

WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Good week in fishing generally---salmon coming strong---general doings along waterfront

The fishermen and fish buyers have experienced another satisfactory week of business insofar as the amount of halibut landed and the prices obtained have been concerned. A good volume of fish has been offering and prices have kept up well, averaging around 16c and 9c for American caught fish and around 15c and 8c for Canadian fish while, in some cases, the latter boats have been successful in picking off the higher price for second class catches.

The waterfront shipways have been fully occupied with both fish boats and general utility boats up for repair. At this season it is usual for boat owners to give their charges a coat of copper paint and a general once-over in order that their crafts may be kept up to standard and equal to the tasks imposed upon them during the intensive part of the season.

While weather conditions have not been of the best for working on boats, the rain has not greatly interfered with the operations. Incoming boats have not reported any great inconvenience caused by the element on the fishing banks nor has it retarded the fishing in any particular.

While reports from the salmon fishing grounds vary as to the nature of the run up to date, it is the general consensus of opinion that it is steadily improving, although it is yet rather early in the season to come to any fast and abiding decision, and the final results at the termination of the season are as yet problematical. According to the fisheries department the run of spring salmon for the month of July has greatly improved, especially on the Skeena River, where it has been greater than at this time last year. Judging from the manner in which the various canneries are chartering boats and the preparations already made, it is a safe bet that the season will be a banner one before the last can is filled.

New Seiner

The power boat Azurite, recently purchased from the Granby Consolidated Mining & Power Co., Anyox, by Messrs. Capt. A. Swanson and Capt. Ole Skog, has been transformed into a seine boat at the dry dock and is now being for the Port Edward cannery. The Azurite was formerly used as a passenger boat in local waters around the smelter town, but she now looks like a first class fishing boat. The boat measures some 65 feet long and is powered with a 55 h.p. Imperial gas engine.

The halibut schooner Selma, Capt. Lars Voge, has recently been chartered for cannery work by the Namu cannery and left for that point early in the week.

The Balmoral cannery tender, Mike O., Capt. Stuart Donaldson, arrived in port on Tuesday with an official of the cannery aboard.

WATER NOTICE

Diversion and Use
TAKE NOTICE that Somerville Cannery Company Limited, whose address is 406 Avenue Wilfrid, Vancouver, B. C., will apply for a license to take and use 50 gallons per minute of water out of unnamed stream, which flows northerly and drains into Ferguson Bay, Masset Inlet, about 30 chains west from N. E. corner Lot 1571, Q. C. district. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about 6 chains from mouth of stream and will be used for industrial and domestic purposes upon the land described as Block A, Lot 1571, Queen Charlotte District. This notice was posted on the ground on the 14th day of July, 1926. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act" will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert, B. C., objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Controller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this notice is July 29, 1926.

SOMERVILLE CANNERY COMPANY, LTD.
Applicant.
By E. D. MATHERS, Agent.

LAND ACT.

Cassiar Land District, Land Recording District of Prince Rupert and situated on Taku Arm, about 3 miles southwest of mouth of Atlin River.

TAKE NOTICE that Francis Richard Dunlop of Atlin, B. C., occupation mill manager, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted on the south shore of Taku Arm about 2 miles southwest from the mouth of Atlin River and running thence 20 chains west; thence 20 chains south; thence 20 chains east; and thence 20 chains north to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

FRANCIS RICHARD DUNLOP, Applicant.
Date, Atlin, May 20, 1926.

LAND ACT.

Cassiar Land District, Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on Atlin Lake, about 35 miles southwest of Atlin Township.

TAKE NOTICE that Edwin Jules Egert, of Atlin, in the Province of British Columbia, occupation operating tourist launch, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Glacier Bay, in Atlin Lake, situated as above; thence following the shore line west 20 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence north 20 chains, to point of commencement.

EDWIN JULES EGERT, Applicant.
Dated May 10, 1926.

and returned to the Skeena on the same day.

A new spring-board has been installed at the Salt Lakes to replace the spring-board recently broken. The new board measures some 20 feet long, and was transported across the lakes on Thursday by the Launch 23, skippered by Lorrie Lambly. "Brick" Skinner did the technical work voluntarily, and judging from Brick's past efforts along these lines, the job has been well done. Brick reports it is a jimdandy.

Taming Jelly Fish

If you have a few odd moments to spare in this busy life, just take a stroll to the P. R. Boat-house and take a glance at the emerald waters as they glide beneath the wharf and, above all, note the different species of jelly fish and their shimmying antics. The writer stood for some moments on Thursday afternoon with that waterfront celebrity of the rising generation, Billy Bacon. Billy fishes for the jelly fish with his hands, while you wait, and puts them through several peculiar movements, in fact they look as they may be suffering from convulsions. At any rate Billy claims he can tame the wildest jellyfish on the Pacific Coast with just a turn of the wrist and, from the look of the jelly fish when he has finished with it, the writer is inclined to believe him.

With the details of plans settled for the erection of the new biological station on the provincial dock, Mitchell & Currie, the contractors for the superstructure, are making great strides with the erection thereof. The building has already reached a decided stage in construction.

The new building for the Bacon Fisheries, alongside the biological station is nearly completed and Jim Bacon will soon be losing himself on the spacious floor.

Bill is Amusing

Bill Beasley, of Canadian National fame, has been working overtime during the past week trying to think up a new design for the Siriner's fez. As to whether he is a Shriner or not the Whiff Man does not know. After several attempts Bill managed to get hold of an old lid, formerly the property of that certain party, and with a few heaves and grunts transformed the female dome coverer into a magical looking contrivance. Donning the high towered cap which resembled something between a conerina in a fit and a yard of pump water, Billy gaily sported himself on the deck, much to the joy of the onlookers. Perhaps Bill missed his calling after all.

Bob Thomas, the genial soul around the P. R. Boat-house, otherwise known as the guy who put the time in the clock, nearly overdid things on Thursday afternoon and may, as a result, suffer from an overstrained heart. Yes, sir, Bob, without a moment's warning, grabbed one of the green boats and hit for Albert-McCaffery dock, saying he was going for a load of grief. Upon his return the onlookers were surprised to see that Bob

had actually loaded up about half a ton of sacked coal. He was calling for reinforcements, when about twenty feet from the boat-house, to help him unload it. Judging from the look of consternation of Bob's face he had two loads of grief in one. It's doubtful whether he'll ever do that again by himself.

H. W. Chambers, of the Inverness cannery staff, arrived in the city on Thursday afternoon's train on business, Jimmy Lee graciously granted him an interview on Thursday afternoon so that Mr. Chambers' visit has not been in vain.

McLean Activities

The fishing schooner Nautilus has been up on the McLean ways for cleaning and painting this week.

Capt. H. Seig, skipper of the schooner Gnah, was forced to return to port on Tuesday having lost the rudder from the boat while in neccate Straits. Port was made safely with the use of a jury rudder which, in this particular case, consisted of two buoy kegs strung out behind the vessel. For port or starboard turns the required buoy kegs was hauled in and -ah did the trick. The schooner is now on the McLean ways for necessary repairs.

The power boat Hannah of Kitkatla was also in the yards this week for the installation of a seme turntable on the stern. The Tearline A, a seiner owned by the Wallace Fisheries, arrived from the Claxton cannery early in the week for general overhaul and repainting.

Two scow loads of lumber arrived in port for the Big Bay Lumber Company from George town on Thursday in tow of the Bushby tug P.R.T., Capt. Harris Kerr. One scowload comprised a shipment of two carloads for the east and the second scow contained box lumber for the Atlin Fisheries.

The Bushby tug boats are up to the decks in work these days and there is a constant procession to and from the various canneries as the boats tow down the offal for the Rupert Marine fertilizer plant at Tucks Inlet. The M.T.B., Capt. R. Green, is towing to and from the Skeena, and the Hanco, Capt. "Handsome" Jim Morrison, and the Cumshewa, Capt. Church, are on the same run. The Tide Rip, Capt. Chris Eyclfson, has been under the weather for the past week with engine trouble. However, this has been remedied and she will be rushed into commission forthwith.

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