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Halibut has been arriving in good quantities this week and sales tipped the beam at 549,800 pounds from Monday to yesterday morning inclusive. This week the amount of halibut landed is 22,900 pounds in excess of the amount landed for the corresponding period last week. Several boats have reported light catches due to rough weather encountered on the deep sea fishing banks but taking the elements on the whole the boys have not had much to annoy them. Yesterday's landings proved the heaviest for the period under review when 137,000 pounds of halibut and 530 pounds of red spring salmon was sold on the Fish Exchange. On Tuesday and Thursday the sales proved light. The heavy landings have consequently affected prices a little and yesterday American and Canadian fish touched the 9.5c and 6c mark for first and second class respectively. Canadian boats have been arriving in force.

With the salmon season rapidly getting under way the skippers employed in fish packing by the various cannery interests are busily engaged putting their heavy duty boats into commission. Hulls, engines and fish holds are being carefully looked to.

One native fur arrival has been reported from Kikatala this week. The native craft brought in a fine cargo of mink and marten which sold locally.

As is usual in the spring sea-

son considerable wharf repair work is being carried on along the waterfront. The provincial government dock is being partly re-planked while the Akersberg-Thomson wharf is to be renewed and a gang of wharf engineers are already on the job. The Cow Bay floats were recently inspected by P. W. Anderson, road foreman for the provincial government public works department, when no complaints were received.

Our "Admiral" Passes

While we, who are thrown together in a wonderful comradeship along the waterfront, know full well that the late lamented Capt. Hoomes K. Freeman, who met with his death aboard the launch Narbethong last week, would not have us feel sad, we cannot let the Waterfront Whiffs pass this week without some reference to one we had learned to know so well and respect so highly. If there was one man whom it has made us feel the happier and the better for meeting, it was the late Captain. Hoomes K. was always out to help others and his boat was a floating hostel where the boys were always welcome. His character was so outstanding among the nautical fraternity that the late Capt. Freeman was known not only along the waterfront but to his many friends up town as well as the admiral of the Mosquito fleet and it was around his strong personality that the character mentioned so often in these columns was woven. The late skipper was always particularly interested in the Whiff and gave much encouragement. His strong sense of humor often played a prominent part in the comical atmosphere of this department. Capt. Hoomes K. Freeman leaves behind him a loving memory and an example of sterling integrity, faithfulness and honor.

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

Fish Business

During the week 549,800 lbs of halibut has been marketed on the Fish Exchange. Canadians were high at 11.9c and 6c, and low at 9.5c and 6c. Americans were high at 14.1c and 6c, and low at 9.5c and 6c. Arrivals were American: Norland, Tillicum, Faith, California, Uranus, Sadie K., Prosperity, Hazel H., Fairway, Lincoln, Katalla, Lansing, Democrat, Norma, Rainier, Antler, Mermaid, Wilson, Wabash, Lumen, Reliance, Columbia, Crescent, White Star, Valorous, Sentinel, Discovery, Gladys.

Canadian—Maude, Mayflower, Johanna, Ruta, Iris, Toodie, Tramp, Point May, Aili, Rose Spit, Torberg, Scrub, Plop, Livingstone, Malamute, Lillian M., White Lilly, Reveille, Gertie Bell, Gibson, Kalen, Fisher, Paplow.

Seamald—New Boat

The Dorreen Brothers new halibut schooner, which has just been completed, has been named the Seamald. The boys are busy putting the finishing touches to her at the Akersberg-Thomson wharf. The engine and gurdy controls are now being fixed in

the pilot house. When this work is completed all will be in readiness for her maiden dash to the deep sea fishing grounds. It is expected that the Seamald will leave for the high spots early in the coming week with Henry Dorreen on the bridge.

Some Boat

An 18-foot pleasure boat plus a brand new 4 mosquito power engine is lying snugly in the Booth Fishery premises. This marvellous water contrivance is the property of Pete Solem, the guy who put the nick in the nickels, and the layout of the affair is certainly worthy of mention. A new feature to be embodied in this craft is an ash-otos floor. This fire prevention precaution has been made necessary owing to the high speed the engine generates and consequently the falling of sparks from the flywheel. Fire buckets containing dry mud will also be hung alongside the engine room for emergency use. When the engine installation stunt is completed it is anticipated the craft will reach the wonderful speed of umpteen miles per hour. On the trial trip the harbor will be cleared of all boats to mitigate against anything unforeseen happening. Pete will act in the dual role of skipper and engineer. According to secret service information the craft will be called the Mudlark.

Captain Cy Swanson is giving his charge the Tillie S. the once over in Cow Bay. The whole works including the hull, engine and interior are being thoroughly spring cleaned. The interior upholstery is a work of art and the imitation crocodile leather effect of the bunk coverings, which has been made possible by tramping the leather under foot in corked boots, is the last word in decorative effect. The engine is being ably looked to. Tillie will be leaving for the high spots within the next few days.

The power boat Viner, Capt. J. Thomas, was down the coast on a business trip this week.

The activities of the good ship Joe Baker, Capt. Blondel, have been given a set back owing to the illness of a member of her crew. However, the skipper hopes to get out on the angry waves early in the coming week.

Contributed

Pete is now a skipper. He's gone and bought a boat. The boys all call him captain. Which sure does get his goat.

Let's see—he must be thirty. And he is single yet. He thought that some attraction might snare 'em in his net.

Of course this being Leap Year May help out quite a bit. For when he gets the boat fixed up 'Twill doubtless make a hit.

He'll take ladies to the Salt Lakes. And teach them how to swim. This will be quite essential if they take a chance on him.

The boys all wish him lots of luck. Now he has joined the fleet. And with a pretty girl in tow His life will be complete. L.P.

The native power boat Willard M. arrived in port from the Naas river district early in the week with a catch of cohoicans.

Capt. and Mrs. Balcom, arrived in town on Tuesday from Porcher Island on the power boat Dawn, to visit with friends.

The Canadian halibut schooner Maiven, Capt. McLeod, is being overhauled in Cow Bay preparatory to a dash to the high spots.

Joy Bird Out

Capt. J. Cook, skipper of the launch Joy Bird, was up to the head of Tuck's Inlet on Wednesday with a seow load of wire and other necessary logging equipment in tow for the Ketchum logging camp in that vicinity.

Capt. Dass is overhauling the power boat Eleanor Mae in Sourdough Bay, Seal Cove, in readiness for salmon packing activities in which he will engage during the coming season.

Capt. Taylor has recently sold

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the power boat Somme to Porcher Island interests and has left for Ocean Falls where he will join the Canadian Customs department.

Charlie Streethorse hove into port early in the week from Porcher Island on the bridge of the gasboat Red. After executing private business in the city Charlie returned to the ranch on Thursday morning.

Cub to Hunt Halibut

The fishing boat Cub, owned and skippered by Vic Markland, is being transformed into a halibut boat. To this end Vic is busy fixing a gurdy and chute on the good ship in Cow Bay and the machinery end of the business is not being overlooked. When the transformation is complete, Vic will hit for the high spots to see if there are not a few halibut left over for his hooks.

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

Capt. Sergoson, of the good ship Jean, is contemplating the building of a new power boat.

Do You Chinchilla?

The latest interrogation on the waterfront these days is "Do you chinchilla?" After an exhaustive hunt for the origin of the question by secret service agents of the fleet the fact came to light that the chinchilla stunt had reference to a species of rabbits and further inquiry revealed the fact that the rabbits referred to were the property of one, Bill Hughes. Yes, sir, this worthwhile hobby of Bill's augers to start up another remunerative industry in the north country and will doubtless give Prince Rupert the place in the sun she so richly deserves. At considerable expense a Mr. and Mrs. Chinchilla have been imported from the south and are thriving nicely in our salubrious climate. A special house has been erected for the visitors with all modern rabbit conveniences therein embodied and nothing has been left undone to make the visit of the new arrivals a pleasurable one in every respect.

A Chinese, by name Sammy Deo, was taking a swim in the sea. He let out a shout. Yelled "Pullee me out. A bullhead make chop suey me."

The power boat S.A. is doing engine repair work at the Akersberg-Thomson wharf.

The power boat Taplow brought in 530 pounds of red salmon yesterday morning which sold to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. at 18.5c.

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