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Plans Being Laid for Starting of Salmon Season on June 20—Union Oil Co. to Build Large Tanks—Donnie Mac is Sold

Owing to considerable changed circumstances, there is a good deal of uncertainty as to the prospects for the forthcoming salmon packing season in District No. 2 of which Prince Rupert is the centre. Extensively amended regulations in the matter of fishing will, in all probability, make considerable difference and, following the recent amalgamation of the B.C. Packers and Gosse Packing Co., it has apparently not yet been definitely decided as to the scope and possible merging of operations. Nevertheless, preparations are being made for the season at almost all canneries in this extensive district and the present prospect is that there will be few that will not be in operation. Fishing and packing will get fully under way with the opening of the sockeye season on June 20. Few predictions are being made as to the possible size of the run other than that the cycle year points to a big pink season on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

In Smith's Inlet, the extreme southern division of the district, it is expected that all three canneries—Smith's Inlet, Margaret Bay and Boswell—will be operated.

Preparations are also being made for packing in all ten Rivers Inlet canneries—Rivers Inlet, Kildala, Brunswick, Provincial, Beaver, Goose Bay, Wadham's Good Hope, Strathcona and McTavish.

In the Bella Coola division, it is possible that two canneries will pack—Bella Coola and Telliheo. Kimsquit cannery and Manitou canneries, which were not operated last year, will probably not work this season.

In the central division, along the coast south of the Skeena River, it is expected that Namu, Bella Bella, Walker Lake, Klemtu, Butedale and Lowe Inlet canneries will again be operated. Captain's Cove, it is understood, will not be operated for canning purposes this year.

With the exception of Dominion, it is expected to operate all Skeena River division canneries—Balmoral, Skeena, Commercial, Cunningham's, Haysport, Cassiar, Sunnyside, North Pacific, Inverness, Port Edward, Prince Rupert, Oceanic and Carlisle. Seal Cove cannery at Prince Rupert has been dismantled of machinery and is not expected to run.

On the Naas River it is expected that three canneries will be operated—Mill Bay, Arrandale and Wales Island. The other three plants in this division—Naas Harbor, Somerville and Kumeon—will be operated as camps and will not can.

As said before, this should be a big year for pinks in Massett Inlet where Massett Canners (Royal Fish Co.), Massett (Langara), Watun River, Shannon Bay and possibly Ferguson Bay canneries will be operated. Further south on the Islands South Bay, Lagoon Bay, Alliford Bay and Lockeport canneries are all expected to pack.

NEW REGULATIONS

The new regulations which may tend to reduce the salmon pack this year include that whereby fishing by all methods is prohibited within half a mile from creeks as against the former restriction of 200 yards; also that regulating the size of purse seines to a minimum depth of 250 3½ inch meshes and a minimum length of 150 fathoms and maximum of 200 fathoms. Last year lengths of from 150 to 500 fathoms were allowed for purse seines, the depth having been the same. Also this year only one powerboat may be used in the operation of a seine whereas two gasboats were formerly permitted.

The season for sockeye fishing will open on June 20 when the use of 5¾ inch mesh nets will be permitted, the close of the season having not yet been arranged. Fishing with other varieties of gear including trolling and the use of nets of not less than 6½ inch mesh may be carried on any time after January 1.

In the patrol of the salmon fisheries this season, it is expected to have two and possibly more airplanes in addition to the usual gasboats. It is intended that the airplanes shall be lighter and speedier than the machine which have been in the past. They will, consequently, be able to climb faster and higher and will be generally more efficient.

ON MYSTERY TRIP

Powerboat "28" of the Prince Rupert Salvage Towing Co.'s fleet left Sunday morning for down the coast on more or less of a mystery trip. A party of prospectors is understood to have been on board. They will probably be away about ten days although they took along enough grub to last them six weeks.

Capt. Paul Armour, manager of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co., returned to the city on the Prince Rupert this morning following a week's business trip to Vancouver.

Powerboat Laura F. made a trip to Lowe Inlet on Frizzell business, leaving Wednesday evening and returning the following morning.

Powerboat "26" of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co.'s fleet returned to port on Monday after an absence of four days on a trip some thirty miles up the Ecstall River with a mining engineer, Warren Smith, who took some samples from mineral properties and shipped them to Virginia.

Miss Alman's power cruiser Mipal has taken up permanent mooring quarters at the floats of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co

Gammon & Watt's seineboat Zanardi, chartered for a year to the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co., is at present on the Skeena River gravel run, bringing in rock which is to be used in the construction of the new theatre.

Mitchell & Currie started this week on the contract of reshingling the government wharf. Rainy weather prevented anything more than a mere start being made

FLOAT FOR SURVEYOR

A small float has been installed alongside the west end of the government wharf for the accommodation of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station's powerboat Surveyor. The Surveyor is beginning to look as if the boys at the station ought to get busy with the paintbrush.

The well known American halibut schooner Havana, Capt. Fred Sorensen, is reported to be tied up temporarily at Seattle, awaiting the advent of better weather to say nothing of improved prices.

Capt. Bill Parsons has joined the local halibut boat Cape Spear as skipper. Bill Marshall, who has been in charge of the boat since the first of the season has reverted again to the engine room

The well known halibut boat Sitka sold recently by the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. to Capt. Bill Doucett and I. Goldstein of Juneau, is reported to have landed a number of catches recently at Seward and other northern Alaska ports. It is several weeks since she has been here.

Local fish buyers on Thursday put into use for the first time a new board at the Exchange supplied by the Union Oil Co. Much more commodious than the old one and filling a long felt need, the new board will, doubtless, inspire the buyers to better things than they have been offering so far this season.

CLEAN UP WEEK

"Clean-up Week" is at least observed at the plant of the Union Oil Co. where there has been a campaign with a view to improving the looks of the premises. Flower gardens will be put in to further beautify the surroundings

The efficiency and better earning capacity of the large diesel boats in the halibut fisheries has been amply demonstrated so far this season. While many "hole trips," due to low prices, have been complained of by the gas men, the diesel boats have evidently been getting by very nicely. They have been able to meet expenses with a little something to spare on such prices as 6c and 3c and upwards while the smaller gasboats have been lucky to pay their bills. It is ever becoming more apparent that the Canadian owners will have to follow the example which has been so generally taken up by their contemporaries across the line if they are to survive. It would, of course, mean quite a financial outlay which, once arranged, would, nevertheless, probably repay itself in increased margin of profits.

The Union Oil Co. is about to start the construction on the hillside back of its station of two large storage tanks of about 275,000 gallons capacity each which will be about the size of the smaller tanks of the Imperial Oil Co here. With the company construction department carrying out the work, excavations will start next week preparatory to the putting in of the foundations. A pump house will also be installed and the new tanks will contain gasoline and diesel oil, the company having not yet gone into the crude oil business here. Established now only about eighteen months, the Union Oil Co. reports a steady increase in business fully justifying the original project of coming to Prince Rupert.

ANGLING REGULATIONS

Regulations on trout fishing in this district provide that the close season for the fishing of streams shall be from November 15 to May 23 and, in lakes, from March 1 to April 30. However, in all lakes adjacent to the Skeena River and its estuary west of and including Lakelse Lake the close season is to May 23, the same as in streams.

Greatly improved in appearance and lightened up possibly some two tons, the provincial police cruiser P.M.L. 2 (formerly Adanac) was launched yesterday afternoon from the McLean Ways at Seal Cove where, for the past month, she has been undergoing considerable remodelling and renovation above decks. The old elevated pilot house has been taken off and placed aft of the raised deck cabin and the boat has also been redecked. She is now of typical cruiser type, resembling somewhat in appearance the mission boat Northern Cross. The P.M.L. 2 is ready to resume service at once with Skipper Raybone and Engineer Camm in charge.

Harold Ross, manager of the Prince Rupert Credit Bureau, is now the owner of the well known local power cruiser Donnie Mac. The deal, whereby Mr. Ross took the vessel over from Jack Currie who has owned it for several years, was closed last week. Of the raised deck type and one of the neatest pleasure boats in Prince Rupert harbor, the Donnie Mac was built in 1915 by a Massett Inlet sawmill operator and came to Prince Rupert a few years later when she was purchased by William Reith. Mr. Currie, in turn, acquired the craft which is 38 feet long and powered with a 10 h.p. Clifton engine. Mr. Ross has become a member of the Prince Rupert Rowing & Yacht Club and the Donnie Mac is still at her berth there.

While halibut landings for the past week at Prince Rupert were somewhat lighter than average at a total of 535,300 pounds—456,500 pounds American and 32,800 pounds Canadian—prices were considerably improved during that period after a few weeks of exceptionally low bids. The highest bid for the week was 17.1c and 8c which American boat Lumen received for a catch of 10,000 pounds. The low American price was 9c and 4c. The highest paid Canadian boat was the Prosperity A. which received 11.9c and 6c for 14,000 pounds. No Canadian halibut was offered on the day that the highest American prices were paid. The lowest bid for Canadian fish was 8.9c and 6.5c.

Halibut landings at Prince Rupert for the season up to Friday stood at 6,926,100 pounds — 5,055,000 pounds American and 1,871,100 pounds Canadian—as compared with a total of 6,451,700 pounds at a similar date last year made up of 4,813,100 pounds American and 1,638,600 pounds Canadian.

The Canadian boats Unome, Viking I., Fernen and Helen I. landed their sixth catches of the season at Prince Rupert during the week.

FEW PRICES ARE HIGHER

MARKETS SHOW LITTLE CHANGES BUT GENERAL STIFFENING OF VALUES

A survey of the local markets this week shows little change in retail prices of staple commodities. Flour continues to increase in price owing to the continued increase in the price of wheat, which usually takes place at this time of the year. Sugar is also slightly higher than a month ago. Beef and all beef products continue at high levels with no prospect of any decline until possibly July when greater supplies of cattle are available. The scarcity of cattle is not only affecting the butchers and packers but also the shoe manufacturers who are finding the price of leather increasing through the scarcity of hides for tanning. So, as there's nothing like leather, the cost of shoes, the finished article, has been increased to the retailers.

Butter prices remain low on account of the imports from New Zealand although arrivals in Canada have not been quite so large of late as Great Britain has been a heavy buyer. One consolation is that eggs are plentiful, more plentiful at this season of the year than any other with price correspondingly moderate.

Apples are nearly over. Yellow Newtons being about the only Canadian apple now available. Winesaps are scarce and supplies of this variety have had to be brought from across the border.

Prices current are as follows:

LARD	
Pure	25c
Compound	20c
EGGS	
B.C. Fresh pullets	35c
B.C. Fresh firsts	40c
B.C. Fresh extras	45c
Local new laid	50c
FISH	
Smoked kippers, lb.	15c
Kippered salmon, lb.	25c
Smoked black cod, lb.	20c
Finnan haddies, lb.	25c
MEATS	
Fowl, No. 1, lb.	38c and 40c
Roasting chicken, lb.	45c
Ham, sliced, first grade	50c
Ham, whole, first grade	35c
Ham, picnic, lb.	22½c
Cottage rolls, lb.	29½
Bacon, back, sliced	50c
Bacon, side	45c to 55c
Pork, dry salt	35c
Ayrshire bacon, lb.	35c
Veal, shoulder	25c
Veal, loin	40c
Veal, leg	35c
Pork, shoulder	28c
Pork, loin	40c
Pork, leg	35c
Beef, pot roast	15c to 20c
Beef, boiling	12½c to 18c
Beef, steak	30c to 45c
Beef, roast, prime rib	32c
Lamb, chops	50c
Lamb, shoulder	35c
Mutton, leg	40c
Lamb, leg	48c
Mutton, chops	40c
Mutton shoulder	30c
BUTTER	
Brookfield, Shamrock and Woodland, lb.	50c
E.C.D., lb.	50c
Capitol, 2nd grade, lb.	45c
Fraser Valley, lb.	50c
New Zealand, in bulk	48c
prints	50c
Alberta Creamery	45c
CHEESE	
Camembert cheese, 8 oz. pkg.	65c
Kraft Limberger, ½'s	35c
Ontario solids	35c
New Zealand solids	30c
Stilton, lb.	40c
Kraft	45c
Norwegian Goat	65c
Napoleon Limberger	70c
Roquefort	75c
Swifts' Brookfield, lb.	45c
Gorgonzola, lb.	75c
McLaren's Cream, jars	45c and 85c
Brookfield Swiss cheese, ½ lb. pkg.	30c
Brookfield Canadian cheese, ½ lb. pkg.	25c
Gruyere	45c
Golden Loaf, lb.	45c
Jack, lb.	50c
Romano Sardo, lb.	75c
Gammelost, ¼ lb.	30c
SUGAR	
White, per 10	$8.00
Yellow, per 100	$7.75
FLOUR	
Flour, 49's No. 1 hard wheat	$2.95
Pastry flour, 10's	75c
Pastry flour, 49's	$3.00
VEGETABLES	
Beets, 6 lbs. for	25c
Beets, sack	$2.75
Carrots, 8 lbs. for	25c
Carrots, sack	$2.25
Potatoes, 8 lbs.	25c
Sack	$2.25
Parsley, bunch	05c
Cauliflower, B.C. head	35c
California head lettuce	15c
Garlic, imported, per lb.	25c
Leeks, 4 bunches for	25c
California celery, head	25c and 30c
Spinach, local	10c
Texas New Cabbage, lb.	10c
Cooking onions, 4 lbs. for	25c
New green onions, per bunch	5c
California radishes	10c
Turnips, 6 lbs for	25c
per sack	$3.00
Brussels Sprouts, per lb.	25c
Hothouse Rhubarb, 3 lbs. for	25c
FRUIT	
Oranges, Valencia, dozen	40c to $1.00
Lemons, Sunkist, dozen	25c to 40c
Imperial Valley Grapefruit	3 for 25c
Florida grapefruit, 2 for	35c
Bananas, 2 lb.	35c
Extracted honey, lb.	25c
Dates, bulk, 2 lbs. for	25c
Raisins, bulk, per lb.	15c
Sweet Potatoes, 2 lbs. for	25c
California Dainty Dates, package	25c
Yellow Newtons "C" grade	$3.50
Fancy	$3.95
Extra fancy	4.00
Winesaps, "C" grade	$3.50
Fancy	$3.75
Extra Fancy	$4.00
Navel oranges	40c to $1.00
DRIED FRUITS	
Lemon and orange peel	30c
Citron peel	50c
Black cooking figs, 2 lb.	25c
White figs, 2 lb.	25c
Currants, 2 lbs.	35c
Apples	25c
Peaches, peeled	25c
Apricots, lb.	35c
Prunes, 90-120, 4-lbs.	35c
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40-50 lb.	15c
25 lb. box	$3.00
Evaporated pears, halves, lb.	25c
25 lb box	$5.50
NUTS	
Almonds, shelled Valencias	65c
Brazils	35c
Walnuts, broken shelled	50c
Walnuts, shelled halves	65c
Almonds	35c
Peanuts	25c
Manchurian walnuts	25c
California walnuts	40c
No. 1 mixed nuts	35c
New filberts	25c
FEED	100 lbs.
Wheat, No. 5	$3.00
Oats	$2.35
Bran	2.35
Shorts	$2.40
Middlings	$2.70
Barley	$3.25
Poultry mash	$3.50
Special eggmash	3.25
Oyster shell	$2.20
Scratch food	$3.60
Beef scrap	$5.00
Ground oil cake	$4.25
Baby chick feed	$4.25
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Crushed oats	$3.15

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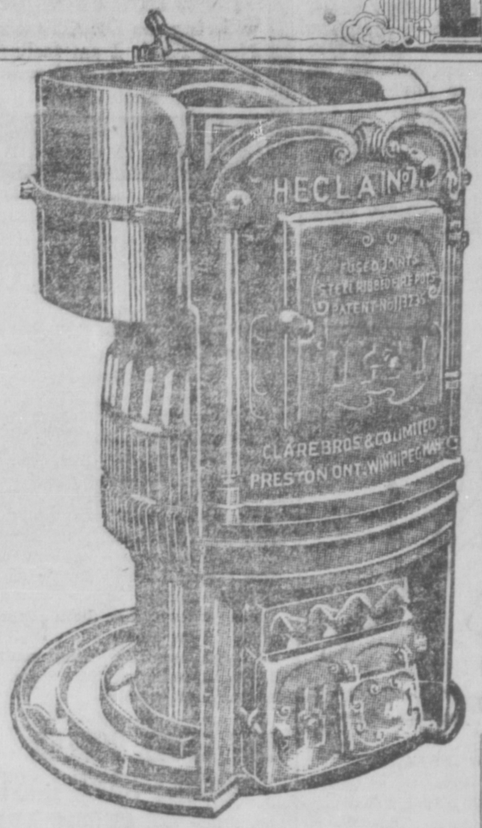

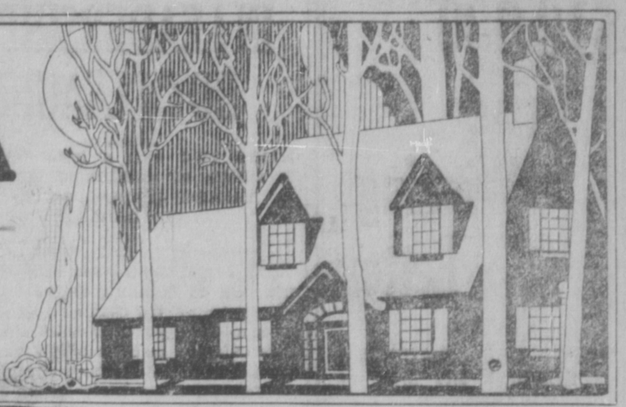

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And further take notice that action, under section 85 must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 5th day of March, A.D. 1928.

H. McN. FRASER.
Agent.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Between:
Gladys Jones and Ray Reed, Plaintiffs;
And Dumont and Emmerson, Defendants.

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with an order of His Honor Judge F. McB. Young, dated the 27th day of April, 1928, I will sell 16 sections of Spruce and Hemlock Logs now being afloat near Digby Island Wireless Station. The same being logs cut by the above named Defendants, and on which the Plaintiffs claim a lien. Sale to take place at Sheriff's Office, Court House, on the 8th day of May, 1928, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

S. A. NICKERSON
Sheriff.

Charles Edgar, on a charge of drunkenness, had his case dismissed by Magistrate McClymont in city police court.