



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

## Tom &amp; Al Safe

The American schooner Tom & Al, skippered by Capt. Brown, which met with engine difficulties while encountering a heavy sea off Kodiak last week, has been towed into Latouche by the American schooner Skandia, Capt. O. Matum. Word to this effect was received on the waterfront Thursday morning. The crew are reported to be safe and mechanical repairs will be made in the north.

## Ernie's Dead Duck

Last week a distinguished hunting party went out to Kitimat Inlet, Douglas Channel, aboard the power boat Pachena, Capt. Swanson. The party included E. C. Gibbons, Ernie Shockey and Joe Scott, Jr. While the entire bag consisted of 158 ducks and 10 geese, all was not easy sleighting for the nimrods and Ernie caused the gang more anxiety for his happiness than a monkey with the distemper. The new piece of artillery which Ernie humped along did not come up to expectations at all, and it is doubtful whether finer game preservers could be found the world over than E. S. and his fowling piece. After many hours of fruitless walking, and much hopeless shooting, Ernie became as dejected as a dog without a bark. As to whether or not the gun was entirely to blame is a matter for investigation and range tests will shortly be carried out to prove or disprove the owner's assertion.

However, during the last hours of the hunt the rest of the gang started to see Ernie march into camp with a real dead duck slung from his waist and a face registering supreme happiness. Upon being requested for a story of the "kill," Ernie stated that it was quite unnecessary to go hunting ducks with a lot of guns to spend colossal sums on ammunition. All one had to do was sit down on the creek and pick out the dead ducks as they floated down. Another hunting episode of the trip was Ed. Gibbons, in an endeavor to take soundings as the Pachena had into an inlet, not only saw the entire lead weight and the weather on the northern banks has been favorable to fish-

## Fish Business

From Monday to Friday 323,900 pounds of halibut has been marketed on the Fish Exchange. Canadians were high at 18.3c and 8c, and low at 16.3c and 7c. Americans were high at 23c and 8c, and low at 18c and 7c. Arrivals were: American—Restitus, Reliance, Polaris, Ivanhoe, Gladys' Republic, Raoul, Amundsen, Mildred, Fairway, Goney, Oona, Teddy J., Gladstone, Carlson, Eidsvold, and Aloha, Canadian—Eagle, Ingrid H., Selma, Nautilus, Kaien, Ternan, Lillian M., Ringleader and Capt. Spear.

Halibut landings this week have dropped considerably for the reason that boats of both the American and Canadian fishing fleets became "bunched" recently and all went out to the deep sea grounds practically together last week. A number of the boats of the home fleet have already gone to their closed season anchorage and this has also retarded landings. The fish buyers, however, expect to handle a lot of fish between now and the beginning of the close season, Nov. 16. The schooners are generally staying out as long as possible for the purpose of bringing in as much fish as their carrying capacity will allow, or in other words the fishers are fishing intensively into an inlet, not only sawing the entire lead weight and the weather on the northern banks has been favorable to fish-

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ing during the past week.

## J.P. Missed 'Em

A little story in rhyme upon the shooting optics of a well-known medical man: "Hang on, we're off."

To get a deer was the desire of a certain J.P.C., and to this end he took a trip exclaiming: "You watch me." The party landed in a spot superb for grazing game, and the way in which the rifles spoke would put a war to shame. Now J.P.C., a hunter bold, would trek, and trek and trek, and blaze away his 303's without a hit, by heck! But quite undaunted, on he went and sighted deer galore. Although he steadied many a shot his "beading" proved too poor. At last he sighed a weary sigh and said "It takes the bum. If my rifle sights are quite O.K. my 'glims' are on the bum." A word of counsel we'll extend to hunters with poor eyes—go to an optometrist now, he'll surely put you wise.

The Canadian schooner Marguerite, Capt. Scotty Reid, is being overhauled preparatory to being moored at her closed season anchorage.

Pete Brozat, who is logging at Kurnelia Inlet, paid a visit to port during the week for the purpose of taking on mechanical and domestic supplies. Pete returned to further enjoy his logging exploits on Thursday.

The schooner Point May, Capt. Charles Wallace, is on the McLean ways for a general fixing up.

Quite a number of native craft and several of the smaller home halibut boats are busy on the surrounding beaches digging clams for the Miller cannery.

Flashlight photographs of the Big Bay Lumber Co.'s exhibit at the local exhibition, taken by R. E. Benson, are being mailed to H. R. McMillan Export Lumber Co., Vancouver, for display purposes. One of the photographs is to be framed with the gold medal awarded the exhibitor indented on the bottom of the mount and suitably inscribed. This will be forwarded to the headquarters of the company at Georgetown. The photograph is remarkably clear and shows this splendid exhibit to much advantage.

## Goose Chased Dog

Here is a new one, and skipper O. P. Smith of the power boat Billy Boy vouches for its veracity. While hunting recently at Banks Island, O. P. took along a retriever pup to get him used to the gun and to otherwise initiate him into the art of bird hunting.

About dusk the skipper shot at a goose along the creek and brought it down. Away went the pup to prove itself a real live bird dog by bringing home the goose. In a few minutes O. P. heard a lot of "honking" and flapping and howls from the pup. Seconds later the pup came tearing and howling down the creek, and the goose, which had been hit in the wing, flapping behind. The hunter said that never before did he witness anything so comical and he has been laughing ever since at the unusual occurrence. However, it turned out afterwards that the goose was scurrying to reach the open water, which it did successfully, and the pup duly went in and brought it out.

## Big Party Out

One of the biggest hunting parties to leave port to date left on Thursday morning on the power boat Leinsh, skippered by Hubert Ward. Among the party were H. O. Crew, Dr. Tait, Jack Hinton, Charlie Evitt, Capt. Colthurst and Major Sudd. To have witnessed the gang preparing to pull out with Hubert Ward saying pretty things in poetry to the engine in an effort to get some action was well worth the price of admission. The boat was piled with enough eats, blankets, guns, ammunition and other miscellaneous gear to equip an expedition to the North Pole for the purpose of trimming Father Xmas' beard.

A snow of fish box lumber for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company arrived in port from Georgetown in tow of the tug P.R.T. on Thursday. The P.R.T. leaves on Sunday night for Georgetown to pick up a snow of

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**Launched Submerged**  
The launch Phyllis, owned by Ald. C. V. Evitt, became submerged while moored at the Rupert Marine wharf. At low tide the boat tilted and with the rising of the water became filled.

**W. Shrubshall Writes**  
Lance Potterton, of the Booth Fisheries, is in receipt of a letter from Bill Shrubshall, in which he states that he has decided to settle down in Westport, Nova Scotia. Bill has already got six smoke houses running full blast and is busily engaged smoking finnan haddie for the English market.

Lorrie Lambly, who has been engaged in the fisheries service on the west coast for the past two months, returned to the city this week.

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Inspectors say that the new order will mean an increase of 75 to 100 cars per week in local inspections. Previously, cars from off the E. D. and B.C. line were not inspected here but this practice will be changed from now on, due to the recent order

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