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

Generally speaking the amount of halibut landed and the amount of commercial business done on the waterfront this week has been well up to the average for this time of the year. There is a lot of work being carried on at the local shipyards while the machine shops and electrical supply houses are doing their fair share of business. The canneries are getting into the season's stride and much repair work, of a mechanical nature, is being carried out in the city.

While some of the skippers, who have been fishing on the northern banks, report fishing to have been good and weather fine, others have stated that the fish have been "patchy" and the weather not all that one might look for in the summer. These reports have emanated from different northern fishing points. Capt. H. Haram of the American schooner Democrat which landed 21,000 pounds on Thursday, and who has been fishing off Cape Spencer and Fairweather, stated that so far as his last trip was concerned the weather was O.K. and the volume of fish caught came up to expectations. On the other hand Capt. P. Pearson of the schooner Majestic, with a total carrying capacity of 55,000 who has been fishing on the Portlock banks off Kodiak Island, stated that he had run into bad weather on the entire trip and that the fish were "patchy." The Majestic arrived with a light catch of 26,000 pounds on Thursday morning.

Salmon Run Light

Skipper Bert Wearmouth, who is packing salmon with the Narbethong from the Dundas Island trolling grounds, arrived in port on Wednesday. Speaking of the salmon run in that district he said that it was not very good at present, but that with the change of tides it is expected that the run will considerably improve. The Cold Storage salmon packer Chief Zibassa, Capt. Bert Hanson, came in from the Hippo Island trolling grounds on Tuesday and returned on Wednesday night. The salmon run in that district is steadily improving.

A Painting Fiend

If you have any old piece of furniture lying around the house, but preferably something that floats, and you need it painted a nice brilliant white, just phone up George Bryant who will seize his paint pot and brush and report immediately for duty. George was not only anxious to give the good ship Harla a coat of white on Sunday but also indulged in painting Alex. McRae's skiff. The skiff chanced to occupy an advantageous position on the Yacht Club float and George, having accomplished painting his liner, started in upon Alec's skiff without permission. The genial secretary went out to Shawatlans with his skiff, not noticing that it was painted again, with the result that himself and dog got beautifully plastered with the latest manufacture of white paint. While Alec's canine pet likes to look clean it does not appreciate being dolled up in a coat of white paint without first being consulted on the matter. The motto is—Watch your step when wandering around the liner Harla, unless you carry a bottle of turpentine for hand cleaning purposes.

Purchases Echo

The latest amateur skipper to join the happy band of engine winders of the Yacht Club is W. E. Mack, of financial fame, who has recently purchased the speed boat Echo from C. L. Heindel. The Echo showed up in bright colors during the recent club regatta and if the alterations, which her new owner contemplates, are carried out it will be odds against other boat owners enjoying enough water to enable their boats to float. It would seem a wise procedure to get one's boat away early in the day before Mack gets the 3,000 revolution per minute propeller churning the water up to Third Avenue.

Jack Deane, who has passed his first year high school examinations left for his home at Port Simpson on the power boat Taplow yesterday and will engage in salmon trolling during the summer holidays.

The following boats have been up on the Ward ways this week for painting; Swing, D.S.T., Vesta, Minnie V. and Annie Sophia.

The power boat Annie Sophia of Ocean Falls, which has been commissioned in the timber cruising business for the past several months, is in port for a general overhaul.

Sandy Finlayson, well known to members of the Yacht Club, he having been for some time assistant commodore, arrived in the city this week to renew old acquaintances. Sandy has been fishing the west coast for herring for the past several months.

Capt. Henry Edenshaw arrived in port this week aboard his power boat Edenshaw from Massett for supplies.

W. G. Hamilton, of dancing fame, has recently joined the Yacht Club. At present Bill is sporting a canoe but big things are looked for in the speed eating class after the marine architectural blue prints have been thoroughly looked over.

Rode a Halibut

In case there should be any question raised hereafter as to the credibility of this story we do not mind, as a special instance, quoting as the source of information none other than Capt Angell, skipper of the schooner Alaska. Cap tells the story with solemn countenance and far be it from us to doubt its veracity. The story has to do with Dave Nash, an old timer in the halibut fishing, when out in a dory hauling in the halibut. Dave was seen from the accompanying schooner to be straining every muscle to haul in something, which judging from the amount of pep he put into the operation, was something in the nature of a sunken steam roller. After many heaves and groans Dave brought up the head of a huge halibut so large in fact that the halibut in refusing to get into the dory pulled Dave into the water. Just as Dave was leaving the dory he grabbed a gaff hook and managed to jab it into the marine monster by mounting on its back. This made the fish sore and with the speed of Benson's boat it swam away with the nautical jockey astride it. However, Dave did not lose his presence of mind, or his bank roll, but using the gaff as a steering device he managed to guide the halibut several times around the schooner. After several rides around the boat the jockey eventually managed to bring the monster fish alongside the dory again when his mate, who had surmised the sequel of their hero's tactics, grabbed both man and fish and pulled them from the salt chuck.

What you you think of that?

The fish packer Nortonia, owned and operated by the Tingley Brothers, called in for supplies this week. The Nortonia is packing salmon from the Hippo trolling grounds to Butedale cannery.

The 45 foot halibut boat for Capt. John Wicks, is nearing completion on the McLean ways. The Vickers-Petters engine has been installed and everything will be in readiness for the final plunge on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

The next boat for building is a 40 foot halibut boat for Capt. Havmoller. This keel will be laid immediately the Wicks' boat is launched.

The schooner Marguerite, Capt. "Scotty" Reid, has been up on the ways this week for cleaning and painting.

Capt. J. C. Scott has had his power boat Maiven on the ways to get the engine lined up, the stern bearing re-babitted and the hull re-caulked. The Maiven has been commissioned in the fish packing for the Millerd cannery.

What a Life?

(Dedicated to Andy McDonald who mourns the absence of his wife)

Andy leads the "single" life since wifey went away, in fact he's started out to dance by night as well as day. He goes to all the movie shows when Mack Sennett's on the bill, in fact his friends will tell you that he's hitting down the hill. He'll tell you all the girlie's names and what its all about but walks in backwards to the shows and they think he's going out. Of money he has plenty and like a reg'lar guy he loves to go into the bank and make the dollars fly.

The teller, he will tell you just how liberal Andy is for Andy puts 'em through the cage but that's nobody's bis. At night time when he's lonely and wants a bit of life he'll light his pipe in Ma's best room, you could cut smoke with a knife. Sometimes he's feeling kind of gay, and just to make things hum he'll wind the bloomin gramophone and put it on the bum. But Sunday is his great big day, and Andy's no one's fool, he doesn't rise for breakfast to get kids to Sunday School. He lies and sleeps all through the day till hunger gets him up when he rises and goes in next door and there sits down to sup. He's never late for business though, of that you may be sure, and if he is late for bed at night his bed's the office floor. On Saturday night he makes things hum by sauntering up the street, you can always tell its Andy by looking at his feet. But jokes aside, he's awful queer a' keepin bachelors hall, he never used to quite act so and sit around and stall. Cheer up old man, you'll soon be dead, there's better days in sight and wifey now will soon be back to set all wrong things right. But take the tip, of one who knows, and keep the hens well fed for we'll celebrate when "she" comes home as sure as lead is lead.

A New Schooner

The latest Canadian schooner to arrive in port is the Cape Beale, a 65 foot boat recently completed in Vancouver for Capt. John Olson and Associates. The Cape Beale was in port completing her outfitting prior to leaving on Wednesday for the northern fishing banks on her maiden trip. The new schooner is a fine looking boat and is powered with a 80 horse power Enterprise Deisel engine.

Skipper John Wyman has recently installed a new 6 h.p. Easthope engine in his power boat Yamer.

Seining Activities

Considerable work is going on at the Akerberg-Thomson shops on boats preparing to engage in the summer seining operations. Andrew Lewis of the Wallace Fisheries staff is having a seine winch installed on his boat and other skippers carrying out the same installation include Matthew Hill, Inverness; Joe Ryan, Sunnyside; and Gasper Gordon owner of the power boat Dolphin. In addition to installing a seine winch Matthew Hill has just completed putting a new 8 h.p. Vivian engine in his boat. The Inverness cannery Horseshoe, Capt. F. Dudoward, is having her clutch overhauled and new piston rings.

Mr. Dorman has been in the city this week from the Wales Island cannery in connection with the making of a metal hood for the cannery chimney stack at the Akerberg-Thomson shops.

Demonstrating Engine

The Ward Electrical Supply house, Cow Bay, has recently received a 9-10 h.p. Vickers-Petters engine from Vancouver which has been erected in the shop for demonstrating purposes. These engines are becoming increasingly popular, several of which have already been installed in boats this season. To anyone desiring to see the engine in operation Mr. Ward extends a cordial invitation.

Arrivals

American—Bonanza, Eastern Point, Hi Gill, Neptune, Rainier, Commonwealth, Leviathan, Tatoosh, Venus, Alaska, Paragon, Prosperity, Vansee, Kanaga, Lincoln, Emblem, Valorous, Majestic, Democrat, Kennebec.

Canadian—Selma, Ringleader, M. M. Christopher, Verna, Gibson, N. & S., D.S.T., Annie May, Atli, Inez H., Volunteer, Scrub, Sea Maid, Prosperity A., M. & L., W.T., Caygeon.

Work is being carried out on the waterfront, both at the McLean yards and the Akerberg-Thomson shops, where equipment is being manufactured, including brailers, or lage iron hoops from which nets are suspended, nets etc. in connection with the research work on the halibut fisheries for the International Fish committee under Prof. W. F. Thompson. There is talk on the waterfront of the schooner Sea Maid, Capt. H. Doiron, being chartered by the professor for this work.

C. H. Taylor, former owner of the power boat Somme, has gone to Bella Bella to act as special fisheries guardian during the summer months.

John Dybhavn left on yesterday's train for Lake Kathlyn where he is having a summer home built.

TIMBER SALE X7200.

Sealed Tenders will be received by District Forester not later than noon on the 4th day of July, 1925, for the purchase of Licence X7200, adjacent Lot 1333, Gunboat Passage, C.R. 3, to cut 675,000 feet board measure of Spruce, Cedar, Hemlock and Balsam Sawlogs.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, or the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

1. The Council of the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert intends to construct a pavement fifteen feet wide, consisting of a mattress of timber over which will be placed a paving giving a depth at the crown of ten inches composed of broken stone and sand, on that portion of 7th Avenue commencing from a point eight feet east of the centre line intersection of Taylor Street and 7th Avenue, thence east along 7th Avenue as shown on the plans and profiles deposited in the Office of the City Engineer to the intersection of 7th Avenue and the present mattress road on Fulton Street, as a local improvement, and intends to specially assess the cost upon the land abutting directly on the work, except such portion of the cost as is incurred at street intersections and at school property.

2. The estimated cost of the work is $3,780.00, of which $351.29 is to be paid by the Corporation, and the estimated annual special rate per foot frontage is $.1854647. The special assessment is to be paid in 10 annual instalments.

3. Persons desiring to petition against undertaking the work must do so on or before the 20th day of July, 1925.

E. F. JONES,
City Clerk.

Dated this 13th day of June, 1925

IN PROBATE

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the Matter of the "Administration Act" and

In the Matter of the Estate of George Bennett, Deceased, Intestate.

TAKE NOTICE that by an Order of His Honor Judge Young dated the 5th day of June, 1925, I, the undersigned, was appointed Administrator of the estate of George Bennett, intestate.

All parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to forward same, properly verified to me, within thirty days from the date of this notice and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 13th day of June, 1925.

N. A. WATT,
Official Administrator.

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