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## Waterfront Whiffs

No Canadian Halibut in Four Days—Some of Boats Commencing to Tie up—Deer Hunting Not Very Successful

Four successive days during the past week on which no halibut from Canadian vessels was offered, although American landings on each of the same four days were fairly heavy, is a somewhat unprecedented occurrence on the Prince Rupert waterfront. There were no Canadian offerings on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of this week. The Canadian boats are, therefore, all bunched together and are expected during the coming week to make up heavily for the days during which they have failed to put in an appearance. Unfavorable weather last week is believed to be the main cause of the condition. Several local halibut vessels returning from cannery charters and other summer work to their regular occupation are expected to lend further to the anticipated heavy landings of the coming week.

Capt. John Hansen, who has fished halibut out of Prince Rupert for several years, is planning to give up the game and proceed to his native home in Norway to take up residence. Consequently, he is offering his boat Morris H., one of the newer vessels of the fleet, for sale. He is now making what he expects to be his last trip on the vessel.

A month previous to the commencement of the 1928-29 close season on November 15 sees several of the smaller halibut vessels fishing out of Prince Rupert tying up for the year. Among the boats now tied up are Volunteer, Capt. Mike Jensen; Marguerite, Capt. J. P. Reed; Livingstone, belonging to Capt. Tony Martensen, which has been skipped this year by Capt. W. Tibbitts; N. & S., Capt. Robert Thompson, owner, and Capt. W. Bagshaw, skipper, and Emblem L., which is owned by Pete Bruno and which has been operated by Capt. Haakon Lund. A number of other Prince Rupert vessels are now on their last trips of the season to the grounds.

### Radio Agency

To while away the quiet winter hours now in the offing, Mil Nickerson, popular manager of F. E. Hunt Ltd., has been induced to augment his flourishing ship chandlery business with a radio agency. Probably Reg. Webber, who has been appointed master mechanic and sales broadcaster for the radio branch, had something to do with the new departure. In any case, if he does not sell any sets, Mil is at least hopeful of giving his patrons many entertaining demonstrations during the dog days of the coming winter months.

Trollers Jennie, Capt. George Sorenson, and Minnie V., Capt. Alf. Benson, left on Thursday for Skidegate where they will be engaged in fishing until about the middle of next month. Reports are still received of a good catch at Skidegate Inlet and quite a few local trollers are now there.

Frank Allen had his pleasure cruiser Colifer on the Lipsett Ways this week for minor hull work.

Practically all the local vessels which have been engaged in fishery patrol work during the past summer in various parts of the district have now returned to port. Some of the boys have found this a less risky if not as profitable an occupation during the past few months as taking a chance with the fish.

Having Joe Greer and Paul Aivazoff as his guests of honor, Skipper M. M. Stephens left on Sunday morning aboard the Vera S. Frye on a deer hunting expedition to Porcher Island. The Frye returned on Thursday evening with four deer from the North Arm. Kumeleon Inlet was also visited.

Dr. R. G. Large was in on Wednesday from Port Simpson aboard his power cruiser Sunbeam III, and again on Friday. The doctor recently returned north from a holiday cruise to Vancouver which proved enjoyable and without mishap of any kind though the voyage was undertaken fairly late in the season.

**Northern Cross Off**  
Skipper (Rev.) W. B. Jennings left on Wednesday with the Anglican Mission boat Northern Cross for Jap Inlet, Port Essington, and other coast points on regular ministerial duties. Aboard the Northern Cross this trip is

Canon W. F. Rushbrook, who for years, up till recently, had charge of the vessel.

Generally speaking, deer hunting operations to date have not been meeting with a very great measure of success, unfavorable weather conditions being held partly responsible at least. Continuous rain does not tend to the most comfort or convenience in tramping the bush though some of the boys have, nevertheless, been persistently trying their luck.

Dr. J. P. Cade and party were out to the head of Tucks Inlet at the end of the week and "the same old thing" is the way Shef Thomson reports the results. Rupe Benson and Bill Wilkinson and the latter's sister, who is visiting here from the south, also tried Tucks Inlet and again it was "the same old thing." The party heard lots of wolves, however, and Ben has been thinking of going into the bounty business until the approach of the Christmas season boosts the photography game.

George Bryant, Bill Willisroft, and party went to Refuge Bay and brought home a few birds.

Claude Kirkendall picked up a nice spike buck on a trip to Refuge Bay with Charlie Starr and Doc Alexander on the Marjorie. A number of grouse were also taken.

The open season for ducks and geese opens on Monday. Unfavorable weather conditions do not trouble the bird hunters so much and the opening of their season will attract many gunmen who are not so fond of tramping through the mountains for deer. A number of parties are already being planned for next week-end. The bird season will continue open until January 31.

Dr. W. T. Kergin's power cruiser Full Moon was taken on the Ward Ways yesterday for copper painting.

### Hull Painting

Alex. Macdonald's Vaquero, Geo. Rorie's Nancy, Dr. West's Wylo and George Bryant's Harla have all been on the Yacht Club grid during the past week for copper painting.

The wintry winds can come on with all their fury now for Shef Thomson has all his smaller charges at the Prince Rupert Rowing & Yacht Club floats safely in their winter quarters. The only thing Shef is worrying about now is that some of these open boat owners may be wanting to take their vessels out for a beach party on one of the nice frosty afternoons, thus upsetting the prescribed Yacht Club routine for the next few months.

Trollers Karen II., Star and Penelope Girl have been taken out on the rocks on the beach near the Yacht Club for the winter.

Shef Thomson has been considerably agitated by a baby buggy mystery of late. Each morning during the past week, a pram has been parked on the Yacht Club entrance and, just as regularly as the pram has arrived there, Shef has as religiously removed it out of the way into the nearby bushes. The matter, in fact, is getting somewhat on Shef's nerves and he does not know what to expect next. As long, however, as no squalling infant is wished on to him one of these fine mornings, he may be able to survive the strain and mystery of the thing.

A valuable innovation at the Yacht Club is in the form of a club register that has just been supplied. The purpose is for the boats to register as they go out,

state where they are going and how long they expect to be absent. In case of any trouble occurring, information contained in the book would permit of an intelligent search being made. Under such conditions, a lot of anxiety and inconvenience might be avoided for all concerned should times of stress arise.

### Leander Back

After having spent the summer trolling at North Island, Capt. Harvey Dumas has returned to port with his boat Leander which is tied up at the floats of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co.

Harry Menzie and Lee Dell left on Thursday aboard the halibut boat N. & S. for a few days' hunting trip down the coast.

The local halibut boat Selma, Chris Olsen, has been on the McLean Ways at Seal Cove this week for cleaning and painting preparatory to the final strenuous days of the fishing season.

Exceptionally heavy landings during the past week, totalling 872,500 pounds, brings the record of American halibut at the port of Prince Rupert for the season to date up to a point where it is possible it may overtake the figures for 1927 after having lagged behind for the past few months. American landings at Prince Rupert for the season up to and including yesterday totalled 16,355,000 pounds or just a little more than 100,000 pounds behind 1927's 16,449,350 pounds. Up to this time, American landings had been severer hundred thousand pounds behind the previous year.

On the other hand, Canadian landings during the same week were unprecedentedly light amounting to only 37,200 pounds. The Canadian total for the season, however, still maintains a healthy lead over that for 1927. This year's total to date stands at 6,811,900 pounds as compared with 5,987,400 pounds at a similar date last year.

Total halibut landings for the season now stand at 23,166,900 pounds as compared with 22,436,750 pounds last year.

Labor troubles at New York affecting the handling of halibut at that metropolis disturbed prices somewhat during the week, but, upon settlement of the dispute, bids started to move upward again. The high price of the week for American halibut was 16.3c and 9c paid the old Torden-skjold, making her first call at Prince Rupert this season for 7,000 pounds, while the low bid of the week was 10.6c and 6c given the Clipper and Helgeland for catches of 42,000 and 25,000 pounds respectively. The high bid for Canadian fish was 14.1c

and 7c paid the Helen I for 1,200 pounds and the low 12.7c and 6c received by the Cape Beale for 23,000 pounds. Only five Canadian boats landed catches during the week.

### Buys Trolling Boat

The trolling boat Royal, belonging to the estate of the late J. Lindseth, who lost his life in a logging accident down the coast during the past summer, has been sold by the official administrator to Arne Wick. The price paid for the vessel is not stated.

To prevent traffic passing onto tracks from that vicinity, a fence is being put in to separate the rear of the fish house premises on the government wharf from the track. False work is being put in for the concrete piers which will hold the fence posts



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