito fleet is in particularly good humor this week and the reason is that the nautical business has improved considerably. Both Canadian and American landings have increased in volume and although rough weather has been prevalent on the deep sea fishing grounds very fair catches have been garnered. Prices have remained fairly steady throughout the week for both Canadian and American catches.

The herring seiners have been going strong throughout the week. Jack Bradbury and Don Jeff with the power boat Bethune have joined forces with the N. M. R. Fish Company who are operating the power power boat M. & R. in this industry. These gentlemen report the herring to be running better than has been the case for several years past. Major Macgregor, V.C., is officer commanding pounding operations at Captain's Cove.

The Mosquito fleet is in active service trim to a boat and will be leaving in squadron formation to the attack of the wily salmon and other marine monsters, under the flag of the vice-admiral, before the end of the month.

Another disaster befell our noble fishing fleet when Chris Petersen of the American schooner Summer, Capt. Soriano, lost his life when the dory in which he was fishing was swamped by a heavy sea on March 3. Although every human effort was made to effect a rescue the unfortunate man was unable to hold on to the upturned dory until aid reached him. His mate, who was thrown into the water at the same time, managed to cling to the dory until rescued. The late Chris Petersen was well known in local nautical circles and his demise is deeply mourned by a wide circle of acquaintances.

One fur arrival has been reported during the week. While a number of trappers went out early last fall, few have returned to date with catches. It is conjectured that the continued stormy weather has prevented many of them from returning and the reports of the good

catches being made this year may have something to do with keeping the boys out on their trap lines.

Fish Business

During the week 567,890 lbs. of halibut has been sold on the Fish Exchange. Canadians were high at 16.5c and 8c, and low at 13.1c and 8c. Americans were high at 17.9c and 8c, and low at 14.5c and 8c. Arrivals were: Canadian—Tramp, Toodie, Thelma, Livingstone, Bose Spit, Fisher, Lillian M., Dolphin, Malamute, Daisy, Gibson, Kaien, Westerner, Agnes B., Iris, Scrub, Minnie V., Taplow, Pair of Jacks, Caygeon, Joe Baker.

American—Skandia, Westford, Summer, North, Tordenskjold, Bravo, Sunset, Eagle, Radio, Anna J., Goney, Reliance, President, Kanatak, Valorous, Wabash, Panama, Oona, Crescent.

Joy Bird Fixing Up

Skipper Jack Cook has taken over the wheel and auxiliary gadgets of the good launch Joy Bird. Jack is now busy giving his new charge the once over preparatory to engaging in the nautical passenger business during the coming spring and summer months. The whole works are being thoroughly gone over and, when finished, the Joy Bird will be a veritable vision of joy to behold.

Ted Shrubbsall and Pete Jensen are contemplating the building of a new halibut boat. While definite plans are not available at the admiralty offices, it is understood that the new craft will be a regular "whopper" measuring in length some 60 feet. Both boys are old hands at the halibut hunting. Ted formerly owned the schooner Koyoso.

Ray for Simple Life

Ray Love, the man who put the "flic" in electricity, is seriously contemplating giving up the electrical side of life for awhile and going in for the naturally physical, wild animal and "berical." Being an ardent lover of nature Ray is working out a scheme for bringing his physical being into perfect harmony with the beautiful natural surroundings of his backyard both from a muscular

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and mental standpoint. To this end Ray has recently purchased a massive rowboat and, when the privy purse will permit, two oars will be purchased to match the boat. In this craft Ray will scour near and distant beauty spots in search of rest, health, and berries. It is said by some health experts that a few wild berries plucked from certain friendly trees contain sufficient nourishment to keep a man in proper health between soup and meat. Ray claims that one of these berries anchored in a little rainwater and allowed to ferment for a while will produce enough kick to last a professional football team for ten seasons. From accounts to hand, submitted by the secret service agents of the fleet, the traveller will bring several of these berries home with him and these will be analysed by fleet-dietical experts. Should their food value prove of the vitamin ratio required by the fleet chefs then bacon and eggs will be a dish of the past. This would effect a wonderful saving of mosquito fleet funds in the culinary department. Should one of the berries explode while undergoing examination Ray's boat will be confiscated. No firearms, muck making pots or other dangerous weapons will be carried on the journey. Our hero will be safely protected by his pet rooster which has been trained to crow at the first sign of danger. So well has the bird been trained that should a nail show up in the sole of Ray's boot in the night the rooster will commence to crow. Another study to be undertaken on the trip will be the habits in the wilds of the ordinary common or garden bear. It is said by men who

ought to know, but don't, that if nation in the spring and sees his own shadow that he immediately returns to his den to report the matter to other residents. As to whether this is a fact or not has worried Ray considerably of late and to prove or disprove the assertion it is the intention of the traveller to carry with him various shadows of bears with which to make tests.

Fresh Herring Bait at Captain's Cove and Jap Inlet

Boat P.B. Sold

The power boat P.B. has recently been sold by Pete Rosal to Ole Strand. Pets has purchased the hull of the boat Bob and this will be remodelled on his ways situated at Seal Cove. Just what Pete intends to do with his new craft is not quite clear in nautical circles but it is known that the boat will be highly powered and capable of engaging in almost any nautical business that may offer.

Skipper Walter Shaw has been busy with the power boat Eileen G. prowling in the surrounding bush for cedar crooks suitable for boat construction. Walter was very successful in his search and returned to port on Wednesday afternoon with some beauties.

Birdie B. Refitting

Skipper Joe Jack has forsaken the bridge building business for halibut fishing. The halibut boat Birdie B., owned by Joe, is now being thoroughly gone over on the Bone Yard Creek ways. The hull is being re-caulked and copper painted while the box of tricks—meaning the engine—will be a work of art when Joe has finished with it. It is probable that the Birdie B. will get away for the high spots before the end of the month.

New Dorreen Boat Out

The new Canadian halibut schooner Dorreen, owned by the Dorreen Brothers, which has recently completed her engine installation at the local dry dock was out on a trial run during the week. Henry Dorreen will be master of the new craft and Eric Dorreen will act in the capacity of chief engineer. The trial run proved entirely satisfactory, the new Atlas-Imperial engine working like a charm. There are several minor mechanical things to be done aboard yet. The boat will now be fitted out with gear and other deep sea necessities and should clear for the high spots before the end of the month.

Nautilus Clears

The Canadian halibut schooner Nautilus, Capt. Wahl, which has recently completed an overhaul cleared port for the deep sea fishing grounds early in the week on her initial trip of the season. The Nautilus and her skipper are in fine fettle and some good halibut landings will doubtless be made.

Rose in With Fur

The power boat Rose, Capt. Mike Anderson on the bridge, arrived in port early this week from the Portland Canal district with a fine catch of fur aboard. Mike brought in some fine specimens of mink skins and had no trouble in disposing of them locally. The skipper is undecided at present as to his future

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movements but in all probability he will be in port for awhile to do necessary overhaul work and to attend to private business.

Fresh Herring Bait at Captain's Cove and Jap Inlet.

Capt. Jimmy Thomas has been busy this week repainting the power boat Viner. The pilot house has taken on a fresh coat of white paint which gives the craft a snappy appearance. Jim says that to make a little paint go a long way pour it on the boat from the top of the mast. This idea is passed on in the hope that it may be of service to other boat owners about to repaint their pets.

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The Wooden Goose

A little episode concerning Major Macgregor and the goose at Jap Inlet last year. Other characters in the story are Jack Bradbury, Don Yelf, Jimmy Neville and Tommy Moorehouse. Just for fun the boys planted a decoy wooden goose several yards up the inlet. The fact that the decoy was not properly weighted at the bottom gave it a list to starboard and the exact appearance of a wounded bird. Major Mac, who is an ardent hunter, espied the "goose" and thereupon begged everyone aboard the boat to hold their (Continued on page six)

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