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WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Halibut arrivals are heavier this week---N. M. McLean moving shipbuilding plant--- Portuguese men-of-war

The landings of halibut during the past week have experienced a decided impetus and the boys around the fish houses have not found the time hanging heavily upon their hands. On Monday 304,000 pounds of fish was sold on the Fish Exchange, followed by 92,000 pounds on Tuesday, 188,000 pounds on Wednesday and 140,000 pounds on Thursday. In spite of the heavier landings prices have kept up well and everyone seems satisfied. American fish has received on an average of around 16c and 10c, while Canadian catches have received around 15c and 8c.

Owing to increased business and a consequent shortage in accommodation, N. M. McLean, who has operated the shipyard at Cow Bay for several years past, is removing his entire plant to Seal Cove near the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage plant. It is Mr. McLean's intention to put in a marine ways at the new location and also a small float for the berthing of from 20 to 30 small boats. The plant will be brought entirely up to date and ways will be constructed for taking special care of small boats. The move will be made shortly and the new shipbuilding and repair plant will be ready for operation by the middle of September.

This week the Canadian schooners Eastern Point and Bingo have been in the McLean yards for repairing and general overhaul.

Boathouse Busy

With the arrival of H.M.S. Curlew on Monday the stock of the Prince Rupert Boathouse took a jump of several points when every available boat was pressed into the passenger service to accommodate the public bent on visiting the arm of Britain's might. The launch 23, skippered by Lorrie Lambley, has been on the jump continuously and transported large crowds of sightseers while the warship was in port.

Another phase of operations has been the hauling of gravel from Porcher Island to the city for the Albert-McCaffery interests. The gravel operations have been under the personal supervision of Capt. Alex. Saint, the man who put the paint in the paint brush.

The Whiff Man was strolling casually along the waterfront on Thursday afternoon when his ear chanced to catch the sounds of a new kind of machinery. It sounded at first like a human being in distress but, upon closer attention, it seemed more perhaps like a second hand barrel-organ. Upon further investigation sparks were seen to be issuing from a wheel and the sound of sharpening steel wafted upon the breeze. Yes, sir, a new industry had sprung to life on the government wharf and a certain party—that same certain party—had risen to the occasion. The machinery in motion was a grindstone turned by a sweet feminine hand while a honest to goodness sheik was gladly trying to sharpen his axe. This piece of work having been satisfactorily accomplished, it did not take many moments for the progressive female to see a thriving business and, after a little selling talk, the boys came along with their pocket knives and nail scissors and stood around while the sparks flew. The forge of the village blacksmith was a non-starter to the fair one's grindstone and doubtless the sparks would have done some damage had not the knives and scissors suddenly run out. If you've got an old knife around the house, or an old pair of shears which need to be toned up a bit for a small sum, just ship them along to the government wharf and that certain party will do the necessary.

All the flags along the seashore on Thursday afternoon were fluttering in the breeze, and upon enquiry as to the reason, it was learned that John E. Davey was attending the Presbyterian picnic, held on that day at Digby Island.

Oh! You Doc.

The latest item of interest on the waterfront is a beautiful snapshot of Doc Clapperton taken in company with a fair member of the opposite sex. The surrounding scenery is resplendent with old lumber and second hand gates and the blue waters of the harbor are plainly discernible. Yes, it's a splendid picture of the lumber. But to get back to the snapshot— the pose of Doc with his arm around the sweet young thing is a good one and the only regret is that this wonderful reproduction of beauty, in its mildest form, cannot be reproduced in burnt leather and hung in the national salon.

Carlo, the wonderful canine hound of the provincial dock, has gone and got himself lost again. This time it is surmised he has gone to Skagway on the Princess Louise and he is expected to return on the same boat today. Life is but an empty dream for the rats and cats around the wharf while Carlo is astray because that same dog loves to sprawl out in front of the fire and let the rats and cats crawl over his hairy frame. That is, the rats and cats crawl over Carlo in turn but not at the same moment. To make friends with this trusty hound one has only to make a noise like a bone and the trick is accomplished.

Style For Men

Say, boys, did you ever see a peacock blue suit on a man? After all, it takes our brothers from the south of the boundary line to show we northerners where we learn it at when it come to colors and styles in men's suits. This particular tourist, from the Princess Charlotte on Wednesday, arrived on the wharf in a bright blue suit. Some said it was peacock blue but it looked more like a bag of washing blue shot with electricity. To really view the suit effectively one needed a pair of smoked glasses for after all the color was more like an eclipse of the solar system than a suit on a tailor's dummy. Of course the gentleman in question may have had a warehouse full of this cloth and was trying to get the males all eager for that particular hue and thus dispose of his stock. One never knows the wiles of the human brain.

Customs Officer W. R. Overend, formerly stationed on the Provincial government dock and now stationed on the Stikine River, is the proud father of a daughter. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Overend in the Wrangell hospital just recently. Congratulations, old top!

A new derrick has recently been installed on the Trotter wharf to facilitate the loading of supplies on the fishing schooners.

Funny Jelly Fish

Reports are constantly being received on the waterfront of a strange species of jelly fish existing along the coast and especially around Dundas Island. This particular species is nautically named Portuguese men-of-war and this summer they have appeared in millions all along the coast. Capt. Harry Ormiston, master of the lighthouse tender Newington, is taking a special interest in the species, and it said he is burning the midnight oil in an endeavor to find a commercial use for them.

Some brainy nautical suggested they would probably make good watch fobs or book-markers. He claims they would stick to one's clothes and prevent the watch from falling out of the pocket and if used in the latter manner they would always "stay put" in the books. It is not known just what Harry thinks of these suggestions.

A scow load of fish boxes arrived from the Georgetown mill today in tow of the Bushby tugboat M.T.3, Capt. R. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, who have been visiting at Georgetown from New Westminster, also arrived from Georgetown and will sail for the south this evening.

Good progress is being made by Currie & Son with the pile driving and deck laying on the new biological station site on the waterfront. The pile driving is now completed and the deck laying is being handled expeditiously.

Not Particular

When a man sees the rough corners of life gradually fade away before his eyes and the financial outlook is dressed in a rosy hue it doesn't really much matter where one sleeps at night even if the house does contain three bedrooms filled up with the most comfortable beds and spotless bed linen. Of course the visit of the warship, and the crew of good fellows, may have had something to do with the unusual occurrence. Suffice to say that a well known visitor of the waterfront, and a gentleman equally well known in cigarette and cigar vending circles, strolled home in the early hours and deposited his tired frame in the dog kennel down in the basement. Did he sleep? He sure did, but the dog didn't, and the same canine is now suffering with nerve trouble. A sleep is a sleep after all.

Fish Totals

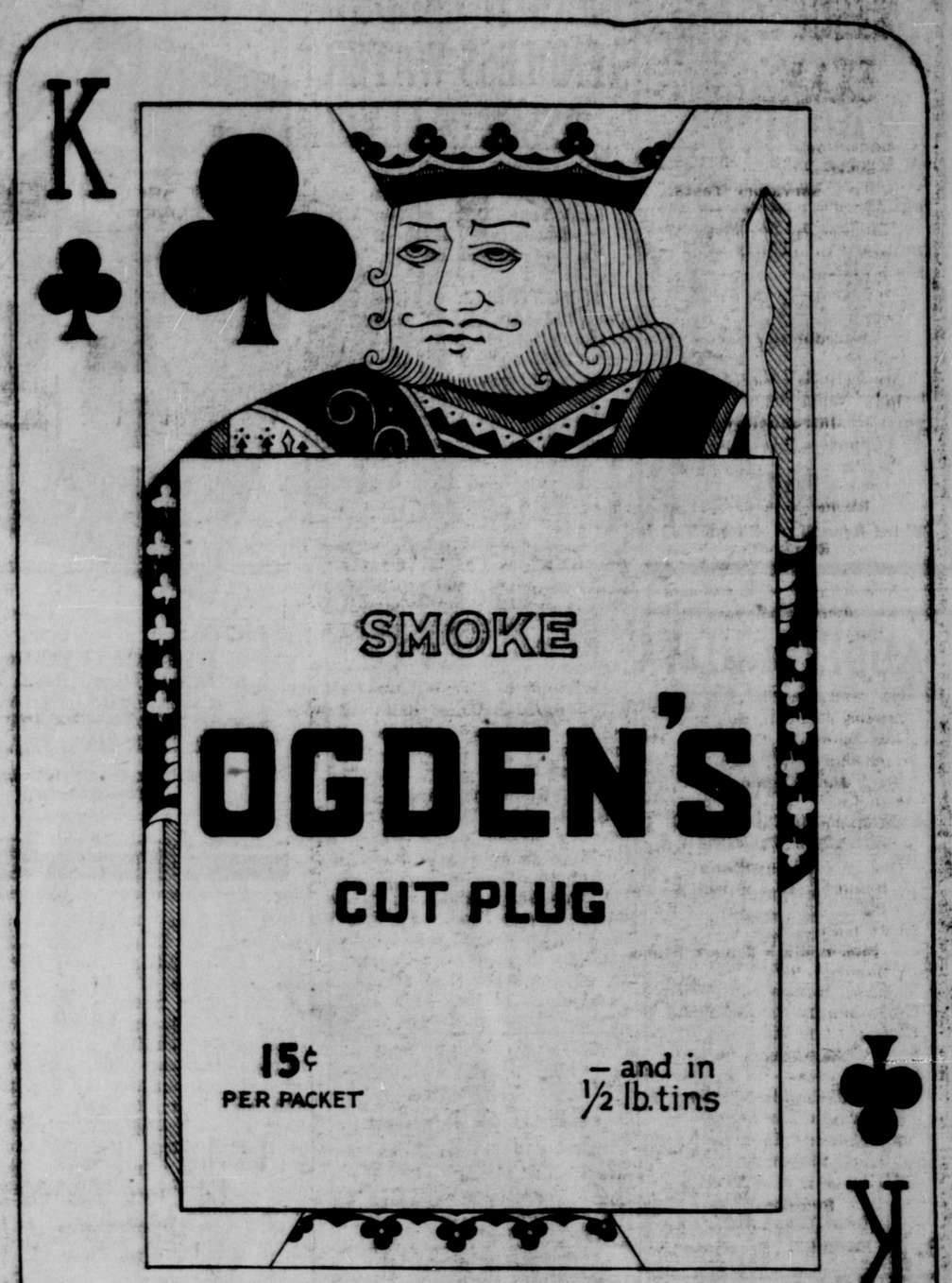
Halibut arrivals at the port during the past week (Saturday to Friday inclusive) amounted to a total of 892,500 pounds. Of this quantity the Americans landed 562,000 pounds and the Canadians 330,000 pounds. This is an improvement over the landings for several weeks past.

The landings at this port for the season to date total 14,572,900 pounds — 10,335,700 pounds from American vessels and 4,337,200 from Canadian vessels.

Boats landing their catches here during the week have been as follows:

American—Anna J., 11,000; Reliance, 5,000; Onah, 10,000; Foremost, 65,000; Eastern Point, 9,000; Yukon, 35,000; Hazel H., 6,000; Bravo, 8,000; E. Neilson 8,000; Hilda, 6,000; Star, 16,000; Atlas, 27,000; Augusta, 13,000; North, 36,000; Teddy J., 21,000; Happy, 10,000; Wabash, 7,500; Hansee, 60,000; Lancing, 19,000; Sherman, 15,000; Chelsea, 55,000; Alten, 53,000; Jack, 7,000; Tatoosh, 28,000; Sentinel, 22,000.

Canadian— Volunteer, 9,000; Bingo, 6,500; White Lilly, 5,000; Atli, 11,000; Rosespit, 19,000; Marguerite, 6,000; Cape Swain, 10,000; Iris, 3,500; Cape Spencer, 13,000; Fanny F., 10,000; Pair of Jacks, 13,000; Muirneag, 10,000; D.S.T., 11,000. Point May, 4,000; Joe Baker, 13,000; Morris H., 17,000; Inez H., 10,000; Bayview, 7,500; Terrien, 20,000; Brandt, 9,500; Helen, 9,000; Caygeon, 9,500; Nuba, 7,000; Tramp, 22,000; Gibson, 17,000; Eric Roy, 13,000; Swing, 6,000; Unome, 6,500; Ingred H., 12,000; N. & S., 5,500; Margalice, 3,500; Verna, 5,000 Mayflower, 6,000.



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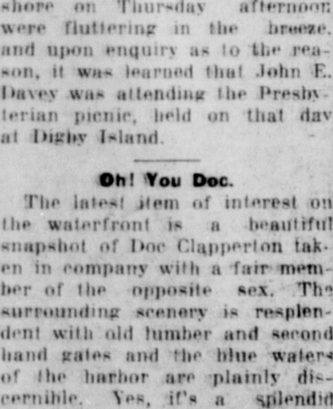

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MINERAL ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Black Smith Mineral Claim, situate in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located: On Crater Creek, a tributary of Fourth of July Creek, adjoining the Garry Owen Mineral Claim on its southerly side.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Peter Gabrio, Free Miner's Certificate No. 70850, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 1st day of June, A.D. 1926.
H. McN. FRASER, Agent

MINERAL ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Big Canyon No. 2 Mineral Claim, situate in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located: On Volcanic Creek (Vulcan Creek), adjoining and southwest of Big Canyon No. 2 Extension Mineral Claim (Lot 1171).

TAKE NOTICE that I, Ellen Molloy, Free Miner's Certificate No. 70739, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 1st day of June, A.D. 1926.
H. McN. FRASER, Agent

MINERAL ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Big Canyon Mineral Claim, situate in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located: Near Crater Creek and adjoining and northeast of the Big Canyon Extension Mineral Claim (Lot 1170).

TAKE NOTICE that I, John Molloy, Free Miner's Certificate No. 70738, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 1st day of June, A.D. 1926.
H. McN. FRASER, Agent

LAND ACT.

Cassiar Land District. Land Recording District of Prince Rupert and situated on Taku Arm, about 2 miles southwest of mouth of Atlinto 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 Atlinto 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.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate at Massett, B.C.

TAKE NOTICE that Eugene H. Simpson of Massett, occupation canner, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Block 10, Massett Townsite; thence easterly 150 feet; thence southerly 1,000 feet; thence westerly 150 feet; thence northerly 1,000 feet to point of commencement, and containing 3 acres, more or less.

EUGENE H. SIMPSON, Applicant.

Dated June 5, 1926.