

# WATERFRONT WHIFFS

### Hand trollers doing fairly well now but gas-boats not so good---much shipbuilding going on---another halibut record

Hand trollers who fish from rowboats and use herring bait are doing quite well now, particularly in the Warke Canal area, but the gasboat trollers, who use spoons, are not having much luck yet. The appetite of the luscious springs still seems to be for the real thing and they are not to be beguiled very much with the artificial.

Bert Flewin, who is making regular trips to Prince Rupert three times a week now with salmon from the Flewin & Brown camp at Warke Canal, reports something in excess of 100 hand trollers and about thirty gas boats engaged in fishing there. An improvement in the run is expected immediately, the prediction being based on past records kept at Warke Channel which consistently show an increase of fish caught toward the end of April.

Gas boats predominate in the fishing at Butler Cove, Stephens Island, and the catches are being brought in by the packers Narbethong and Hippo. Trolling at Dundas Island will commence soon. There does not seem to be much doing on the north end of the Queen Charlottes yet although a number of boats, some from here, are operating there. Salmon landings at the Fish Exchange have increased during the past week and the price has ranged from 15c to 17c for red springs and 3c for whites.

Capt. Paul Armour of the Pachena is looking for quiet weekend at home if nothing unforeseen happens. The Pachena has put in a pretty busy time of it during the past fortnight what with a week's trip to the Queen Charlotte Islands with a provincial police party, a two day pilot job and bringing in the scows and dredge that were used in connection with the salvaging of the steamer Famous on the Skeena River, besides the Ekoff rescue trip. The "28," formerly Leila R., was also active

#### NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of an application for the issue of a Provisional Certificate of Title for Assigned Lot "B" of Lot Seven (7), Block forty-six (46), subdivision of Lot seven hundred and forty-six (746), Queen Charlotte District (Map 1079).

Satisfactory proof of the loss of the certificate of Title covering the above land having been produced to me, it is my intention to issue, after the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, a provisional certificate of Title to the above land in the name of Paul Omerie Massart. The original Certificate of Title is dated the 25th of August, 1919, and is numbered 131601.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 5th day of April, 1926. FRANK PEARCE, Applicant.

#### "PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ACT."

Mackenzie Electoral District. NOTICE is hereby given that I shall, on Monday, the 17th day of May, 1926, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, Prince Rupert, hold a sitting of the Court of Revision for the purpose of revising the list of voters for the said electoral district, and of hearing and determining any and all objections to the retention of any name on the said list, or to the date of registration, and for the other purposes set forth in the "Provincial Elections Act."

Dated at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 6th day of April, 1926. NORMAN A. WATT, Registrar of Voters for the Prince Rupert and Mackenzie Electoral Districts.

from Cedarvale, the gift of Bob Wiggins, formerly of this city, but he had not been at the government wharf an hour when he must have taken a dislike to his new home for he disappeared and has not been seen since. Full penalties, be they legal or otherwise, will be invoked upon any person found harboring the heir to Paddy's crown, Doc direly threatens to all and sundry. If the pup were returned to him safe and sound we woen, however, that the penalties would be waived as a reward.

The schooner Inez H., belonging to the Ness Brothers, was another arrival in port during the week and, before proceeding to the banks again, came in from the Kilkalla fox farm on Thursday with a couple of blue foxes which were sold to a Francois Lake purchaser who plans on breeding them there.

The last thing that had to be done to the schooner Unome, recently placed in the halibut game by Capt. Dave Ritchie, to make the perfect vessel out of her was to have her compass adjusted and this was duly done during the week while the Unome was in port by Capt. T. M. Wilkie, hon. president of Arthur Little's celebrated Pepto-Optimist Club.

#### Ship Shops Busy

Unprecedented activity in the way of boat building and repairing is reported by the shops along the waterfront. The business has started earlier than usual this year and already it has been found necessary to turn work away. The yards are practically all booked up until July 1, most of the work being for the district canneries. Several new boats are included in the list.

With a ruby red kerchief around his neck to match the oldest clothes he could find in the family cupboard, Ald. M. M. Stephens was a real working man at Cow Bay instead of a bloated up-town capitalist and legislator this week. It is even said that he forgot all about civic economy and tax sale lots in the work of giving his workboat Vera S. Frye a thorough overhauling after having spent an active winter under charter logging the in Warke Canal district.

Two new seine boats are in the early stages of construction at the Suga ways for the B.C. Packers. One will be forty-four feet long and will be powered with a 20 h.p. Standard engine; the other will be 35 feet in length and will have a 14 h.p. Vivian. Both are to be operated this season out of Lowe Inlet cannery.

On Wednesday, a 28 foot trolling boat for S. Wilson of Gardner Canal was launched at the Suga plant. It will have a 5 h.p. Palmer engine.

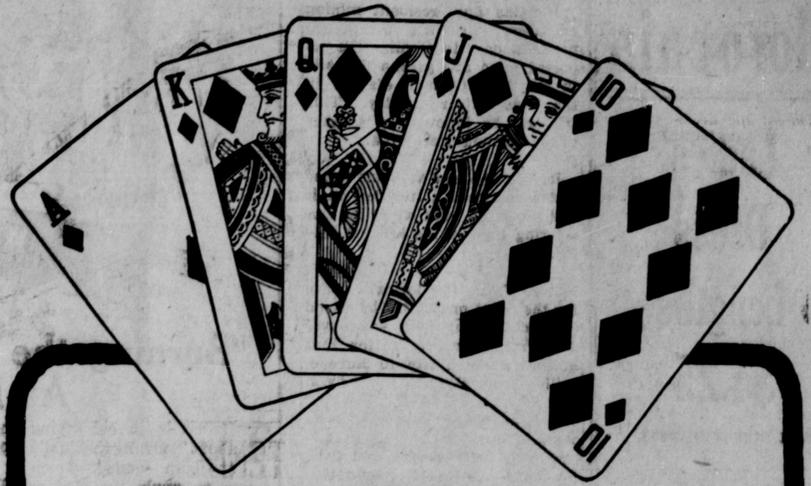
Another job Suga is handling is the replacing of the 12 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse engine in the Wallace Fisheries packer Polly W. with a 16 h.p. Vivian.

Pressure of business and congestion of the premises has made necessary the erection of an addition to the Star Welding & Repair Works which will give the plant something more than double of its present working space.

Provincial police officers claim for Andrew Grant of the dry squad the distinction of being the first man to cross Heate Straits in an open rowboat. We are not going to dispute the claim but it might be just as well to state that the hero of the story might have performed his feat under more arduous circumstances than he did. He merely took the open air mal de mer cure by sitting in the dinghy behind the Pachena as that vessel was returning from the Queen Charlotte Islands on Monday after a blind big hunt. At that, his stunt may have been more discretionary than it was valorous for Grant seemed to be the healthiest of a sick looking lot that arrived in port after another lumpy passage across the straits.

#### A Night at Sea

The O Baby looks an awful sight but Jeff Lambly, her skipper, optimistically grins and says it might have been worse. Even the best of us sometimes make mistakes but mistakes often lead to trouble and when Jeff started off last Monday afternoon for his chicken ranch at Lewis Island forgetting to take on a gasoline supply he sure let



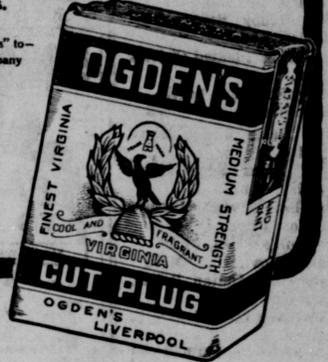
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# Thor Johnson

modelled. The engine is not believed to have suffered very much damaged through having been immersed in water.

The Belmont Surf Inlet Mining Co.'s cruiser Belmont was in port on business yesterday. With the Surf Inlet mine now about to be abandoned, the Belmont, which has been a frequent visitor at this port for the past several years, will be missed here unless she becomes the property of other local interests before the Belmont people take her south with the rest of their effects. The boat brought F. H. Penn, manager of the mine, on a business visit to the city.

Charlie Lindquist of the halibut schooner Ingrid H. met with a painful accident last Sunday aboard the boat which will put him out of business for a while and as a result of which he is now a patient in the General (continued on page six)

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