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The volume of halibut landed during the week has been well up to the average and prices offered on the Fish Exchange for both American and Canadian fares have kept up, although on Thursday the prices dropped approximately 5c and 2c on American and Canadian fish due in a measure, to the fact that arrivals had been heavy for the week and the eastern market was pretty well filled up. Incoming skippers report the weather on the deep sea grounds to have been "breezing up" for the last few days although good weather was experienced over last week end and the fishing was consistently good, taking all things into consideration.

Good business in the marine supply departments of the waterfront has been maintained and everyone seems well satisfied that they are getting their share. Quite a lot of work is being done at the local shipyards and machine shops for the various canneries in the district. In addition there are a number of seine and trolling boats on the ways for repairs while a lot of painting is being carreid out on all classes of boats.

### Arrivals

Arrivals this week follow: American — Sunset, Lituya, North, Zenith, Augusta, Rambler, Foremost, Sitka, Rainier, Gladys, Hilda, Thelma, J. P. Todd II., Teddie J., Vesta, Wabash, Chum, Republic, Albatross, Brisk, June, Tahoma, National.

Canadian — Murineag, Maude, Alten, H. & R., Brant, Fanny F., Toodie, Margalice,.. E. ..Lipsett, Mab, June B. (salmon), Swing.

### "Doc" Got Stung

It is seldom that a man gets "stung" and is proud of it, so it is with pleasure we recount the experiences of our waterfront celebrity known as "Doc" Clapperton. Our hero sure got stung where it could be seen plenty, and if he had been in a mix-up with Jack Dempsey his left eye could not have been made a fitter color for a funeral. The trouble with Doc is that he will insist upon butting in on the football matches and is never happier than when wagging that little flag of his. The witnessing of a football match was the cause of his downfall in this case and now he has been "stung" plenty perhaps he will take it to heart. Upon the evening in question the mosquitoes espied the football chaser cheering his side on to disaster and decided to put a rubber heel—so to speak— on his voice. A big black fellow, reminding one of a wild goose on the wing, impudently perched itself upon Doc's left optic and took a few good digs underneath the outer hide. That put the lid upon the football enthusiasm because the mosquito took some eyesight with the last swallow and its a durned hard job to follow a soccer game if you can't see. However, everything happens for the best, according to the wise sage, and the bump that rose on the eye adds considerable weight to Doc who has been proudly displaying his wound received "in action." Now that the swelling has gone down and the sight is completely restored Doc feels lost for sympathy.

### M.T.3 Has Busy Time

The tugboat M.T.3., the Geo. Bushby flagship, with Capt. R. Green at the gadgits has been putting in some strenuous hours hauling pack horses to Stewart, booms of logs to the Georgetown mill and scows of lumber and fish boxes to the local market. On Sunday last the tug returned from Stewart after delivering 22 packhorses, which have been wintering in the Kitkatla district, for the Sterling Silver Lead Mines Ltd., on the Marmot River. On the return south Reggie towed a boom of logs from the Khutzmeteen river to the northern mill and there picked up a scow of lumber and a scow of fish boxes for local consumption. On Thursday the little giant towed the Muse pile driver over to the Salt Lakes where pile driving is being carried on in connection with the new public landing float.

The tug P.R.T., Capt. Harris Kerr, is touring around the Skeena River canneries fixing up the hoppers for the fish offal which will be towed to the Rupert Marine Products plant during the canning season for reduction purposes.

The tugboat Wigwam and halibut schooner Johanna, Pair of Jacks, and E. Lipsett have been up on the Ward ways this week for painting.

Henry Collison of Kitkatla has his general utility boat on the McLean ways for a general overhaul preparatory to engaging in the fish packing for the Millerd cannery. The engine is also coming in for a thorough doing.

The Lena S., Capt. N. Shaw of Lowe Inlet, is on the Suga ways for remodelling. Lena will be commissioned in the salmon packing on behalf of the Lowe Inlet cannery when the work is completed.

Hubert Ward is installing four Pullman berths in his newly acquired coastal cruiser Bonanza. With this addition to the already comfortable travelling equipment there will be sleeping accommodation for five persons aboard as a spacious bunk is being installed for'ard.

### Some Speed Artist

The latest waterfront celebrity to join the nautical speed artists is Pete Bruno, of tonsorial fame. Pete has recently taken unto himself a V.-bottom boat and thrown out the old engine in disgust. In its place will be installed one of the latest Ford marine type go-getters and Pete openly avowed he will attain a speed of something like the noise a train makes going at 45 miles per hour. The owner will assist the engine to attain this remarkable speed by injecting a patent oil fuel in it, the ingredients of which are only known to manipulator of hair tonics. It will pay spectators to keep clear of the propellers when Pete starts her up.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAfee returned to Georgetown on the M.T.3 on Wednesday morning. Mr. McAfee has been managing the Big Bay Lumber Co.'s office for the past week but has now been relieved by Mr. Nelson in the absence of Ralph LePine the regular manager, who is south on a holiday.

The launch Joy Bird, Capt. Cook, was out to Tucks Inlet on Tuesday towing the powder house from the elevator site. Blasting of rock is now being carried out opposite the Cold Storage in connection with the elevator fill.

Considerable minor repair work has been carried out on the Arnett dredge at the Akerberg-Thomson shops this week.

### Launch Oh Baby Out

The launch Oh Baby, skippered by Laurie Lambly, made the return trip to Georgetown on Tuesday for local interests. On Wednesday the launch took Johnny Morrison and Evan Davies over to Metlakatla. The former was on a short visit to his parents prior to taking over his season's duties as book-keeper at the Sunnyside cannery.

W. H. Walford, the boat builder, who has been confined to his home on Park Avenue for the past week, is now back on the job wielding the left-handed caulking irons in fine shape.

### Captains Actually Work

The near sinking of the lighthouse tender Birnie on Tuesday morning, which fortunately was unattended with serious consequences, caused a lot of excitement on the waterfront early on Tuesday morning, and the happening of course had its humorous side. When Skipper Petersen of the Birnie found the decks awash upon arrival, caused by the overloading of the craft, he quickly arosed the sleeping men aboard and put in a "still alarm" to the tender Newington for aid Like good sailors the crew of the Newington responded on the double, headed by their doughty skipper, Harry Ormiston, who, for the first time in his life, wore pyjamas for underwear Captains Ormiston and Petersen set to work with the speed of a crazy jazz tune and seizing shovels commenced to sweat blood in an effort to get the lime etc. overboard to lighten the vessel. Onlookers say that it was impossible to time the speed of the shovels with a stop watch, the shovels seeming to vibrate with the force of energy behind them. Blinded with perspiration the skippers did not stop for handkerchiefs but gaily shook their heads over the side of the boat to save time. Betting was heavy as to how long the pace would last but eventually, as the danger lessened, the shovels gradually slowed down and seemed to keep pace perfectly with the Dead March played with a crutch. It has been suggested that in recognition of the valiant services of Ormiston and Petersen the shovels used in the display of work should be presented to them as mementos of happy moments.

Capt. Hans arrived in port early in the week from Sandspit, Q.C.I., on the bridge of his power boat Beatrice H. for the installation of a seine winch at the Akerberg-Thomson shops.

The power boat Markwell, Capt. C. L. Clifton, is in port from Hartley Bay and has been taken up on the McLean ways for a general overhaul prior to taking over a contract with the Lowe Inlet cannery.

It was with great regret the waterfront boys on Thursday learned of the death of Harry Day. Deceased was well known in nautical circles and enjoyed the friendship of all with whom he came in contact. The sympathy of the entire nautical fraternity is extended to his wife in her bereavement.

Peter Venn of Metlakatla is in port to have his engine overhauled prior to hitting for the salmon trolling grounds.

Johnny McLeod is installing an engine in his new 18 foot boat at the Canadian National Yacht Club floats.

James Crew, well known on the Skeena river, has purchased a 4 h.p. Regal engine which he is having installed in a recently acquired hull. The boat will be of the Columbia river type and will be commissioned in the Skeena river fishing when the engine installation is completed.

The lighthouse tenders Newington and Birnie left port on Thursday morning for Vadso Island, situated four miles from Anyox, to carry out the installation of a new beacon light at that point.

The fish packer Plop, Capt. Clawson, arrived in port this week from the Wark Canal district. Cap reports that the salmon run is not too bad at present but better things are expected to happen in the near future.

### Off to the South

Charlie "Chuck" Currie, accompanied by Sydney Hunter, will leave port early next week on the former's power boat, Ruby Mae, on a leisurely cruise of the southern coast. They will go as far south as Seattle and will call at all the big White Way cities en route including Vancouver and Victoria.

Alex. Saint, who recently resigned from the Provincial police force, has joined the engineering staff of the Prince Rupert Boathouse.

### Wonderful Seamanship

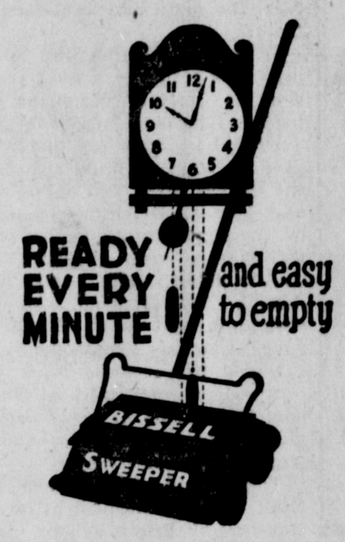
It's one thing to own a real motor boat but its quite another thing to exercise brilliant seamanship and bring home all the silver Yacht Club cups that are being given away.

However this wonderful feat was successfully accomplished by Captain H. T. Cross with his good ship Francis C. in the Prince Rupert Yacht Club regatta held yesterday afternoon. The Yacht Club day was a humdinger from the drop of the hat but when the club speed snorters got under way in an effort to lift the silverware, formerly held by M. M. Stephens, it was then that strong men laughed and women howled with enthusiasm and the lid was securely locked on an exciting and sandwich eating time. It will be interesting to a good many nautical sports to know that skipper Cross learned his seamanship on the prairies when he successfully negotiated many inspiring races in self-built prairie schooners. Capt. Cross is to be congratulated upon his win and the waterfront boys wish him continued success in his wonderful efforts to exploit the speed silver ware of the coast which only waits lifting.

### Did Good Work

The Prince Rupert Yacht Club regatta held on Thursday was by far and away the best public event ever staged by the amateur mariners and its seems to be the general opinion that so successful were the races that a similar day will be put on annually. The success of the day was due, in a great measure, to the untiring efforts of A. Macdonald, vice-president, and R. E. Benson, director, who left no stone unturned to give the visitors a real good time. In staging a regatta there is a lot of detail work to be done such as anchoring buoys, erecting flags, measuring the course, arranging for refreshments, etc. which all takes time and effort, and unless these little things are attended to in a proper manner something goes amiss and the edge of enjoyment is taken off the proceedings. A word of praise is also due to George Richmond who, as usual, catered so royally and liberally to the visitors of the day.

Miss Helen S. Lambert, R.N., of Deer Island, New Brunswick, has arrived in the city to visit with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Daggett, 528 Seventh Avenue, East.

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