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Purple Hold a

Christmas Tree of the Royal Purple was held last made \$180 each for two months that gradually and listing more and more

> program were as follows: Piano selection, Billy Fuller. Vocal duet, Bobby Taylor and Florrie Walker.

Recitation, Dorothy Wilkie. Piano selection, Marybelle Stiles. Vocal duet, James and Bobby Recitation, Kathleen Carr.

Recitation, Murray Phillipson. Recitation, Lois Ponder. Piano selection, Billy Fuller.. After the program Santa Claus

arrived and distributed gifts and sweets from a heavily-laden tree. The committee in charge of the

affair for the Elks consisted of G. E. Phillipson, William Harold and George Rodger, and, for the Ladies of the Royal Purple, Mrs. F. Crosby, Mrs. L. M. Fuller, Mrs. Bert Morgan and Mrs. G. E. Phillipson.

of John Nelson of Kitkatla

ris, daughter of Abel Harris of Kit- cific coast entirely to our efforts. About thirty guests, including Mr. and Mrs. B. Shearman, enjoyed the supper. Brief speeches by Henry Operations of all kinds along the Collinson, Henry Brown. Peter Rob- waterfront are practically suspendinson and B. Shearman offering ed for the week of festivities becongratulations and good wishes tween Christmas and New Year. prosaic young man. were well received and suitably re- That everyone had a good time at Let us take these questions up sponded to by the bridegroom.

Advice is like snow—the softer do that with all the enthusiasm "Then what is the first?" he it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and all the honors necessary. and the deeper it sinks into the These are the quiet days but, once "Can you provide the things to mind.—S. T. Coleridge.

Victoria Claims Palm of Having Started Halibut Industry; Local Waterfront Will Be Active Again Soon

Correspondents in the Vancouver press are quarreling as to who, when and how the Pacific coast halibut fishing industry was started. To Victoria should go the palm for having started the industry, states a letter which has been written by H. H. Cleugh, now of Vancouver and formerly of Victoria. Together with Capt. Jim Anderson of Vancouver, Mr. Cleugh claims credit for being the first to ship halibut in any quantity across the continent. Mr. Cleugh's letter is an interesting one. It reads .__

to work again. The halibut close

season is now half through and

January is the time that efforts are

in shipshape for the reopening of

fishing on February 15. That will

keep a lot of people pretty well oc-

for us to follow the time-honored

custom and wish all our friends a

New Year that may be filled with

prosperity and all the good things

The outstanding event of the past

week, of course, was the stranding

of the steamer Cardena on Village

Island in the Skeena River. It was

an accident which all the friends of

the good old Union Co. sincerely re-

gret, but it's little use crying about

s-ilt milk or leaky hulls, so we must

make the best of it and, now that

the damage has been done, hope

Disposed of Pack

mon canners on the north coast,

are reported to have already dis-

posed of all their pack for the 1929

season. No doubt there will be a

big demand next season from fish

The storm was increasing in vi-

olence and some of the deck fit-

tings had already been swept over-

board when the captain decided to

send up a signal of distress. But

hardly had the rocket burst over

'Captain," he said, "I'd be the

last man on earth to cast a damper

on anyone, but it seems to me that

this is no time for letting off fire-

The special concessions by which

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CAPABILITIES

"But can you cook?" asked the

the ship when a solemn-faced pas-

senger stepped on to the bridge.

The B. C. Packers, principal sal-

Meantime, it would not be amiss

concentrated on getting the fleet

as follows: "Re history of the halibut fishing Year has been disposed of, everyone on the British Columbia coast in will have to think of getting back some of the local press. I see conibut fishing. I would like to tell some things that have not been told and correct some most erroneous statements. As to whether Captain Cook got halibut or not I can not say, for I was not in the business

"Some time about the middle of September of that year I met Captain Jim Anderson of Vancouver in the Occidental Hotel in Victoria. Captain Jim was a big breezy fisherman, born in the maritimes, went before the mast at 14, fishing mackerel out of Gloucester, Mass. advised me of the wealth to be made from halibut, and I was not hard to convince, for I already knew, and I joined him in forming a company, the Victoria Fishing & Trading Company, and in ten days we got subscribed about \$10,000 in Victoria and by such men as Munsey, Hall, Lieser, Dunsmuir, Goodacre, Croft, that the local shipyard may obtain Hinton Bros., Pat Hickey, Cox and what appears to be a neat little

"We chartered from the late; It was the first accident of any James Dunsmuir the side-wheeler consequence for Capt. Andy John-Isabelle and a steam schooner, the stone, who has been plying north-Thistle. I remodelled the Isabelle ern waters for twenty years or more into a barge, with a dressing shed and who is known as one of the and dining room. The boat was most popular and able navigators used as a home for the fishermen on the coast. However, circumat Goshen Harbor, while the Thistle, stances contrived to give him a a six-knot boat, plied back and forth bump this time after hundreds of with our fish and supplies. Mr. successful voyages in the treacher-Nichol's story about the years '87 ous Skeena River. and '88 can be taken with a big | Surveys have revealed several grain of salt, and the discovery of holes in the ship and it is likely the fish Eldorado by Americans is that the whole hull has been pretty-

badly strained. However, the effort "In 1894 I shipped halibut to Bos- of the officers and crew in successon, shipping from the ports of funy preventing the water from en-Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma, tering saved the damage from be-The best rate and the best terms was. Good work was also performof any of the three ports was in ed after the stranding by Capt. Paul Tacoma. Railroad men and cus- ing much more extensive than it toms officers there were all gentle- Armour and the local crew of the men. The story about the paying Pacific Salvage Co., as well as by the of a dollar a fish by the steam steamer Prince John with Capt. schooner Mischief is news to me. I William Thomas in command. knew Captain Foot and never knew It was with a sigh of relief that he or the Mischief to be in the hal- the vessel was successfully landed ibut business. Captain Foot went in the local drydock Monday afterdown with the Islander in Alaskan noon. It is said by some that she The annual Christmas tree enter- waters. We paid 25 cents a fish for could not have kept affoat much tainment of the Benevolent and our halibut, supplying boat, gear longer than it took to come here Protective Order of Elks and Ladies and board, and two Norwegians from the Skeena. She was filling

night in the Elks' Home. There was winter. They were high-liners. to port on the trip in. a large attendance not only of chil- "The Atlantic Halibut Company dren but also of adults. The pro- was our agent in Boston, and our ceedings opened with the singing of first eight shipments netted us "O Canada," after which a brief \$40,000. Our next six shipments lost speech of welcome was made in us the whole thing. By the middle happy manner to the children by of February, the Cape Cod News George Rodger. Other items on the said the Pacific coast halibut had tied up eighty sailing vessels in Boston harbor.. At that time I shipped six cars of fish at a loss of \$8000 for the major packing concern. on one shipment. The day our fish arrived, they sold at 31/2 cents per pound and were quoted so in the Gloucester paper, and two days after, quotations were 12 cents a pound. We were systematically done by our agents in a most bare-

faced manner. "In the fall of '95 three men (I have forgotten all their names) came from Boston, chartered the Thistle and got our gear and dories. This equipment I have no recollection of ever having been paid for. They also got two more boats, the Capilano and the Coquitlam, and those men, I believe, represented a combination of the Atlantic and American halibut vessels may land New England Halibut Companies of their catches in Canada for ship-Boston. They fished the seasons of ment to the United States in bond, '95 and '96, and I think it was in '97 and may purchase supplies and ship that two vessels, one called the New crews have been renewed for the England, were brought from the year 1930 by the Canadian Depart-

East and put on the trade here. | ment of Marine and Fisheries. This MARRIED HERE having started the industry. The first company was of that port and also the vessels, and I am satisfied year to year. Miss Martha Harris Became Bride that we were the first company to ship fish in any quantity across the continent, and we were also the peo-American halibut fleet were mar-At St. Andrew's Cathedral last ple who were the means of the New ried shortly before the end of the evening the wedding of John Nel- England people coming here and halibut season in Seattle. The two bridegrooms are Capt. James Ehler son, late of Port Essington and now starting. They owe their knowledge of Kitkatla, and Miss Martha Har- of the halibut fishing on the Faof the Arcade and Nils Hegge, part owner and engineer of the schooner katla, took place. The bride, taste- "At that time, poor old Captain Republic. fully attired in white silk and carry- Jim, a big, breezy buccaneer, could ing a lovely bouquet of lilies, was not believe his friends in Boston | While it is yet too early for an given away by Henry Collinson, her would do him, but they did and estimate of the number of new haluncle. Very Rev. J. B. Gibson, dean they did it complete. This is one ibut boats to be built at Seattle this of the cathedral, conducted the of my remembrances of business winter, and the prospects are not service. The wedding party, which transactions with our enterprise, bright for extensive construction came from Kitkatla in the Sydney and our agents in the East while there, there will be at least two new W., consisted of, in addition to the encouraging us with good reports boats at sea when the season opens bride and bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. in their letters. My private infor- next February. These are the Mad-Henry Collinson, Mr. and Mrs. mation told me that we were being dock, a 40-foot, four-man boat built Henry Brown, Miss Doreen Nelson, deliberately led to the slaughter by in Tacoma for Captain John Skarp-Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lewis, Mrs. our agents. I would like to hear ness, and the Tuscan, a 55-foot Wilson, Miss Lizzie Moody and from some who were in the business seine-type vessel building for Cap-Winnie Brown, who acted as chief at that time, if they are still in the tain A. W. Angellsen, formerly of bridesmaid, Peter Robinson, J. Zeb- land of the living, but they were in the Radio, at the Fishing Vessel asca, W. Gladstone, Peter Collinson business in a much smaller way Owners Marine Ways, Seattle. The and Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason. A than we were, and although I knew Maddock is named for Bill Maddock wedding supper was held after the them at the time, my memory now popular manager of the Seattle Fish ceremony at the Dominion Cafe. now does not recall their names."

Will Be Busy Soon Yuletide seems evident. Now they in their proper order," returned Mr. and Mrs. Nelson left today are preparing to give the New Year the wise maiden. "The matter of for Kitkatla, where they will reside. an appropriate ushering in. And cooking is not the first thing to we can just leave it to the boys to be considered."

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