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

Halibut landings have kept up well during the week and prices on the Fish Exchange jumped on Wednesday around the 16c, and 7c, mark for American first and second class fish and around the 14c mark for Canadian first class fish when one American boat landed 48,000 pounds and six Canadians landed 13,300 pounds of halibut. This price was a few points higher than prices prevailing last week. On Monday 134,500 pounds and on Tuesday 100,600 pounds of halibut was marketed. From reports to hand it would seem there are still quite a number of American schooners fishing in close proximity to one another on the northern fishing banks—termed in nautical circles as "bunching." It was anticipated these boats of the American fleet would have put into port sometime this week but apparently they have been delayed by squalls, which incoming skippers report to have occurred at intervals. Yesterday being Good Friday and a holiday there were no halibut sales on the Fish Exchange. A few crews of the home fleet, who chanced to be in port, took advantage of the holiday to spend a day with their loved ones. The fact that halibut sales did not take place yesterday had a slight effect upon the total landings of the week but not to any appreciable extent. Spring salmon has been arriving in increased quantities and the price for reds dropped from 24.1c to 18c, while the price for white salmon remained stationary at 3c.

Two heavy fur arrivals of otter, beaver, marten and mink have been reported during the week. The catches found a ready local market.

With the recent exodus of trolling and halibut boats of the home fleet the Cow Bay base has a depleted appearance. There are still a few boats doing necessary repair work preparatory to joining the halibut and trolling fleets already out on their respective grounds. Capt. Ivor Wick is working overtime on his boat Seminole refixing the fish hold and deck in readiness for a dash to the high spots.

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

Hubert Ward, representative of the San Francisco marine underwriters, left for Stewart on the steamer Prince Rupert on Wednesday evening in connection with the salvaging of the barge Griffl, which sank at the Stewart wharf in 20 feet of water with a cargo of Premier ore on March 27. Capt. T. M. Wilkie, representing the Pacific Salvage Company, will superintend the salvage operations.

Mrs. A. Clapperton left on Monday night's train for Prince George to spend a prolonged holiday with her married son Jack.

Bill Shrubbsall, who has been confined to the house for some time under medical care, is progressing favorably.

Overtime in Port The power boat Overtime, which is to be engaged in fish packing during the coming season, arrived in port from Vancouver on Tuesday with Captain Roy Lunningdahl on the bridge. The Overtime is a husky looking craft and derives a good turn of speed from a 20 horse power Standard engine. She will operate from the Dundas trolling grounds.

Capt. Cy. Swanson, skipper of the halibut schooner Tillie S. is suffering with a sprained back. However, Cap is able to get around and is greatly reducing the pain by indulging in frequent bending exercises.

Towena all Set The new utility power boat Towena, recently built by John Field on the Cow Bay slips, left

the slips on Thursday morning for the open water having completed the hull building and engine installation. It is John's intention to leave port over the week end for Butedale from which point the boat will operate to Kitimaat in the transportation business.

Doc's Bachelor Troubles A little story in rhyme of Doc Clapperton's household troubles while the lady of the house is holidaying.

My wife has gone to the country and I'm not feeling glad, in fact I'm sort of sorry and my heart feels kind of sad. I miss her smiling manner and the ease she used to make; I get cross-eyed and weary a-studying how to bake. I can boil a drop of water or burn a piece of bread, but when it comes to pudding—well, that's a thing I dread. I tried it by a cook book, but I'll never try again; the slop was simply awful and it tasted just like rain. While the mess around the kitchen was a sight to make one sob, there was jam all over everything—the window and door knob. I tried to beat an egg up, but I'll try that no more, for it finished beating me up upon the basement floor. I invited Jim to dine with me, a big mistake to make for now he's down with sickness, all through a piece of cake. I used to sleep at night time, when wifey was at home, but now I toss the whole night through—the bed feels hard as bone. I've tried to make it comfy but I cannot make it stick. The bed clothes seem too skimpy or the mattress is too thick. I've slaved to keep the dishes clean till my arms are nearly bust, while the chairs and all the ornaments are inches thick with dust. No matter how I try to keep ahead with all the chores, the dishes keep on piling up from windows to the doors. They talk about a bachelor's life but I can't see the fun. If wifey doesn't come back soon, I'll be right on the bum.

The power boat Spot is being fixed up by Capt. Rousseau, her owner, in readiness for the trolling season.

The launch Jennie, owned by Capt. Sorensen, is being fitted with a new 14 horse power Frisbie engine.

Oriel Brothers have made good progress during the week with the work on their donkey engine which is being overhauled in Cow Bay Creek, and will have it completed for logging operations within a day or two. The Oriel boys are engaged in the logging business around Port Essington.

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The power boat Karen, Capt. Billy Thane; Taplow, of Port Simpson; and Billy Boy, Capt. O. P. Smith, have landed, spring salmon catches during the week.

The Rupert Marine Ironworks, an old landmark on the waterfront, is closing out and H. B. Robinson, the manager, is shortly leaving for North Vancouver, where he intends to establish a similar business.

Fur Arrivals The power boat Gora, Capt. George Keys, arrived in port during the week from Porcher Island with a fine cargo of fur including beaver, otter, marten and mink while the power boat Cod, Capt. Carl Ehn, arrived also with a like catch. The furs were of fine quality and found a ready local market.

Capt. Taylor, who formerly owned the power boat Somme, arrived in the city early in the week from Ocean Falls on a business visit. Cap's canine pet Bones is much enjoying her new surroundings and has already made many friends in the

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southern port. Capt. Miller is taking his power boat Clatham over to Porcher Island to be rebuilt.

Capt. Petersen of the good ship Betty has recently returned from Anyox, where she has been engaged in mining operations, and will shortly be leaving for Porcher Island to spend the summer on his palatial ranch.

A Nautical Tragedy It was Easter Day aboard the ship. The captain was on watch. While the mate was making Xmas cheer With Old Tom Gin and Scotch.

At midnight when the sun had set, The cap said "Why this fuss? "What if the ship she strike a rock "It don't belong to us."

Just then the awful thud was heard A silence long and loud The Xmas cheer was finished And finished was the crowd.

The Canadian halibut schooner Dundas is on the Ward ways for overhaul.

The schooner Fisher, Capt. John Hanson, underwent minor repairs at the Cow Bay base during the week and cleared for the high spots on Tuesday.

Fish Business During the week 320,700 lbs. of halibut has been marketed on the Fish Exchange. Canadians were high at 14.1c and 6c, and low at 13c, and 5c. Americans were high at 16.8c and 7c, and low at 15.1c and 7c. Arrivals were: Canadians—Ronald, Tille S. Karen, Pocoloco, Kouyosu, Taplow, Billy Boy, Thorberg, Nautilus, Gibson, Shizu, White Lily, Muirneag, Caygeon, Hair of Jacks, Livingstone. American—Pioneer, Volunteer, Pelican, Royal, Tyee, Venus, Reliance, Lincoln, Commonwealth, Western, Prosperity, Columbia.

Fresh Herring Bait at Captain's Cove and Jap Inlet. Yesterday, Good Friday, several ardent water lovers and members of the Prince Rupert Yacht Club took advantage of the holiday to give their water pets a try out.

The big Booth Fisheries halibut schooner Commonwealth, Capt. Martin Bergman, arrived in port on Tuesday morning with a total catch of 40,000 pounds of halibut which was split between

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