

LONE WOMAN FLIER ARRIVES HOME FROM AFRICA



Lady Bailey, wife of Sir Abe Bailey, is here seen with her two daughters on her arrival at Croydon Aerodrome, England, at the completion of her flight in a tiny Moth plane from Capetown, S. Africa. Lady Bailey has been awarded the coveted medal of the International Air Society as the greatest woman flier in 1928.

Waterfront Whiffs

All Set For Halibut Fishing Season; Pleasure Boat Nancy Sold; Herring Seining in Full Swing

The 1929 halibut fishing season will open next Friday and everything is now rapidly getting into readiness for the commencement of another year's outfitting, fishing and shipping activity. Much optimism is felt on the part of the fishermen by reason of the fact that cold storage stocks all over the continent are low and good prices are expected. There will be quite a rush to be first on the grounds and first back to port with the initial catch. Already, in fact, movement of boats to the high spots has commenced.

The Takla, Capt. Chris Parkvold, and Cape Beale, Capt. Edgar Arntsen, leaving yesterday for Ketchikan, where they will take on ice, oil and bait, were the first local vessels to get away. They will be on the westward banks. It will be next Tuesday or Wednesday, however, before many local boats, fishing on closer banks, will get away. Many Seattle boats are now on their way north and the first of these to call here was the Kanaga, which arrived on Wednesday night and took a fresh bait at this port before proceeding north. This well known schooner was resplendent in brand new paint and looked shipshape and fit enough. The American vessels Venture and Ivanhoe called here yesterday, also to take on bait. About February 22, or a week after, fishing commences, it is expected the first boats will be back here with their catches, although it is quite possible that the old small boat may be in port or so in advance of that date. All will soon be set for a big season that gives considerable promise of being more generally prosperous than some of the past.

The American boat Cedric, acquired recently by Capt. A. Arntsen, is outfitting here for halibut fishing. The Cedric did no fish halibut last year, but spent most of the season trolling around Petersburg.

The recent cold spell is reported to have hit rather hard some of the local pleasure vessels which may have had too much water in their gadgets. In at least one or two cases considerable damage was done and the

shop, which was upset by the big gale several weeks ago, has been put again on an even keel this week, although no attempt was made to raise it to its former elevation level with the road. No steps have yet been taken to right the gasoline tank at the Union Oil Co.'s station which was blown down in the same hurricane.

The trolling boat Half Moon has been on the Suga ways this week undergoing overhaul preparatory to the resumption of fishing.

Captain Kohrt is whiling away part of the dull season by engaging in the building of a skiff for Capt. Tom Smith, new owner of the Ringleader. He is doing the job in the Suehiro boat building establishment.

One of the next overhaul jobs to be undertaken at the plant of the Star Welding will be that of the 16 h.p. Vivian engine in the local halibut boat Unome. Capt. Dave Ritchie, owner of the Unome, is expected back shortly from his holiday trip to his native heath in Auld Scotia.

Capt. Dolf Prince of the Scrub is another of the local halibut skippers who is expected back soon from a jaunt abroad. He has been spending the winter in Newfoundland, where he, as well as many other good fishermen, was reared.

The United States government vessel, Seal, with members of the Alaska game commission board, arrived in port Wednesday night from Ketchikan and spent Thursday tied up at the floats of the Pacific Salvage Co. The vessel made other calls here during the week.

During the absence of D. B. Tann, who left this week to spend three months engaged in research work at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, H. N. Brooklesby will again take over the duties of acting director of the Prince Rupert fisheries experimental station.

Jim Bacon, head of the Bacon Fisheries, returned to port this week after a comparatively brief absence of seven weeks, although he covered a considerable amount of ground in that time. He got all the way to England and spent a week's time at his native home in Essex County, about 40 miles from London. He was called home on account of the illness of his mother, who, happily, he found to be making a good recovery. Speaking of conditions in the old land, Jim expressed the belief that, if the folks there, as a whole, had half the pep that one is required to have in this neck of the woods, they would be able to find considerable to do and times might not be quite so bad. Of course, there are serious industrial conditions which are not conducive to prosperity and the country is groaning under a burden of taxation. Development of transportation was one thing that the local fish curer marvelled at in the old country. One hardly knows he is on a train there until he is dashing over the landscape at 60 miles an hour or more.

While he had an enjoyable trip, Jim, like the most of folks who leave Prince Rupert, says he's glad to be back again at the old grind. While over there Jim had intended looking up our old college friend, Sid Webb, former popular editor of these columns. "Time and space," however, did not permit which Sid, who has been taking Fleet Street by storm these many moons, will understand.

C. O. Rowe's Cow Bay tank

Herring Fishing
With weather moderating, herring seining at Port Simpson has again been on in full swing during the past week. The seine boats Azurite, Capt. Ole Skog, and Zenardi, Capt. R. Gammon, are fully occupied there and regular deliveries of the fish are being made to port. The herring are unusually fat and prime this season and the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. is using many of them for storage as well as for halibut bait storage.

George Smith, wharfinger at the government wharf, has been able to return to his duties toward the end of this week after having been laid up at his home for the most of the last two weeks with a dose of the flu.

F-8 fighter Salvor arrived Monday from the south with a cargo

of coal for Albert & McCaffery and left Wednesday morning on her return south via Cassiar cany, where she unloaded fin plate. The Prince John, in port this week-end, unloaded a cargo of coal at the dry dock power plant for Albert & McCaffery.

Capt. Jud Thurber has given the contract to the Atlas Boiler Works for the tanks of his new halibut boat and Johnny Walker, blacksmith, has the iron work job. Good progress is being made with the construction of the fifty footer at the Suehiro plant in Cow Bay.

Sea Maid Back
The Prince Rupert halibut boat Sea Maid, Capt. Henry Dorreen, has returned north in time for the opening of the fishing season after having spent almost a month in the south, during which time she made one trip for black cod, landing 20,000 pounds at Vancouver for prices which are reported to have made it worth the while.

The diesel powered seineboat Faith of Sechart, west coast of Vancouver Island, under charter to the Bradbury & Yelf concern and with Capt. Al Wole in command, arrived at Prince Rupert from the south on Thursday afternoon to engage in herring fishing.

After having spent since before

Christmas in Seattle and Vancouver on commission business, Norman L. Freeman, local representative of the International Fisheries Commission, returned to Prince Rupert this week, and leaves today to make a brief trip to Juneau before returning to his post here for the season.

The local halibut boats Nuba and D. S. T. have been on the grid of Edward Lipsett (Prince Rupert) Ltd., this week for painting and hull repair work preparatory to the opening of the fishing season.

"La Peche Maritime," published in Paris, France, has an excellent account of the work of the Prince Rupert experimental station. There is, however, one break which shows a sad lack of knowledge of the geography of North America. It speaks of the "fisheries experimental station of the biological board of Canada situated at Prince Rupert, near Halifax."

APPLIED KNOWLEDGE

Teacher—An anonymous person is one who does not wish to be known. Who's that laughing in the class?

Voice—An anonymous person, teacher.—The School Journal.

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