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CANADA'S BIRTHDAY

Monday is the festival which celebrates Canada's birthday. She is a young country and has made great progress in the few years of her existence as a national entity. We are proud to be citizens of such a country and each year gives us more and more reason to feel that pride.

During these formative years it is the duty of every man and woman to devote himself and herself to the work of founding such a nation as shall in the days to come be among the leaders of the world. We cannot be insular or petty in our outlook. We have much to learn from our neighbors and we can also be a help to other nations. Already we have shown the way in many matters of great national import.

The day will come when the word "Canadian" will mean much the same as does the word "sterling" in money. Our actions today advance or retard the coming of that time.

LAND SETTLEMENT

The settlement of the interior valleys by successful farmers is one of the most vital problems before the country today. It was reported at the convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia in session here that only one-third of the available lands in the Bulkley and Nechaco valleys were at present taken up. The remaining two-thirds are unoccupied. Most of this is in the hands of the Provincial Government.

It should be set forth as a first principle that these lands have no value whatever except to the persons who will cultivate them and that any person who is willing to clear them has earned the right to ownership. The probability is that very few of the lands are today worth the cost of clearing, if a contract for the work were let in the ordinary way.

The question then arises as to what can be done to induce settlement. The suggestion made by R. C. McCorkell of Vanderhoof that bonuses should be paid for each acre cleared is a very interesting one and may be feasible. Just how much per acre would be necessary in order to bring about the settlement and clearing of the land is a question that would have to be worked out by experts.

NEWS OF NORTHERN B.C.

SMITHERS

Gotthard Kriebel arrived here last week from Edmonton to take charge of brick burning operations at the local brickyard, the first kind of which has just started operations.

Miss Irene McIntyre and Miss Bertha McIntyre have returned to their home here after attending Columbian College, New Westminster. Miss Chapman has accepted a position in the government agent's office.

Smithers baseball team crossed bats with a second town team captained by Al Finnerty last Thursday evening. It was a lively contested match.

A record large crowd attended a dance held last Friday night in the public hall by the directors of the Smithers Hospital. There was a six piece orchestra and fine refreshments were a feature. Proceeds are being applied to the fund for a new hospital building.

BURNS LAKE

Locke Quey, well known local Chinese, has taken over the operation of the Omineca Cafe here.

Dr. A. S. Lamb, provincial health officer, was a visitor here last week on business in connection with the proposed new Burns Lake hospital.

Miss A. Gowan, who left here last fall for the Old Country, has returned to her home at Gowanbrae, accompanied by her brother, John, who has been visiting at Penhold, Alta.

Charles S. Anderson, Taltapin prospector and fur farmer, has been paying a visit to Burns Lake, it being his first trip outside in six years.

VANDERHOOF

In honor of Miss Dorothy Baxter, the ladies of Webster Lake entertained the ladies of Chilco at a dinner last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Lind. Miss Baxter is the school teacher at Webster Lake.

A delightful social affair was a shower held here last Thursday afternoon when Mrs. E. B. Smith gave a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Charlotte Finnie whose wedding to Stuart E. Daily will take place on July 4. The house was prettily decorated and many beautiful gifts were presented on behalf of the ladies in attendance by little Misses Beverly McCorkell and Myo Stone who were daintily dressed. During the afternoon there were piano solos by Mrs. Stephen Holmes and vocal solos by Mrs. R. C. McCorkell.

Miss E. Arland was presiding examiner at entrance examinations here this week. There were candidates from many district points in addition to Vanderhoof.

PRINCE GEORGE

Local officers of the Salvation Army have been advised that Commissioner Charles Rich of Vancouver, territorial commanding officer for Western Canada, has been placed in supreme command of the Army in Sweden. Commissioner Robert Hoggarth of London is to succeed Commissioner Rich and will make his headquarters in Winnipeg.

Many Prince George people attended a midsummer party which was held on Saturday night at Hedlund's on Six Mile Lake.

A Daily News want-ad will bring results.

Waterfront Whiffs

Salmon Catches on Skeena and Naas Satisfactory;
New Shrubshill Curing Plant Starts Work;
Halibut Landings

With the catches averaging better than might have been expected, sockeye fishing has opened up well this year on both the Skeena and Naas Rivers and prospects are for a satisfactory pack of this variety of salmon at least. During the first week of the season gill net boats on the Skeena River have been averaging from 12 to 14 fish each, with the Naas River running about 24 fish per boat. There have so far been 1000 licences issued for the Skeena, as compared with 1100 last year, and 300 for the Naas. Reports from mainland canneries on the first of the season operations have been slow in coming in, while fishing will not commence at Rivers Inlet until after July 1. As a result of the first two days' fishing operations 2341 cases of all varieties of salmon were packed on the Skeena River, including 1500 cases of springs and 539 sockeye. On the Naas River 489 cases were put up, of which 450 were sockeye.

William Shrubshill, pioneer fish curer of Prince Rupert, started operations this week in the commodious new premises which have been provided for him on the government wharf and in which he will engage in the fish smoking and mild curing business. Starting with a humble beginning, Mr. Shrubshill hopes to eventually build up quite a large industry here. His talents and ability at the business are well known and the premises he has obtained are both up-to-date and capable of great expansion. Capt. Bert Hansen has been packing in spring salmon and black cod for Mr. Shrubshill with his boat Point May. The first shipments of mild cured salmon from the new plant were made this week-end.

Capt. Ole Skog with his seinetboat Azurite has been engaged recently in taking a summer variety of herring in the vicinity of the Queen Charlotte Islands, some of the fish having reached Prince Rupert. They are somewhat smaller than the familiar winter variety but are fatter and said to be very luscious. It is believed they may have possibilities for kippering and the new Shrubshill plant is trying it out.

Having shipped his car ahead of him to Hazelton today, M. F. Nickerson, well known ship chandlery dealer, will leave Prince Rupert on Monday for a two months' motor trip which will take him to Banff in the Rocky Mountains and then to California. He will be accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Nickerson and their two children. It will be Mr. Nickerson's first real holiday trip in ten years' time and his friends are hoping that he will have a real good time.

The Tourist Season

The open season for the tourist and the foolish question is now on and our old friend, Doc Clapperton, will tell you that some of them are real trying. One round lady from far afield was much disappointed this week on receiving no satisfactory answer to her query as to "Where are the Indians in this village?" and it was no less of a disappointment to Doc that he could not provide half a dozen naked, roaring savages for the old girl's pleasure. But there is one thing about this tourist business and that is that Prince Rupert people can get as much kick out of these plus-fours and painted visitors as they apparently derive from us. For people who profess to be so learned and wide-travelled, the general ignorance is often appalling and disappointment seems to be keen that this is neither a land of ice or snow or tomahawk wielding aborigines.

We advise brass and bronze with white way, plus speed—Cohoe King Spinners. (150)

Taking the place of the Dorothea which has made several calls at this port, the Wills Navigation Co.'s motor-ship freighter Zepora of Seattle, south-bound from Alaska, was here on Thursday to load for Seattle from the Big Bay Lumber Co.'s sawmill at Seal Cove a cargo of spruce which will be transhipped at Seattle to England. The Zepora is almost a replica of the Dorothea only about twice as large. Capt. Currie was in command.

The midseason program of cleaning, painting and minor overhaul for the local halibut fleet continues in full swing. Among the boats that have stopped over for a couple of days between trips this week for such work have been the Atli, Oslo, Rose Spit and Tern.

Freighter Salvor arrived in port on Wednesday from the south and spent a couple of days here unloading a cargo of coal and building supplies for Albert & McCaffery.

George Frizzell, one of the oldest boatmen here, is the newest member of the Prince Rupert Rowing & Yacht Club, his power boat, Laura F., having just taken up her permanent berth there.

A Young Skipper

Capt. Thomas Douglas Kelly of Vancouver, who has yet to reach his twenty fifth birthday, can claim the distinction of being the youngest master mariner in the world to command a deep-sea ship. Having successfully taken his master's examinations last October, when he was not yet 24, Capt. Kelly was given command of the Imperial Oil Co.'s deep sea tanker Al-bertolite in March this year and lately was transferred to the bridge of the Mina Bres. This vessel is well known through frequent calls at Prince Rupert although Prince Rupert has yet in

store the pleasure of meeting her youthful skipper. Born in Liverpool, England, in 1905, Capt. Kelly joined the Royal Naval College in Esquimaux in 1920 and remained there until 1922 when he joined the Imperial Oil Co. fleet as able seaman. The posts of third, second and first mates and captain then followed in meteoric succession. Last year he decided to learn the engine room end of the game and was second engineer on the Al-bertolite just before his appointment to be skipper of the Al-bertolite this spring. It is his intention to resume his work in the engine room as soon as possible until he becomes a chief.

A rather unique craft which has been attracting considerable attention on the coast of late is a sturdy twenty-foot cabin cruiser, powered with the new quiet 16 h.p. outboard Evinrude, which is being produced by the Hottel-Beeching Shipyards, Vancouver. The craft is reported to be quite as successful as it is unique and favorable comments on it have been heard, one of the boats has been delivered at the Pacific Salvage Co. floats here for the use of Dr. J. T. Mandy, resident mining engineer.

The Dominion Day holiday week-end now coming up will be the signal for many local angling parties to her forth to various resorts and some rather extensive trips are being planned. As for Kitchikan, it looks like a race for the quickest to get there and enjoy the limited facilities that are offered at that point. Water conditions are reported to be much more favorable for angling on this occasion than six weeks ago when quite a few parties went out to various points on Victoria Day.

Halibut Landings

Though landings during the past week were rather light at 636,200 pounds, 1929 halibut farz at Prince Rupert are still showing the way to last year's landings. Up to yesterday the aggregate landings for the port amounted to 13,315,650 pounds as compared with last year's 12,605,400 pounds at a similar date. Canadian landings stood at 3,712,050 pounds as against last year's 3,769,000 pounds while the American total was 9,603,600 or a substantial increase over 8,836,400 pounds at the same date in 1928.

The 636,200 pounds landed during the week consisted of 196,800 pounds Canadian halibut and 439,400 pounds American. Prices during the week remained at a fairly steady level. The high bid for Canadian halibut was 13.2c and 8c paid the Unome for 8,000 pounds while the low price was 11c and 7c which the A. J. receive for 2,300 pounds. American prices ranged from a high of 13.8c and 8c paid the Eastern Point for 10,000 pounds down to a low of 11.9c and 7c which the Sitka, Northern and Addington received for catches of 38,000, 28,000 and 26,000 pounds respectively.

With the middle of the halibut season, most of the Ketchikan boats have been overhauled and are ready for intensive fishing until the season closes in the fall.

Owing to a number of reasons, the principal of which is due to Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic fish placed on the market, the prices at Ketchikan have not been any too good for the past month or so. However, it is hoped prices will improve with fall fishing and for the latter part of the season.

Among halibut fishermen there is heard the same old-repeated statement that more of the vessels would winter in Ketchikan if additional facilities were provided as contemplated for the dredging of Thomas Basin. They believe that improvement will mean a great deal to Ketchikan as well as the fishing industry.

Mac and Mac Here

Having on board a party of commercial men making a business trip up the coast, the Vancouver power cruiser Mac and Mac arrived port on Thursday afternoon and will proceed at the end of this week to Stewart, Anyok, Alice Arm and other northern points.

Storekeepers and camp men—order early and avoid disappointment—Cohoe King Spinners. (150)

Power tug Billmor, which is under charter to the Pacific Salvage Co. here, sailed Tuesday night for Ocean Falls, having in tow a schooner containing a donkey engine which had been brought down from Alice Arm earlier in the week. The Billmor, which is due back from the paper town by the end of the week, is now under command of Capt. Charlie Larkin.

The Pacific Salvage Co.'s power tug Pachena left a few days ago for Port Edward canneries to take up a 60-day packing charter for the Skeena River Packing Co. The Pachena is under command during her charter of Capt. William Fieson.

There will be a great tuning up of the Prince Rupert Rowing & Yacht Club fleet during the coming week in readiness for the annual club regatta

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which is to be held in the harbor off servatory Inlet, visiting among other the club floats a week from Sunday. points Stewart and Anyok with their Buys have already been placed to mark the course and, under the able chairmanship of Alex Macdonald, who will again be in charge, plans for the event are well under way. There will be the usual ambitious program of various manner of aquatic events.

Visiting Yachts

The local yacht club has been host this week-end to a number of American power cruisers returning south after participating in the recent Olympia to Juneau capital-to-capital race.

On Thursday afternoon, three of the boats arrived in quick succession and were berthed for the night by Shet Thomson.

The visiting boats included the Bolinder, Capt. Richard Proboose, which Seattle cruiser, 31-1-2 feet long and the smallest boat in the race, made the enviable achievement of winning three first prizes—for making the longest non-stop passage from Olympia to Ketchikan, the first over-all prize and the first in her class of 25 to 41 feet.

The Mary Mar-Ann, belonging to Frank J. Seidelhuber of Seattle, and manned by his family, was also in. This boat took the other two first prizes in the race—for her class of 41 to 65 feet and for the best general performance.

The third boat on Thursday afternoon was the Kaloya, belonging to George Briffett of Olympia, which also made a creditable showing in the race.

On Friday morning, three more of the racing yachts called here. They were the Kiosh, belonging to William G. Reid of Shelton, Wash.; the Wini-fred, Adolph Schmidt, Olympia, and the Kittiwake, Walter Draham, Seattle. All were fine looking boats and were much admired while here. The Bolinder left for the south at 7 a.m. yesterday while the others departed at noon. Some of them will participate in the Vancouver Yacht Club regatta opening tomorrow.

P. W. Anderson and Sid Anderson returned to port recently from a very enjoyable combined business and pleasure cruise up Portland Canal and Ob-

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SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR VACATION

Pupils Are Dismissed Until September 3; Closing Exercises

There was great joy among the children today and not a little relief among their teachers, for yesterday was the day that the schools closed for the long summer vacation. Closing exercises have been the order of the day this week in most of the class rooms and yesterday was just a matter of cleaning up, many of the classes having been dismissed at noon.

Within the next day or so many of the teachers will be leaving for their holidays. Quite a number will attend summer school in Victoria.

Schools will reopen on September 3.