



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

Some Waterfront

The local waterfront has taken a wonderfully improved appearance from a building standpoint during the summer months and no one can gainsay that Prince Rupert is not rapidly coming into her own as a seaport of distinction on the Pacific coast.

Residents who have been absent for a month or so remark upon the marked improvement and this is reflected daily in the minds of hundreds of tourists who visit the city, more particularly by the boat, and consequently good impressions of the city's growth are obtained.

With the electric trolley practically complete, the P. Burns Co.'s cold storage and abattoir plant rapidly being raised and the new Tropic wharf under construction the city can boast of waterfront commercial buildings second to few on the Pacific coast.

Halibut Fishing Halibut has been arriving in fairly good quantities but in the fore part of the week prices on the Fish Exchange have been a few points lower than generally prevailed last week.

With the arrival on Monday of 231,000 pounds a refrigerator car shortage developed on Tuesday which necessitated the American schooner Trinity taking her 44,000 pound catch to Seattle.

The week's sales have been marked by Canadian boats picking off the best prices for second class catches. On Wednesday with only one American and one Canadian boat in with a total of 47,000 pounds prices jumped several points.

Arrivals From Monday until yesterday noon the following schooners have marketed catches this week. American—Alaska, Atlas, Arrow, Hilda, Swan, Flattery, De-lense, Gladys, Aiki, Royal, Brisk, Augusta, Lincoln, Tanaga, Betty, Cora, Ithona, and Imperial. Canadian—Kaian, Cape Beale, Fanny F., Ingrid H., Ternet, Fisher, Alken, Kobe, Prosperity A., Joe Baker, Nautilus, Inez H., P. Dorreen, and S.A.

On Monday the tugboat M.T. 3, Capt. R. Green, flagship of the bushby towing fleet, towed the Muse pile driver to Wark Canal where it will be used in connection with logging operations being carried on in that district.

Willis Lebo of the Marine Products Co., Tacoma, was in town on Tuesday accompanied by Mrs. Lebo. Mr. Lebo recently operated a fish reduction plant in Hawks Inlet, Alaska, and this season operated a floating reduction plant at Ketchikan. While in the city Mr. and Mrs. Lebo visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bushby.

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such a good girl lately that we hate to drag her fair name into disrepute, but facts are facts, and here she goes. Alex was not quite sure of the waters in the passage so engaged the services of skipper McEwen to do the piloting, who evidently knows where the rocks are and can find one on the least provocation. The story is that Maggie became nervous on the return trip, her nervousness being accounted for by the funny noises emanating from the gadgets. Both men aboard went below in an endeavor to nurse the engine and it was then that Maggie seized the opportunity to climb up on a rock and rest herself. It was not so much the getting of Maggie flooded again that worried the sailors but the complications which arose in the engine room. As Alex put it, it was as complicated as dressing a baby with cold hands. However, eventually things got righted and the mariners returned to Seal Cove safely, little the worse for their experiences.

Mrs. Hubert Ward, accompanied by her son Harry, and a party of friends will leave port early next month aboard their coastal cruiser Bonanza to spend a two week's vacation in the vicinity of Welcome Harbor.

A cargo of 400 tons of fish meal will be loaded aboard the Princess Ena for the south over the week end from the Rupert Marine Products plant, Tucks Inlet.

While canvassing on the waterfront this week in connection with the Fair Board's ticket selling contest, Miss Adeline Henriksen, a former Exhibition queen, had the misfortune to slip from a plank into the water in the vicinity of the Hunt dock. Wiling hands immediately extricated her from the perilous position and but for a severe wetting the young lady was little the worse for her unwelcome experience.

Power boat Dear P., fishing for the New England Fish Co. at the Wales Island cannery had pump work done at the Akersberg-Thomson shops while in port this week.

Launch Joy Bird, Capt. Jack Cook, having terminated her contract on towing piles for elevator construction work, is now on the McEwan ways undergoing a general overhaul and re-painting.

Vic Markland, skipper and owner of the trolling boat Cub, who has been trolling in the vicinity of North Island, west of the Queen Charlottes, returned to port this week for supplies. Vic reports that the trolling season has been fairly good in that district.

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