

## Waterfront Whiffs

Halibut Boats Jack and Helen I. Sold; New Currie Boat Will Soon Be Finished; Rough Weather at Sea

Two more well known halibut boats at Prince Rupert have been sold this week. Captain E. C. Tibbitts, who skippered Tony Martinsen's Livingstone II. during the past season, has purchased the American boat Jack from Captain Lawrence Lawler. The Jack, which is wintering at Prince Rupert, is a 38-foot boat equipped with a 12-horse-power Frisco-Standard engine and carries a crew of three men. She was built in Ketchikan some seven or eight years ago and usually lands her catches at Prince Rupert.

The other boat changing hands is the Helen I., Anton Dybhavn, brother of John Dybhavn, manager of the Royal Fish Co., having just about completed negotiations to purchase her from Pete Anderson, who recently bought the Cedric. The Helen I. is only three years old and was built by the McLean yard at Prince Rupert for Captain Chris Hovmuller, who later built the Helen II. The Helen I. is about 38 feet long and is equipped with a 12 h.p. Hein Diesel engine.

There are great doings among the local Blue Noses, and, while halibut may be all right to make a living out of and eat at other less auspicious times in the year, such Nova Scotians as Clarence Campbell, Jud Thurber, Mil Nickerson, Reg Webber, must have something just a little more tasty and homelike for the Christmas and New Year breakfasts. Hence, the recent importations of considerable quantities of the luscious pollock from New Scotland. As long as those fish last, the boys will smack their chops from one meal to another and when the fish are depleted there will be many a fondly reminiscent watering of the mouth. For a Nova Scotian, there is nothing that can quite equal the pollock in the fish line.

"C. R. C." after that much prized youngest member of the family who still worries little how many or how few handsome craft they name after him, is the cognomen that has been selected for the sturdy new 44-foot power tug which will be completed in a few days at the dry dock for John Currie & Son, contractors. The first job the C.R.C. will have will be one which should give her a good testing out, for she is billed early in the year to take the piledriving outfit to Stewart, where the Curries have been awarded the contract for wharf repairs. Good progress has been made in the building of the new wharf at Port Simpson and steamers tied up to the new pier for the first time this week. There is still considerable finishing work to be done, however.

### Rebuilding Owl

Extensive rebuilding work is being carried out at the floats of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co. on the trolling boat Owl, which was purchased during the past summer by Don Crerar from the estate of the late William Dann. The vessel is having a new pilot house as well as new combing put on and should be a first-class pleasure ship when completed.

Loaded to the guards with lumber, coal and cement for Albert & McCaffery, the Galt freighter Salvor, Capt. W. W. Rush, arrived from the south on Thursday afternoon.

The power cruiser Overseas II, used as a service boat by the Georgia Rive Gold Mines Ltd., returned to Stewart yesterday after having been in port twelve days undergoing overhaul and repairs. The vessel was caulked with gumwood and copper painted at the dry dock and the last few days was on the grid of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co. having a new propeller installed and rudder repaired.

Capt. Paul Armour, manager of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co., has been having a hard time getting home from the Queen Charlotte Islands where he has been making an inspection during the past week of the wreck at Tlell of the log carrying barge Pezuta. The Zenardi, Capt. Charlie Larkin, set out on Wednesday evening

for Port Clements to bring the boss home but weather was so rough that the vessel could not get any further than Triple Island, returning to port on Thursday afternoon chiefly because of the fact that the cook, Walter Larsen, had been taken ill. Another attempt is being made to get Capt. Armour home before Christmas.

### Rough Weather

Pilot Elfert is another who will agree that weather this week has been more like blustery March than calm December. Capt. Bifert made a trip out to Triple Island on the Pachena on Wednesday with the intentions of picking up the incoming grain ship Rossington Court. Arrival there, however, saw no grain ship in sight and, after rolling around for several hours in seas which tested even the valour of this old salt, return to port was made that evening. The Rossington Court was apparently hanging around somewhere outside waiting for the elements to abate before attempting to approach too close to the coast.

On his way back to Port Simpson after a trip to Port Eslington, Dr. R. G. Large was in port on Thursday with his power cruiser Sunbeam II to do the odd Christmas shopping. Like the rest of mariners this week, Dr. Large reported the going outside rather heavy and tempting to one even so mild as he to use cuss words.

Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co.'s big power tugboat Salvage Princess is spending a week in the dry dock undergoing copper painting and such repairs as are necessary following a busy season.

William Edgar of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co.'s staff is suffering from pneumonia at his home. His friends will wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Capt. Peter Mesue and Reg Webber returned to port on Wednesday after a five day hunting trip to the Serpentine on Porcher Island. They proved their prowess with the old musket by bringing home forty-eight mallards and three honkers which will eliminate the turkey problem for them at least this Christmas.

All timbers are up for the 50-foot halibut boat which Y. Suehiro of Cow Bay is building for Capt. Jud Thurber and the launching should take place in about three weeks' time.

### Starting on Boat

The McLean yard at Seal Cove will start at once with the construction of the new 48-foot halibut boat for Capt. Merrill Sollows. Lumber, which was being awaited before the work started, arrived from the south aboard the freighter Chilliwaek on Thursday.

Harry Menzies of the F. E. Hunt Ltd. staff has been confined to his home the past few days with a game knee, the result of an injury sustained in a basketball game a couple of weeks ago.

The old stern wheeler steamer Skeena, which operated out of Prince Rupert up the Skeena River to Hazelton during railway construction days and later in Burrard Inlet and on the Fraser River, has been sold at New Westminster by the estate of the late Capt. Charles Semour and will soon end her colorful and lengthy career as a passenger carrier, having been purchased by the Ewen Cannery on the Fraser to be used as a bunk

house for cannery employees. The Skeena was the last stern wheeler to be used in British Columbia as a freight and passenger carrier. The original cost of the Skeena was something over \$40,000. Her final sale was at the price of \$1,000.

To readers, supporters and friends of the Waterfront Whiffs a very Merry Christmas next Tuesday is most heartily wished. May happiness be supreme, gifts be galore and wine flow freely on the festive day. And may there also be a thought for those less fortunate ones who, by peril of the deep, may not be so happily situated as the most of us at this time.

### A New Industry

A new business undertaking has been embarked upon on the Prince Rupert waterfront by two well known fishing skippers, Capt. Bert Hanson and Capt. Charlie Wallace, who are engaged this winter in the production of fresh cooked shellfish such as crabs, shrimps and clams. It is being started in a small way but the product has been received so favorably that it is hoped it may develop into something of considerable importance. Quarters are at present being found on a float belonging to John Currie & Son where the necessary boiler and cooking machinery has been installed. Two men are engaged in fishing crabs on the Skeena River and Capt. Wallace is catching the shrimps in Prince Rupert Harbor while Capt. Hanson looks after the cooking end. After the New Year, another man will be engaged to look after the cooking. Local stores are taking some of the output while shipments are also being made to such centres as Edmonton, Prince George and Smithers. Great expansion of market should be possible, particularly in winter time.

## LARGE GRAIN VESSEL HERE

Rossington Court, Brand New Ship, Will Take Largest Wheat Cargo Ever Shipped, From Here

There are several interesting features in connection with the British steamer Rossington Court, Prince Rupert's fourth grain ship of the season, which is now loading a full cargo at the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert Elevator for the United Kingdom or continent. With tonnage of about 10,000, she is the largest vessel ever to load grain here. She will take the largest wheat cargo ever shipped from here, probably about 9800 tons. The Rossington Court is also a brand new ship, having been placed in commission only on October 13 after being built at Govan, Scotland. Her first voyage was from Cardiff, Wales, to Marseilles, France, with a cargo of coal and she is here direct from the latter port which she left on November 8, making a very speedy passage.

Capt. J. W. Winter is the master of the Rossington Court. He reports having had an uneventful voyage west except for very stormy weather as he approached this part of the coast. The vessel lay at anchor in McIntyre Bay inside of Rose Spit for two days, but on Wednesday night it became so rough that she dragged her two heavy anchors and the captain decided to head for Triple Island without further delay. Capt. Winter was very pleased with the entrance to this port and the facility with which it can be navigated.

The Rossington Court arrived in port just before noon yesterday and pouring of grain into her holds started yesterday afternoon.

## EDMONTON LABOR PASSES RESOLUTIONS

EDMONTON, Dec. 22.—The Trades and Labor Council will be represented by Alfred Farnilo and Carl Berg at the Alberta Federation of Labor convention, which will be held in Lethbridge, starting on January 14.

Amongst the resolutions to be forwarded to that body are those pressing for the putting into operation of a scheme of old age pensions in this province at the earliest possible moment, the introduction of state medical insurance on a non-contributory basis, and the adoption of the eight-hour day with a maximum of 44 hours a week.

### PRINCE GEORGE HOME

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Prince George after completing his trip from Bermuda arrived home at 4 o'clock this afternoon, he arrived Southampton earlier on the Berengaria.

### SLIGHTLY MISTAKEN

"We are now," announced the aide, "passing through a rural hamlet."  
"Oh!" exclaimed the sweet young thing, "I thought a hamlet was a little pig."—Ladies' Home Journal.



Here are early pictures in the life of King George: (Left to right) The monarch with his mother, the late Queen Alexandra, and his brother Edward, Duke of Clarence.



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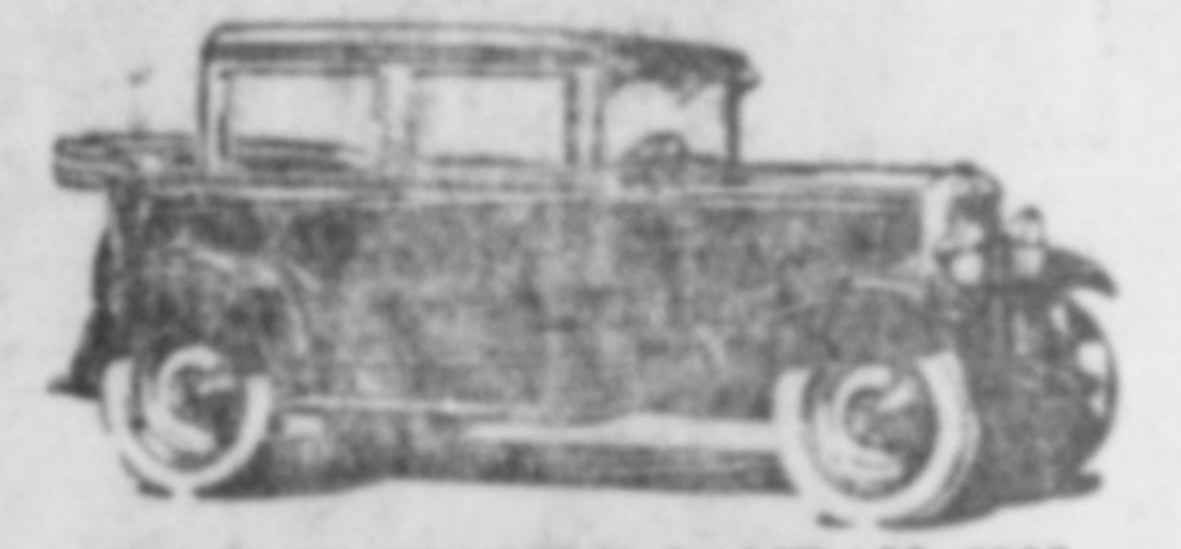
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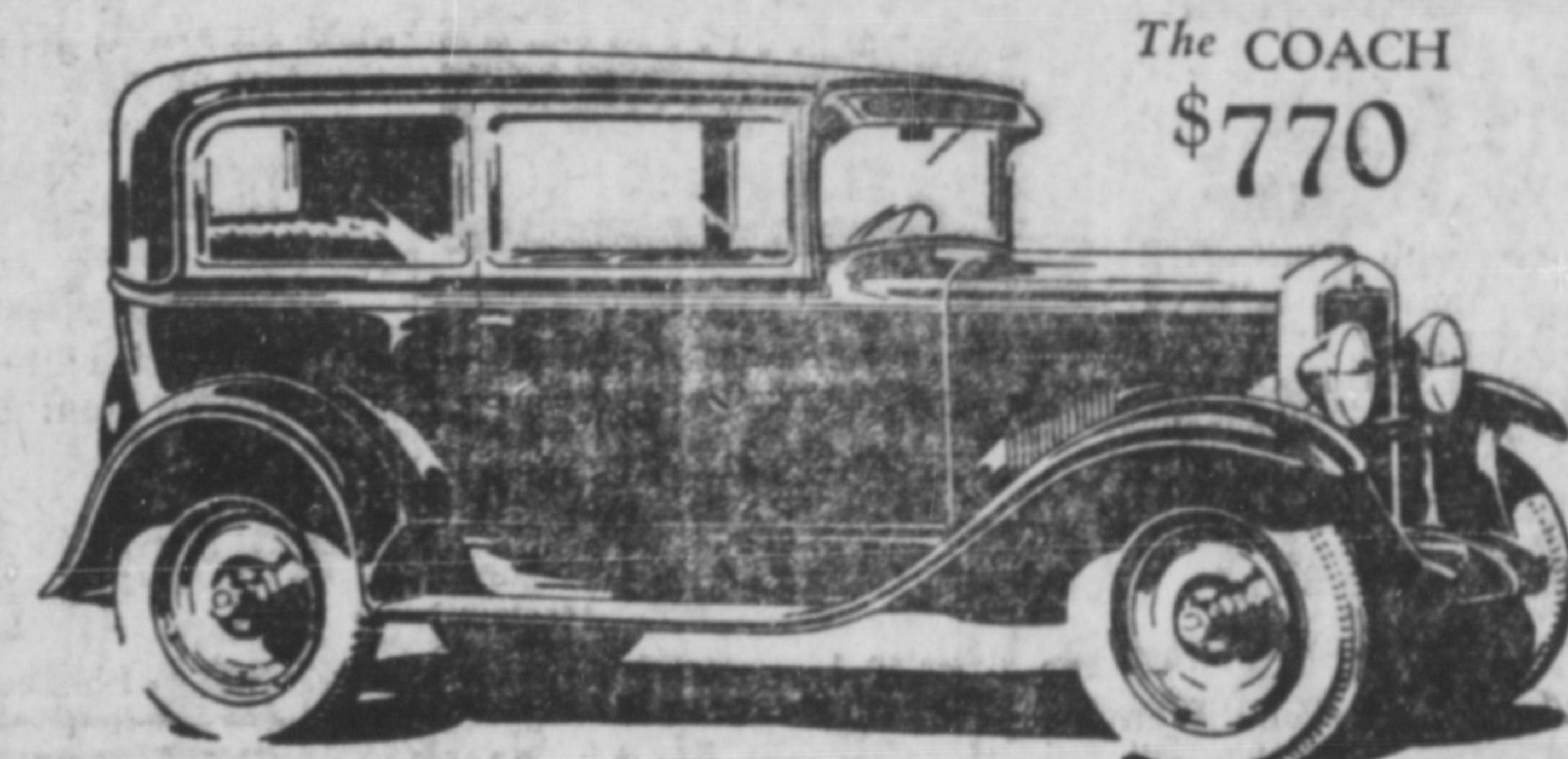
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