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WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Boat building concerns are busy---deer hunting season now closed---Littlehorn's earthquaky reverberations

Waterfront boat building concerns are by this time pretty well booked up with contracts for new boats and repairs to old ones. The McLean shop, for instance, already holds contracts for the construction of four rather large vessels—a sixty foot halibut boat for Chris Houmuller, the hull framework of which is now erected; another halibut boat almost as large for John Wick, and two seine boat packers for the Gosse Packing Co. With these boats to be finished by spring and two or three further contracts pending as well as the usual repair demands, the McLean establishment will be a busy place indeed for the next few months.

The Japanese shops in Cow Bay also have a full program of work lined up and, from the looks of things, there is liable to be some jobs going begging in two or three months time because it will be impossible to find a place to have them done.

The local halibut boat Kaien is among the vessels now in Cow Bay having repair work done.

Alex. McDonald and Rod Morrison, aboard the former's boat, Hector, took advantage of the closing days of the deer season this week to replenish the family meat supply. On Sunday Rod got his and on Wednesday Alex bagged one. Their artillery activities were across and up the harbor.

There were a few birds brought in over the week-end, Jack Lindsay's party as usual, proving one of the successful ones.

Charlie Starr came all the way from Seattle to get a feathery one and his efforts were not unrewarded for on Wednesday he and Claude Kirkendall journeyed across the harbor and brought down a fine honker. To complete the bag a first-class mallard was brought home. Charlie returned to Seattle yesterday to complete his holiday, being due back again about the end of February.

George Bryant and Roy Nicholls were out aboard the Haria Saturday afternoon attempting to bag the odd goose at Metlakatla bar.

SHEP'S NEW STOVE

Shep Thomson has been baking, frying, broiling and roasting this week as he never did before. Alex McRae was shopping a few days ago and found him a fine new cook stove. Hence, all these culinary activities on the part of Shep who has found that he can even boil water without burning it on the new nickel-plated and white enameled piece of hardware.

Shep had his fettle tested out in the westerly gale last week and, though a dozen lines were broken and half as

many boats adrift in about as long as it takes to tell about it, the situation was so capably handled that nary a bit of damage was done.

Having on board a party of travelling men, the little power cruiser Kiteaukt came in from Vancouver Thursday afternoon and tied up at the Prince Rupert Boat House.

Capt. Alfred Swanson is down in Vancouver letting the bright lights reflect on him for a while. Why shouldn't he have a little holiday at that with such capable henchmen as Alex Saint and Bob Thomas to guard his interests during his absence?

Alex Saint was in conference with the provincial police authorities this week. It appears that Alex is imploring the aid of his old pals in Alex Manson's army in a battle against some troublesome crabs that are annoying some of the more acquisitive members of the waterfront community.

George Nickerson, the fishermen's friend, is claimed to be taking another covetous look toward the mayoralty throne. If George puts the alleged thought into action and resolves to liquidate Sam Newton's mortgage, we would advise him to capitalize high.

Jimmy Thomas, who went down the coast during the fall to engage in chum packing, now has the Viner tied up at Victoria where he will spend a couple of months giving his parliamentary friends some advice free gratis without charge.

Laurie Lambly, popular skipper of the P. R. B. H. 23, has decided that Cap Swanson doesn't need him on the payroll for a little while and has joined the dry dock staff for the winter months.

NEWINGTON BACK

Lighthouse tender Newington returned to local headquarters on Tuesday morning after a two weeks' jaunt down the coast as far as Egg Island taking Christmas cheer to the various light-houses. Capt. Harry Ormiston reported some sloppy weather while away but the only thing that gave any cause for alarm was when Deckhand George Murray tried a high dive stunt in Gunboat Pass. He was fished out safely, however, and his matches weren't even wet.

The Newington went out Thursday morning to Triple and Green Island lights and returned to port today.

Olof Ouse came in to port this week bringing some of the timber he doesn't need in his mayoralty platform at home. Jack Donnelly went to Porcher during the week to open the new City Hall formerly known as the Mug-Up.

Motorship Lillehorn, Capt. Dan McKinnon, arrived in port on Sunday and, after discharging 500 tons of coal at the Albert & McCaffery wharf moved down to the elevator and loaded 500 tons of wheat screenings for Seattle delivery.

Residents of the Cow Bay vicinity thought an earthquake was in progress when the Lillehorn's winches started to do their stuff. Windows rattled and dishes were shaken off their shelves with the concussion. The next time the vessel comes, nearby householders will hope she won't have so long to stay. It's a darn nuisance to say nothing of disturbing the baby's soundest slumbers.

Pacific (Coyle) Navigation Co.'s tug B. D. M. is due in port with two scow-loads of lumber for Albert & McCaffery.

CLAUDE KETCHUM BETTER

Capt. Claude Ketchum made his appearance again on the waterfront this week after having been confined to his home for ten days or so with a dose of mumps.

R. M. P. power tug M. T. 3, Capt. Reg Green, made a trip to Georgetown yesterday. The vessel took out an empty scow and provisions and returned with two scow-loads of lumber for transshipment over the Canadian Na-

tional Railway to Calgary.

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tressed and out of sorts and were soon put to rights with Shep's gentle care.

Graham Spry, national secretary of Canadian Clubs, left on this morning's train for Edmonton enroute to his headquarters in Ottawa after having spent several days in the city. Mr. Spry found the men's Canadian Club here in a state of inactivity but was pleased to see that the women had formed a strong and active organization. He dined last night with the executive of the local club.

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