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## Waterfront Whiffs

New Sawmill at Seal Cove in Full Operation—Fredelia Has Stranding—Picnic Season Opening

After a two year silence the industrial rhythm of the saws once again pervades the air at Seal Cove on the east end of the city of Prince Rupert. One side of the sawmill and the box factory of the Big Bay Lumber Co.'s new plant are now in full operation there on the site of the old Prince Rupert Spruce Mills. This one side is turning out some 40,000 feet of lumber daily and, with the other scheduled to be in operation in about ten days' time, the management expects to make readily a production of 60,000 feet per day. The plant makes welcome music to local ears. Between milling and construction operations, about ninety men are employed there at the present time. The permanent mill staff will number about sixty. Lumber drying piles are being reared in the commodious yards around the plant and, in the month of operation to date, some twelve car loads of clear spruce have been shipped East in addition to meeting the requirement of an active box market as well as the local retail demands. The saw is not yet in operation.

For clear spruce, the company has orders covering production of the next few months. Common spruce lumber will be used to a considerable extent in the manufacture of boxes for which the district canneries provide a substantial market. The full crew is now in Prince Rupert with George McAfee, a part owner of the mill with H. R. McMillan of Vancouver, as manager, Martin Miller is the millwright or foreman; Gilbert Campbell, chief engineer, and Weldon B. McAfee, office manager.

At the old mill at Georgetown there is still about 700,000 feet of lumber piled up, including a large quantity of box shooks which will be used immediately in filling cannery orders. Vessels going on the Edward Lipsett this week have included the halibut boat Imperieuse, Capt. Ole Baggan, for cleaning and painting, the Balsac, Capt. John Orvik, for repairs to a leak around the stempost, and the M.A.B. which is now on, for cleaning and painting.

**FISHING GOOD**  
Dr. H. L. Alexander, C. E. Starr and C. C. Mills comprised a local angling party which recently visited Bill's Lake off Warke Canal in the powerboat Marjorie. The trip proved successful, the fishermen returning with a nice string of some twenty-five or thirty speckled beauties.

The trolling boat Owl, purchased at auction this week by Don Crerar, is now moored at the floats of the Prince Rupert Yacht & Rowing Co. It is possible that the new owner may later convert the vessel into a pleasure cruiser for which purpose she is of ideal design. Don got the boat for \$520 which is said to be a real bargain.

Many friends are commiserating with Rupe Benson, the chap who put the "photo" in photography. Ben got the worst of an argument with a flashlight flare this week and, as a result, has his arm in a sling and it is lucky it was not his head. He should know better, having practised long enough. More than the Poinsettia can backbite, Ben has found to his sorrow.

The arrival this week of balmy, warm weather, for which we had almost given up hope in a very backward spring, presages the opening at an early date of the local yachting season. If conditions prevailing this week keep up every man and his boat should surely be out and, as only the Scotchmen will be left in town, church receipts will go down with a bang. From this on, beach frolics should be the order of the day, including Sunday. Sher Thomson reports the fleet ready to go. The painting campaign is completed and the most of the engines should work without much persuasion. The price of gasoline is due soon to go up.

**TO TAKE LONG TRIP**  
Another of our well known waterfront friends is about to sign the dotted line for a charter on the sea of matrimony and he has said he does not want any presents unless they cost \$10 per or more retail. It takes experience to teach the boys and another has decided to extend his learning. Congratulations and a write-up in our social columns at \$10 an inch will be due in about a month's time.

Rumor has it that at least two new canneries will be built and in operation on the Skeena River by next season. Old Country capital, already in possession of a site, will build one on the Skeena slough while a well known coast company is reported to be contemplating the putting in of the other at or near Port Edward.

**PLEASURER TO STEWARD**  
Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co.'s power tug Salvage Princess returned to port on Monday after having delivered to Stewart the pleasurer of the Pacific Stevedoring Co. which will be used in the building of a wharf at the mouth of the Marmot River for the Premier Gold Mining Co. Returning to port, the Salvage Princess picked up an empty scow at Port Simpson.

To Capt. Neil McLean of the Island of St. Kilda and the steamer Prince Charles of the Orkney Isles will fall the honor of Monday of opening the summer service of Canadian National Coast Steamships. The vessel will arrive from the south at 10:30 that morning, sail at 4 p.m. for Anyox, Stewart and Massett inlet points, returning here at 10:30 Thursday morning and sailing south at 4 p.m. that day. It will be a three-a-week service with the steamers Prince Rupert and Prince George also in service. The Prince John will be lost for the most of the summer in a hopelessly involved sched-

ule between here and Vancouver and the south Queen Charlotte Islands. Quick repairs were made to the galley on the bighthouse of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co. which was gutted by a midnight fire last week. The old interior has already been torn out and renewed. The Salvage Princess has been on dry dock this week completing a hull sheathing and painting job which was interrupted during the winter on account of calls on the vessel's time. The big scow Kirk II. has also been out for painting.

L. R. Parry, commissary agent for the Canadian National Railways, who has been quartered in cars on the track since his emporium in Shed No. 1 was destroyed by fire last fall, opened for business on Thursday of this week in the new building on the east end of the wharves. Mr. Parry, transferred to Winnipeg after many years of efficient and popular service here, will leave for the East next Wednesday. His successor here is Billy Bell, formerly well known as a train agent running out of here, who arrived this afternoon from Winnipeg to take over his new duties.

The McLean yard at Seal Cove keeps busy on general repair work and small boat building. Rupert Marine Products towboat Cumshewa came off the ways this week after spending a week undergoing extensive renovation including the extension of her pilot house. The halibut boat Kalen, Capt. Tom Hansen, was also taken out there this week for painting and installation of a new false keel. Other boats going up there recently have included the P.R.T. and Big Bay Lumber Co.'s logging boat Sterling for recaulking and minor hull work. The Cape Spencer was pulled up on Thursday afternoon for cleaning and painting. Mac has also just completed the building of a 20 foot open boat for Rolf Walker which will be equipped with a 5 h.p. two-cycle engine and will be used on Shawatlans Lake. Two other similar boats are under order for harbor boatmen.

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## Backward Season SALE

Our store was crowded yesterday—the first day of our Backward Season Sale—with many of our friends and customers, and our staff were exerted to the utmost in supplying their needs. Our sale periods are not very frequent, but our customers know that our sales are real ones and our prices real sale prices for quality goods. Our sale prices are so attractive that we ought to be as busy right along, so come early while stocks are still full.

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