

# WATERFRONT WHIFFS

## Deer Hunting Season Open Today--G. E. Foster off to Fishing Grounds--Bait Shortage in Alaska

The deer and mountain goat hunting season in this district opened today and will continue until December 15. Although the wary animals are usually rather high up this early in the fall, a number of parties will probably embark tonight or tomorrow morning on their first expeditions with the hope of bringing home a bag before bombarding starts generally in the woods and the animals are startled into their usual timidity. Over one hundred gun licenses have already been taken out. The bear season opens concurrently with the deer season today, but will continue until June 15, 1927. Bag limits are set similarly to last season with three male deer allowed each hunter for the season, two mountain goat, three bear of any kind and two grizzlies.

The duck season will open on October 15 continuing until January 31, while it will not be in order to seek geese until November 1 and from then on to February 15. The blue grouse season is open from today until October 31. Bag limits for birds will be 20 ducks daily or a total of 150, ten geese or a total of fifty, and grouse, five daily or a total of 50.

It is again being impressed upon hunters by the game department that Kaien Island is a game preserve upon which the shooting of any game is prohibited. Incidentally, a word for the wise may be that, with an officer now on the ground whose duties are solely to see that the game regulations are complied with, a better watch will be kept on hunting in this locality this season than there has been for several years. New regulations for trapping are also in force now. All trappers are required to register their trappings with the nearest provincial officer. As far as possible traplines applied for should be the same as in all former applications. This rule applies only on the mainland, applications being unnecessary on the islands.

The Seal-Cove Lumber Co.'s sawmill at Seal Cove started deliveries of halibut and salmon boxes to the trade last week. The mill has been steadily jutting lumber since its opening in April.

Commodore George Rorie has replaced the 10-12 h.p. two-cylinder Gray engine in the cruiser Nancy with a 16 h.p. four-cylinder Easthope. The latter motor is working well says Mr. Rorie although he has not yet had the opportunity of giving the speed a double-entry audit. Anyway, Mr. Rorie expects to add his own in the future with anyone else in the matter of speed and the result of the cruiser race at the next Yacht Club regatta is already settled.

The trawler G. E. Foster, chartered from the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage by the Rupert Marine Products Co. for the purpose of engaging in scrap fishing in Beale Straits for the Tucks Inlet by-products plant, left port on her initial trip on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. The vessel had been steamed up on Wednesday at the cold storage wharf, where she had been lying cold for a year or more, and moved down to the Albert & McCaffery bunkers where she was coaled and outfitted. With Capt. E. Sanderson on the bridge and Chief Engineer Sidney Milne in charge of the engine room, the Foster left with G. G. Bushby, head of the R.M.P., and Mr. Reed, of the fisheries experimental station, on board. The vessel will probably be back in port on Monday so that the crew may have opportunity to vote.

### Halibut Landings

With splendid fishing weather prevailing on the banks, the halibut schooners have been doing well lately and some big catches are to be recorded. Perhaps one of the best was that of the local schooner Scrub, Capt. Adolph Prince, which came in on Thursday morning with a load of 20,000 pounds after having been out only a week. In spite of somewhat of a glut on Tuesday morning after the holiday when 307,000 pounds was offered on the Exchange, prices have held up well and it is very gratifying to note that Canadian fish has commanded as high and sometimes higher prices than American. With a drop at the middle of this week when there was a big supply, the price for first class fish ranged from 13.3c to 15.6c.

The landings at this port for the week (Saturday to Friday inclusive) were well above average, totalling 860,000 pounds—637,000 pounds from American vessels and 223,300 from Canadian. This brings the total for the season to date to 19,938,600 pounds of which American boats landed 14,331,100 pounds and Canadian, 5,607,500 pounds.

A shortage of bait is reported from all Alaskan ports with the result that this week some of the big American schooners, which generally go to Ketchikan, were outfitted at this port. The Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. had a good supply of frozen bait here which it was expected would meet all the usual demands until the end of the season but bait is being now shipped by the carload to Ketchikan and it may become exhausted here. Before the close of the season on November 15 there is, therefore, the possibility of a general shortage of bait along the coast unless the herring make an early appearance in northern waters or some can be obtained from the salteries of western Alaska.

Though a few of the boys may take the opportunity to cast their votes at the advance poll, the most of them will exercise the franchise in the usual way at the election on Tuesday. With the Exhibition coming next week as well as the election, there will be a large number of fishermen—both trollers and halibuters—home and the prospects are for a big and diversified fishermen's vote and it will be by no means a one-sided one. Judging from the various arguments one hears along "the front" neither the hardware man nor the school teacher is going to capture the fishermen's vote in entirety.

Seining for chums is now practically finished on the Skeena River but the trollers are still busy with cohoes, the run of which has not been large yet but which is expected to improve. From the south end of the Queen Charlotte Islands come reports of a somewhat improved run of chums. Balmoral, Inverness, Sunnyside, and Prince Rupert of the Skeena River district canneries are still running, B. A. having just closed.

Last Sunday and the Labor Day holiday saw George Bryant on a trip to Khatda on board the cruiser Harka with a party consisting of Mr. Bryant, Bill Willisroff and the boys of both families. The party got all the trout they wanted at the popular resort as did a party consisting of M. L. Stepp, Harry Farr and Fred Grumble which went up by train and which came home on the Harka.

Returning at the end of the week from the Skeena River whence she had come with a liquor cargo, power boat 28 (Leila R.), Capt. Alex. Saint, since made trips to Anyox with the Oddfellows, to Porcher Island with the inspector of mines, and to Captain's Cove with the police to capture an alleged murderous Chinaman.

The cannery tender Nishga was in port on Thursday on her way from Claxton to Skidegate Inlet where she will be engaged for a while in chum packing.

The U.S. revenue cutter Cygan, Ensign Desses, called in port on Thursday, having come in from the sea where she had been out of Ketchikan for two days. The other U.S. rum chaser Smith, which was here last year, is now working out of San Francisco.

Twenty-two local Moose Legionnaires made a trip at the first of the week to Stewart and Hyder to attend initiation exercises and the Labor Day celebration at the northern points. The party made the voyage on the

halibut schooner Johanna, Capt. John Wick, leaving here Saturday night and returning Tuesday. They reported a most enjoyable trip with plenty of hospitality on the part of the mining camp residents. Among the party were Gillis Boyer, past great north moose; Fred Scadden, great north moose; B. J. Bacon, south moose; A. Ohnesang, east moose; Joe Slaggard, west moose, and Thor Johnson, herder.

Lighthouse tender Newington, Capt. Joe Peterson, left on Tuesday for Cape St. James and is expected back at the end of this week.

Capt. Kohrt, who returned with the Bonito recently from the Hippo Island and Massett Inlet vicinity, where he had been engaged in salmon trolling during the summer, will be leaving again in a day or so for Skidegate Inlet to engage in coho trolling for the remainder of the season.

Ballot box trips are being made to the Butedale and Kitimat region by the D.S.T., Capt. Jim Parsons; to the south end of the Queen Charlotte Islands by the Wigwam, Capt. Claude Kitchum, and to local points along the coast by the Kouyosou, Capt. Alex. Wylie. The boats will return with the boxes after the election.

Another robbery was reported on the waterfront this week. On Wednesday night McLean's boat-building shop was broken into and a crowbar, hammer, caulking cotton, copper paint and rope removed. The matter was reported to the police.

The Osumi, which has been packing for the Somerville Cannery, left this week for Aliford Bay.

### Repairing Boats

The seine boat Shuchoda, which was badly damaged when she struck Hana rock in Dixon's Entrance recently, has been handed over by the underwriters to the owners, Tanaka Bros., and the dry dock has the contract for rebuilding.

The American halibut schooner Eureka, damaged a few weeks ago in a gasoline tank explosion, will be ready for sea again in a few days.

Nothing has yet been ordered to be done with the Lincoln, also badly damaged in an explosion, pending the adjustment of the estate of the owner, the late Capt. Martin Foltand.

There is again a lull in the repair and machine shops along the waterfront. With the salmon season practically over and only two more months of halibut fishing, as little work as possible is being done on the boats.

The keel is being laid at the Suga ways for a new 35 foot seine boat which will be placed in the yard's stock.

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