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PUBLISHING THE RECORDS

For several years the Daily News has been trying to get the city to give the people the facts in regard to their utilities. Recently there was published a statement that the utilities of Prince Rupert in 1926 showed a loss yet during every month of last year this paper had been showing a profit. Either they were wrong or we were. Month after month the city has been publishing the profits on the light and power department and also of the telephone department but the water department which showed a loss was not mentioned. We were led to believe that the water was not in the utilities department. Now we are led to believe that the utilities department has charge of the waterworks accounting. Which is correct?

We are not concerned with who is responsible. We do not know and do not want to know. It is not our business. What we object to is to being the means of misleading the people of Prince Rupert in telling them we are making a profit when, apparently we are not doing so. Why not tell the people the truth? This has been going on for years and years, long before the present administration had charge and they have all done the same.

What we want, and what we intend to have before we are through with it, is the publication of the results of the city utilities in such a form that the people of the city may know exactly how they stand in regard to it. The waterworks is a city utility just as much as the power and light and telephone. If we make mistakes in discussing this it is only because we have not full information which should be given out through the city council. The members of the public works committee are just as much at fault as other members of the council because they have been a party to this camouflage which has been going on. Give us the figures. If they are not available they should be. Let them be produced monthly along with the light and power and telephone or else keep quiet about the utilities altogether and we shall then all know they are a failure.

We believe our city council is doing good work and that the city employees are also doing good work but here is something that must be cleared up. Unless some statement is made we shall refer to this again and again until the truth is discovered.

POOR PLACE FOR CAPITALIST

France must be a poor place for a capitalist just now. Money we are told is worth only 1¼ per cent. It would take a large sum at interest to bring in a sufficient income at that rate to keep a person in idleness. Probably it is only a temporary condition but also it may last a considerable time and in the meantime those who are trying to live on the proceeds of their capital must feel themselves sore pressed.

FISHERIES COMPLICATIONS

The complications brought about by the declaration that part of the fisheries act is ultra vires of the Dominion Government is likely to result in a great many changes on this coast. If the Dominion does not control, it is to be presumed that the province does. That might mean that the million dollars now collected by the Dominion may in future be collected by the province. The whole system might then be changed.

It is to be hoped that if the case is to be taken to the Privy Council, action in regard to it will be expedited so that by the opening of the season next year everything may be settled.

There is not enough information to hand just now to determine what will be the possible effect of the ruling if it is sustained by the highest courts. This particular case, it is said, cannot be appealed but an opinion is being sought from the Supreme Court of Canada and another case bearing up this one will go to the Privy Council in Great Britain.

Waterfront Whiffs

Quiet Boatbuilding Season is in Prospect—Ruby May Damage in Collision—Halibut Landings Heavy This Week

Coming as a considerable depression from the extraordinary activity of last winter, prospects are that the fishing boat-building industry during the winter months now forthcoming will revert to normal or, in other words, become a good deal quieter than it was. It is generally estimated that the output of new boats during the approaching season will not be any more than fifty per cent of last year. As a matter of fact, if it does that well it will provide a good deal of employment and there is no apprehension of any real dearth of work. Cannery requirements for some time to come were pretty well taken care of with the 1926-27 building program and the fact that there has been more or less of a slump in both salmon and halibut fishing this year will have a deterrent effect on private enterprise along this line.

The quieting up will not be confined alone to Prince Rupert but all yards on the coast will probably feel it. Some of the Vancouver establishments will suffer through the fact that the B.C. Packers, which has been a large customer in the past, will from now on, do its own boatbuilding, the company having established a yard of its own at Point Grey, Vancouver.

Tenders are about to be called by the department of marine and fisheries for the construction of three large new patrol boats. This is a plum for which it is reported there will be considerable competition and it will mean a good deal to the yard that lands it.

D. B. Finn, director of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station of the Biological Board of Canada, leaves tomorrow night on the Prince Charles for Vancouver en route to Winnipeg where he will be engaged until January in special research work, including study of the lake fish, pickerel. During the four months' absence of Mr. Finn H. N. Brocklesbury, his assistant, will be left in charge of the work at the Prince Rupert station. The other permanent member of the staff at the station here is Louis F. Smith.

Mr. Finn is now completing the compilation of a series of articles on the work of the local station and these will shortly be offered for publication. They include a deal of useful data compiled in a comprehensive way and the articles, which have been promised to the Daily News as well as other papers and magazines, should prove of general interest.

C. E. Sloan and E. Clements, recent arrivals from the Mackenzie River country whose story was told in detail in the columns of the Daily News during the past week, plan to leave at the first of next week for Banks Island, down the coast. This will be their first experience on this part of the Pacific Coast and, on this trip, they plan to be away three or four weeks to acquaint themselves with the lay of the land. They will probably engage in trapping during the winter and, in the spring, turn their attention to fishing. They will travel on the 28-foot cruiser which they have bought from the Suga shipyard.

A party consisting of Jack Keefe, Thor Johnson, Billy Sullivan and Chris Lyman returned yesterday from a successful three-day hunting and fishing trip to Pitt Island. They made the trip on the Prince Rupert Boat House power cruiser Myfanwy under the gentle care of Capt. Bob Thomas.

Yesterday Prince Rupert Boat House power boat "28," Capt. Alex. Saint, made a trip to government road camp No. 2 with a cargo of supplies.

On Thursday, power boat Leander, with Capt. Hans Berquist in command, made a trip to Kinahan Island with provisions and supplies for the fox farm.

E. D. Jean, who is identified with the Sommerville Cannery Co., was this week convalescing after a stay in the Prince Rupert General Hospital suffering from leg trouble. Mr. Jean, who is well known in the north, hails from Vancouver for which city he left Thursday night.

Since the first of September up to Thursday, a total of seventy-eight express refrigerator cars, laden with fresh halibut landed here, have been despatched from Prince Rupert to the Eastern markets. During August a total of 122 cars was shipped.

Trolling operations in the vicinity of North Island are now pretty well broken up, the run being nearly over. The packers Bruce I. and B. and Y., which have been operating during the summer between North Island and Butedale, are now packing dog salmon to Lagoon Bay cannery on Moresby Island.

LOST CARGO OF FISH

In addition to considerable damage sustained when she piled up on a rock near Petersburg recently, the American halibut boat Cedric, owned by Dr. W. T. Kergin of this city and skippered by Capt. Henry Henriksen also of Prince Rupert, suffered further loss through having to throw overboad her catch of 30,000 pounds of fish in order to lighten her. Ben Wick, one of the members of the crew, arrived here this week from Petersburg where the Cedric is now undergoing repairs.

The schooner Jessie, Capt. Mike Meagher, which was engaged in halibut fishing out of Prince Rupert for part of this season, has reached Vancouver where she has now been tied up.

The schooner Chief Skugiad, Capt. Bill Parsons, is due from the halibut banks at any time. It is well over two months since she was last here but it is understood that she has landed some catches up north.

With two score or more local nimrods meeting with only indifferent success last week-end, the first of the season, enthusiasm for deer hunting seems to have died down considerably and there will not be nearly so many going out this week-end. The wily animals are running high which makes it rather tough getting them out. A few heavy snows will have to fall on the higher slopes before they become as accessible as might be desired.

Two scows, laden with lumber and coal, are leaving Vancouver today consigned for Albert & McCaffery. The same interests are expecting the freighter Salvor to arrive early next week with a full cargo of coal and cement.

Capt. H. Anderson arrived in port this week from Ketchikan with his trolling boat which, on Thursday, he changed over to Canadian registry. This is the third boat this season to so change its allegiance. Better fishing conditions in waters on this side are said to be the reason. Capt. Anderson left today for Hardy Bay to engage in the fall fishing along the coast of Vancouver Island.

The local troller Point May, with Charlie Wallace and Bert Hanson, two full Dundee skippers aboard, left today for Hardy Bay to engage in the Vancouver Island fall fishing. The Nellie and Joe are also leaving for the same parts today and the St. Eloi, Lydia K. and Dave have already gone.

The seiner Ozumi, of Japanese ownership and command, left yesterday for the south to engage in taking fall varieties on the Vancouver Island coast.

Somerville Cannery Co.'s floating cannery Laurel Whalen, which spent the early part of the season at Barnard Cove, is now canning cohoes at Jedway. This plant is paying 7c a pound while the South Bay cannery is paying 60c a fish. Dogs are getting 10c. With fish scarce, these prices do not make it profitable for the fishermen and a number of them are seeking more productive fields, quite a few having moved down to Vancouver Island.

John Currie & Son, with their pile-driving outfit, completed the renewing of the dolphins at the Cow Bay fishermen's floats today.

RUBY MAY DAMAGED

Only good luck and excellent seamanship saved Charlie Currie and his workboat, Ruby May, from what might easily have been very serious consequences on Tuesday night when the vessel figured in a collision with the big American halibut schooner Akutan. It was about eight o'clock and the fog was thick when Charlie was heading out from the Westview shore, where he had gone to inspect the work on his new house, when the accident occurred. The Akutan was going out at a lively clip, in danger of running ashore as a matter of fact, and, apparently neither boat saw the other in time enough to prevent the impact. As it became apparent that there was going to be a crash, Charlie had sufficient presence of mind to swing his own boat over with the result that the blow was glanced and the Ruby May was not tipped entirely over. As it was, a side of the stern was carried away, three or four planks were staved in as well as timbers being smashed. It was with some difficulty that the vessel was taken to her mooring place. Damage to the extent of $65 is now being repaired at the dry dock.

All those interested in the fishing industry should take note that National Fish Day is approaching and falls on October 26—the last Wednesday of that month. Though the amount of energy displayed by the average individual in Prince Rupert, whose mainstay is the fishing industry, isn't enough to blow a butterfly into Kingdom Come, it is not too early to start preparing to make this year's National Fish Day amount to something here.

The past week (Saturday to Friday inclusive) has been a bumper one in point of halibut landings. During the period a total of 896,000 pounds has been delivered here with American fish in the large preponderance totalling 815,500 pounds while only 80,500 pounds was Canadian. The latter, however, were paid the best prices throughout the week. The high bid for American fish was 15.4c and 7c, which the Franklin received on Monday from the Atlin Fisheries for 30,000 pounds. The best Canadian bid was on Saturday when the P. Dorreen and Fanny F. received 14.6c and 7c for catches of 8,000 and 2,500 pounds respectively. Lowest bids of the week were 10c and 6c on Tuesday and Thursday for American fish, and 11.4c and 6c on Friday for Canadian.

The 1927 totals to date are as follows: American, 14,840,350 pounds; Canadian, 6,557,600 pounds; total, 20,397,950 pounds.

Last year's totals at a similar date were: American, 15,493,800; Canadian, 5,838,880; total, 21,332,600 pounds.

A HUNTING TRIP

Preface — Anticipation, speculation, prognostication, vacation, elation.

Chapter I. (He's off) — Embarkation, destination, rustication.

Chapter II. (The Big Gun That Got Away)—Navigation, stimulation, buck-excitation, fascination, imprecation, perturbation, lubrication, illumination, spifflication.

Chapter III (Back at the Club)—Celebration, recitation, interrogation, reiteration, irrigation, elaboration, irrigation, equivocation, irrigation, exaggeration, irrigation, prevarication, irrigation, fabriation, saturation, inebriation.

Whaling vessels operating from Rose Harbor and Naden Harbor have been hampered by fog which hung over the coastline of the Queen Charlotte Island lately. Whales are plentiful in the vicinity of both stations and if fair weather would only favor operations reasonably good catches could probably be secured.

The four vessels operating out of Rose Harbor, on the southern part of the Queen Charlotte, took 79 whales during their first two months' work. This number is slightly under the number killed in the corresponding period last season. The vessels operating from Rose Harbor are the Blue, Brown, White, and Black. The number taken by each vessel has not been ascertained.

At Naden Harbor, where the catches were rather poor last year, 32 were killed by the whalers Gray and Grant in operation for one month. The number taken at Naden is considerably larger than those killed during a similar period last season.

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WATER NOTICE.

DIVERSION AND USE

TAKE NOTICE that E. Rousseau, whose address is 410 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C., will apply for a licence to take and use 1 cubic foot of water out of unnamed stream which flows southerly and drains into Port Stephens Bay, about one mile east of Bluff Point. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about 600 feet from the mouth and will be used for commercial purposes upon the lands described as Lot 2750, Range 4, Coast District. This notice was posted on the ground on the 26th day of July, 1927. 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 Comptroller 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 August 20, 1927.

EUGENE ROUSSEAU,
Applicant.

LAND ACT.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND

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