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Picking Up

As is usual at this time of year, waterfront business is picking up well after the lull, occasioned by the fact that all boats put in strenuous days during the summer months on the deep seas gathering in the halibut, salmon, and engaging in fish packing for the many canneries. With the salmon season on the wane a number of the smaller boats are putting into port for overhaul work in addition to schooners of the local halibut fleet which undergo annual overhaul at this time. This work is giving a decided impetus to business at waterfront shipyards and machine shops.

A Proud Bunch

The halibut chasers are very proud of the fact, and rightly so, that the landings of halibut during the month of August created a record for this port, exceeding by 218,900 pounds the previous high record month of August last year. During August 4,060,900 pounds was marketed on the Fish Exchange as against 3,842,000 pounds in August last year.

The month of September got off to a good start with the arrival on Tuesday of 480,000 pounds of halibut and prices have been well maintained. On Wednesday, with a light arrival of 49,000 pounds, the Canadians received better prices than did the Americans.

Arrivals

From Monday to yesterday noon the following boats have marketed catches this week: American—Foremost, Paragon, Seymour, Onah, Yellowstone, Anna J., Eastern Point, Baltic, Rainier, Sirius, Sherman, J. P. Todd, Wabash, Mildred H., Scandia, Reliance, Rambler, Inger, Chelsea, Glacier, Vesta, Arctic, Resolute, Bravo and Sentinel, Canadian—Johanna, Yule, Muirneag, Ringleader, Koyonsu, Bingo, Caygeon, Maud, Margalice, Pair of Jacks, Cape Spear, M. M. Christopher, Tramp, H. & R., Brandt and Nuba.

Great Crabbers

Two of the greatest local crabbers stirred things up in the vicinity of the Yacht Club early on Thursday morning, at an hour when most people were soundly asleep. The crabbers were none other than J. H. Pillsbury and Ralph Harrup, who rowed out to the crabbing wilds across the harbor in a twelve-foot boat. Their early morning labors were amply rewarded and crab meat for breakfast is now the latest thing on up-to-date menu cards.

Having come off the McLean ways after a general overhaul, the power cruiser Sunbeam III, skippered by her owner, Dr. W. T. Kergin, was up to Stewart over the week end, returning to port on Wednesday night.

The Dreadnaught, owned by Chris. Elkins, has been out of the water this week at the Yacht Club for a general going over. The decorative scheme has not yet been decided upon, but bearing in mind Chris' artistic taste it will doubtless be a humdinger.

Poor Old Alf

We always knew that Alf Plant, the man who invented holes in the doughnuts, was a well "bread" young man, in fact is almost province-wide famous for the way he handles the dough, but even such illustrious characters as bakers meet with misfortune at some stage of the game. Alfred, who is an ardent

fisherman, went for a fishing trip recently to Shawatlans lake accompanied by Charlie Philister, an even more ardent fisherman than Alfred. The means of transportation was a rowboat, and all went well for a while at the lake. However, the fly bites far exceeded the bites on the hook and Charlie began to get anxious for the result of the day's sport.

Just as things were looking their blackest, Alfred, in an endeavor to seek a better location for the bait, slipped and fell into the water with a mighty splash. Did Charlie get excited or throw the aquatic performer a line? He did not! Charlie quietly suggested to Alfred that while he was in the water he might locate a few fish and hook them on his line. And that is why the fishermen returned home with such an excellent catch of trout.

Coastal cruiser Bonanza is on the Ward ways undergoing an overhaul preparatory to engaging in an extended holiday trip to Welcome Harbor on Monday, having aboard Mrs. Hubert Ward, Harry Ward, H. Perry and Miss Agnes McQuillan.

Capt. Don Yell, skipper of the Reveille, who is engaged in fish packing for the Atlin Fisheries from North Island, O.C.I., arrived in port this week. Don states that the cohoes are not running very well in that district, but that there are still a few springs coming in. While in port the Reveille will go on the dry dock for overhauling.

The Tow Bill cannery, situated on the Queen Charlotte Islands and operated by Capt. H. B. Babington has finished its coho canning operations and is now engaged in clam canning, which work will be continued throughout the winter. Some twenty-five people will be employed during the winter months.

Halibut schooner R.W. is on the McLean ways for overhauling and repainting.

The fish packer Plop, Capt. Clawson, arrived from the Wark Canal district on Thursday morning.

Schooner Lysekil, Capt. Pete Jensen, is now packing fish for the Somerville cannery.

Capt. Philip Rowe, skipper and owner of the power boat Spey I, is installing a 5 h.p. Yale engine in his boat.

Tugboat M.T.-3, Capt. R. Green, flagship of the Bushby towing fleet, arrived from Georgetown on Monday, having in tow lumber for the local fish dock and two carloads of lumber for shipment east via the Canadian National Railway. The tug left port on Thursday morning to bring down a scowload of lumber for the Big Bay Co.'s yards and for the Cold Storage.

What Is It?

The members of the Fish Exchange were trembling with excitement on Thursday morning, caused by Ted Shrubshaw, first mate on the halibut schooner H. & R., producing the skeleton head of some unknown marine monster picked up off Tow Hill recently. It certainly is a peculiar looking business and many guesses were made as to its origin. One said it was a shark's head, someone suggested it was an eagle's head, while one wit said it looked like a piece of an accident looking for somewhere to happen, but not one of the guesses solved the riddle satisfactorily.

Ted is determined to find out what it is, and intends to apply for government aid on the matter if necessary.

All calendars on the waterfront are to be abolished, according to the latest orders issued by the mosquito fleet admiralty court. To tell the day of the week without a calendar has become so common in nau-



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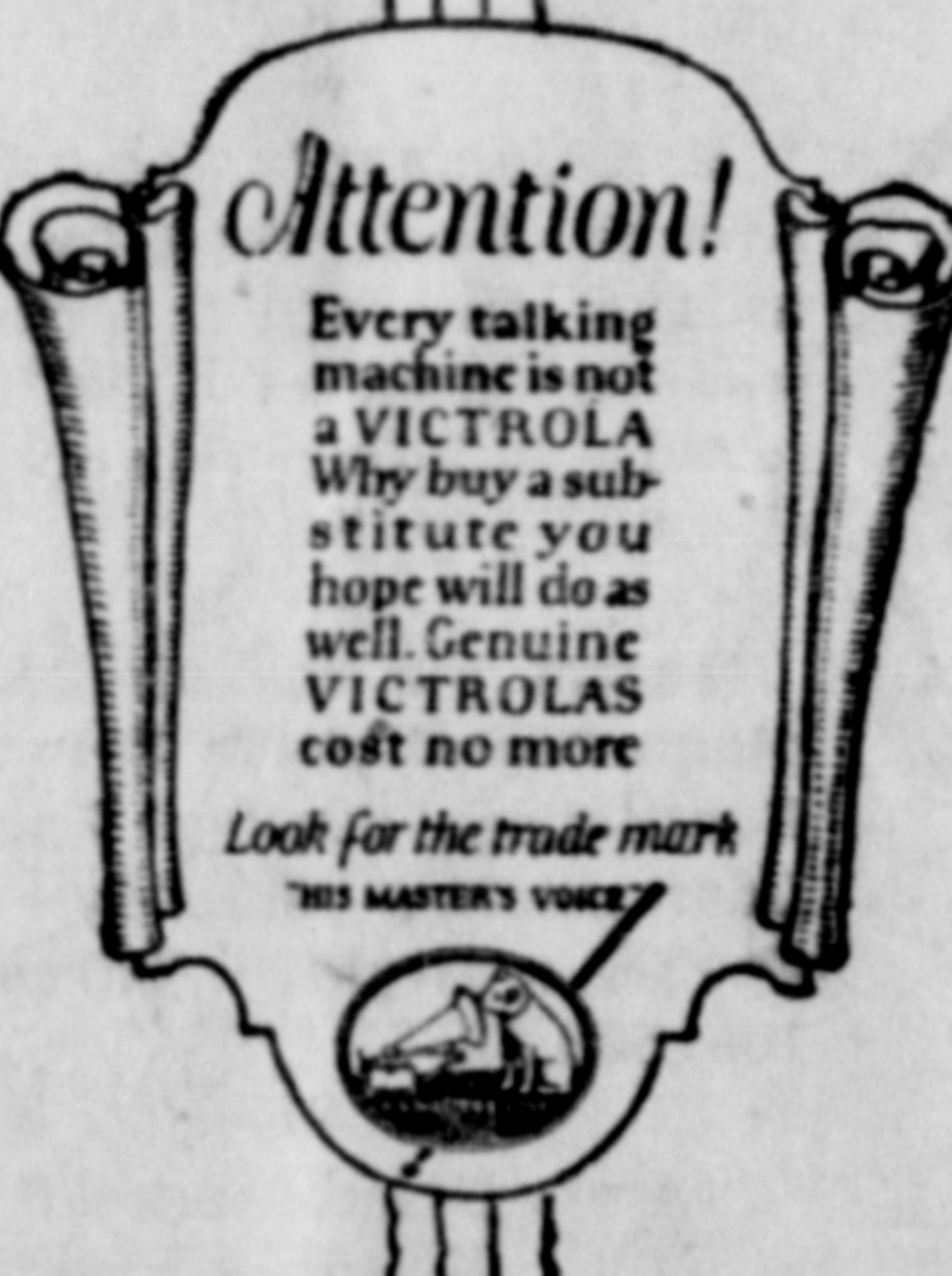
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ical circles it is considered the wall decorators are useless. John Davey has been the cause of the latest order by wearing a different suit on particular days of the week. A nifty blue serge suit always adorns his majestic person on Thursdays, but to tell the colors of the others would take up too much space.

Schooner Caygeon, Capt. Oscar Yong, has just had the clutch overhauled and is all ready for sea again, having recently completed hull repairs on the dry dock. The Caygeon was recently damaged in a collision in Metlakatla passage.

The new Haymoller halibut schooner, having been completed at the McLean yards, was launched on Wednesday's high tide.

George Murray, who has been catering to the needs of the inner man on the power boat Hope, tender for the Beaver cannery during the summer months, has returned to the city. George states that operations at Rivers Inlet have ceased for the season.

The fishing schooner Wizard while in port this week had pump repairs executed at the Akerberg-Thomson shops.

Trips to Moon

Those persons desiring to take a trip to the moon to see what the man in it looks like, will get all the opportunity next week commencing on Monday, Labor Day. Col. Williams and Jack Goldwell, of tropical valley flying fame, will have their Vickers-Viking airplane all in readiness for the public on that day. In company with Dave Thomson, these intrepid airmen made arrangements on Thursday morning with Capt. Swanson to fly from the Prince Rupert Boat-

house. Owing to the large spread of the wings, which is 25 feet, it has been found impossible to moor the plane close to the wharf. It will consequently be moored out in the harbor to a floating wharf and passengers will be rowed from the boat-house to the wharf, from which they will board the plane.

Gordon Robertson of Aiyansh, who has been fishing at Bute-dale for the past few months, called into port this week to have a new exhaust put into his boat.

Joseph Martin, general merchant of Massett, sent over a boat engine this week to be overhauled at the Akerberg-Thomson shops.

The tender Glenwell, owned by the B.A. Cannery at Port Essington, had the tail shaft built and trued up while in port this week.

Halibut schooner Johanna, Capt. John Wicks, was forced to put back to port this week when his gears stripped on the way out to the high spots. The gears were renewed at the Akerberg-Thomson shops and Cap is on his way.

The schooners E. Lipsett, N. & S., Wabash and the work boat Kayax have been on the Ward ways this week for repainting and overhauling.

LOBSTER PACK

ALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 2.—The aggregate lobster pack for the Maritime Provinces this year is expected to be about 140,000 cases, a normal pack, and larger than last year. Shipments will be made to Great Britain, Sweden, France, the United States and domestic markets.

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