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Waterfront Whiffs

Boat for Local Freight Service Needed Now; Waterfront Active in Preparation for Opening of Halibut Season; Morris H. Changes Hands

The establishment here of an office by the B. C. Packers with a view to purchasing by the company of a greater amount of cannery supplies in the city than has been done in the past brings to the fore again the necessity of a suitable boat being provided to ply between Prince Rupert and points on this part of the coast in the freight and passenger trade. Full advantage, as a matter of fact, cannot be taken of this new business opportunity unless this requirement is filled. A number of local business people have expressed their willingness to become interested in the matter, financially and otherwise, and, no doubt, some one will be found to proceed with the organization of a company to provide the service. Besides that of the B. C. Packers, the provision of such a boat would, no doubt, bring further business to the city from other canneries and the logging and mining industries, etc.

As far as the business offered by the B. C. Packers, in the immediate future at least, from its canneries on the Skeena and Naas Rivers and elsewhere adjacent to the city is concerned, a boat of upwards of 30 tons carrying capacity would meet the situation nicely, though it would probably be inadvisable that the boat should be limited to so small a capacity. It would be necessary to equip the boat with two derricks so as to make convenient the unloading of freight at cannery docks. The suggestion is also made that some kind of accommodation should also be provided for the carrying of passengers. It is estimated that it would not cost more than \$30,000 or \$35,000 to build new such a boat as is required. There are also the alternatives of obtaining a suitable vessel by purchase or charter. In any case, the time seems to have come when the port should be provided with such a boat, so as full advantage can be taken of the business that is being offered the city.

Differences Settled

Differences which it was believed would lead to a dissolution of the partnership of Albert & McCaffery, a well-known local waterfront business, have now been satisfactorily settled. Misak Aivazoff has decided not to proceed with the forming of a new company as he had planned.

Freighter Salvor, Capt. W. W. Rush, is due tomorrow from Vancouver to Albert & McCaffery with a full cargo of coal and cement.

Experts of the Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co. have been in the city for the past week or so overhauling diesel engines on a number of local fishing vessels, some of which have been making trial runs on the harbor during the past few days. The boats receiving attention have included the halibut vessels Melville and Covenant, the fish packer Taplow II, and the Rupert Marine Products P. R. T.

Miss Ruth Gillies has been appointed stenographer at the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station in succession to Miss Ina Wood, who is leaving next week for Saskatchewan, where she will be married. Miss Wood, who has been at the biological station since it opened, is receiving best wishes for the future from her many friends.

So as to improve lighting conditions, the chemical and biological laboratories of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station are being painted white throughout. Fred Scadden has been engaged in carrying out the work this week.

Alex (Doc) Clapperton of the government wharf staff is rusticated at Prince George for a couple of weeks, having left for the interior town at the end of last week. Doc should be an authority on something else besides football, baseball, cricket, boxing and all the other local sports when he returns, for he said before he left that he was going to take in all the hockey and curling games unless he gets frozen out and has to come home. His many friends will hope that Doc has a real good holiday.

U. Sura, well-known local Japanese Boat builder, is expected to return to the city early next month from a trip to Japan, where he attended the recent coronation of the new emperor.

With the reopening of the halibut fishing now less than a month off, business along the waterfront has been livening up in great style during the past week or so. Machine shops report having all the work they can handle and the other service plants are also busy. Very soon the ship chandling establishments will be getting their turn in outfitting the boats before the initial trips to the high spots. The first boats will leave for the grounds about February 10, it is expected.

Another well-known Prince Rupert halibut boat, the Morris H., has changed hands, Capt. John Hansen being the vendor and Capt. Carl Giske, the purchaser. Giske has fished out of Prince Rupert for several years and last season was on the American boat Eureka. The Morris H. is about 10 years old and was formerly known as the Fisher. She was first operated under American registry and was built in Seattle. She is 48 feet long and is equipped with a 30 h. p. Corliss engine.

The Prince Rupert halibut boat Kaien, Capt. Tom Hansen, has been undergoing repairs at the dry dock to damage done when she was stranded in North Island Harbor while returning from her final fishing trip last fall. The keel shoe was broken off its entire length and the hull was also damaged.

The halibut boat Takla is at the dry dock awaiting the arrival of a new tailshaft and wheel following an accident when the vessel made a trip to Anyox recently. The tailshaft parted and the wheel broke off and the Takla had to be towed back to Prince Rupert.

Flanking of the new 50-foot halibut boat which is being built by Y. Suehiro, Prince Rupert Japanese boat builder, for Capt. Jud Thurlow, was completed yesterday and the launching will take place next Friday. The vessel will be completed about the time the halibut fishing season reopens.

Among the Prince Rupert halibut boats that have been undergoing engine overhaul in anticipation of the re-opening of the fishing season have been the Pair of Jacks, Capt. Pete Leland, and Balsac, Capt. John Orvik, both of which were handled by the Star Welding.

Harry Stiles, moving spirit of the Star Welding, had a rather novel job on hand this week when he took down and overhauled the 1000-pound three-foot bell of the Catholic Church. New bearings were put in.

Next Friday K. Tsumura, Cow Bay boat builder, will launch the 38-foot combination halibut and seineboat which he has had under construction for the past several weeks. The vessel will be fully completed, except for installation of its engine, before it takes to the water. It is being offered for sale.

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NEWS OF NORTHERN B.C.

NFW HAZELTON

Owing to prevalence of influenza, the medical health officer has closed the school at Hazelton and all public gatherings are being called off for a couple of weeks.

Jack Salt was a business visitor in Prince Rupert the early part of this week.

A. D. Darlington, formerly of Hazelton, has been elected president of the Disabled Veterans' Branch of the Canadian Legion in Vancouver.

Andrew Falk of Vanarsdol, aged 77, passed away on Tuesday in the Hazelton Hospital where he had been a patient for about a week.

The Felix Bridge Club of Hazelton met this week at the home of Mrs. Walton Sharpe.

Dr. H. C. Wrinch left on Wednesday night for Vancouver where he will attend the meeting of the British Columbia Liberal Association.

The heaviest snowfall of the winter was experienced here this week. It will greatly facilitate the hauling of poles and ties.

Rev. Arthur Barner, superintendent of Indian Schools for the United Church, was a visitor here last week and was the guest of Rev. T. H. Wright at Hazelton.

SMITHERS

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson of Forestdale were business visitors in Smithers during the week.

Patronage at the Smithers skating rink is heavy this season in spite of the fact that mild weather on several occasions has caused it to be closed.

Dave Heenan, who has important mining holdings in the Topley section, was a business visitor in town during the week.

Flu of a mild type has been quite prevalent in Smithers of late owing to the unseasonably mild weather.

H. N. Monk has resigned as accountant for the Topley-Richfield Mining Co. to take a similar position with the Owen Lake Mining Co. He has been succeed-

ed at the Topley-Richfield by E. J. Marshall.

The monthly bridge and whist party of the Catholic Women's League was held on Tuesday night. Prize winners at bridge were Mrs. J. R. McIntyre, Mrs. J. H. Rife, L. S. McGill and George Orchard while whist prizes were taken by Mrs. I. A. Bahler, Mrs. Charles Morris, Miss McKenzie and Mrs. W. Grant.

Local hockey players have been holding regular practices but no effort has yet been made toward organizing a team. Vanderhoof has suggested a home and home series of games with Smithers.

Mrs. J. Paulis, wife of the section foreman at Cedarvale, underwent an operation in the local hospital recently and will have to have another performed.

PRINCE GEORGE

J. W. Miers of the provincial department of public works is making a reconnaissance survey of the thirty-mile extension of the provincial highway from Alexa Lake to Longworth. It is expected that tenders will be called in the spring for the building of the road.

The annual meeting of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. P. Andersen.

A successful carnival was held at the local skating rink last night. There were prizes for costumes and the usual races were held.

John A. Fraser, M. P. for Cariboo, has received word of the death of his 94-year old father in Shakespeare, Ont.

James McLane of the local tourist camp is facing a charge of permitting the sale of liquor on his premises.

Weather has been getting colder here during the past few days and, after an unprecedented mild spell, it is beginning to feel more like winter.

All candidates for municipal office here this year were returned by acclamation. Mayor Patterson was re-elected as well as Aldermen Alex Moffatt, Edward Opie and T. A. Griffiths. Wm. Bexon, J. B. Lambert and F. C. Saunders were returned as school trustees.

The home and contents of Mrs. DuBois of Shelley totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday night.

Leslie Friebance left this morning for Coronation, Alta., where he will reside in future.

Angus Joseph McDonald, lumberjack of Longworth, made his debut before the boxing fans.



D. G. MACKENZIE of Brandon formerly a member of the Tariff Board and minister of natural resources in the Manitoba cabinet.

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