



WATERFRONT -- WHIFFS

Algy Hunter Packing Up After 40 Years— Talking of Ghost Ships

The Prince Rupert waterfront is about to lose one of its best-known and esteemed figures of many years' standing. "Algy" Hunter, after 30 years and six months in the Customs service here, is retiring. He and Mrs. Hunter are leaving at the middle of the month for Vancouver. Their ultimate destination has not yet been decided upon.

Algy's official title is customs excise superintendent. He holds forth most of the time along the waterfront where he enjoys a large measure of popularity. He will be missed indeed.

As one soon finds out after meeting him, Arthur Robb Hunter was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and it was from there he arrived in Prince Rupert in 1911. Having come that far back, he qualifies as one of the real pioneers. His first job was as a steel worker with a track-laying gang on the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. His railroading career took him as far as Skeena Crossing. Then he came back to Prince Rupert to be employed with the produce firm of Shepard & Jones, long since departed from the local business scene. Later he became identified with Jim Bacon, still going strong, in a retail fish store uptown. In April 1914 another adventure called and Algy headed north with a couple of friends. Starting from Whitehorse, they floated down the Yukon River clear to St. Michael's at its mouth—a trip which took them until September including an interlude of six weeks when they stopped over at a camp along the river for the experience of gold mining. At St. Michael's, Mr. Hunter boarded the historic steamer Victoria for the long outside voyage south to Seattle and back to Prince Rupert.

By this time World War I was on so Algy enlisted and left February 1915 with the late Col.

(then Major) S. P. McMordie and the second Prince Rupert contingent. At Victoria he joined the 48th Battalion for overseas. Arriving in England, Hunter transferred to the 1st Battalion, Sixth Brigade, Second Division, with which he went to France. Following the Somme and Vimy campaigns, he was invalided in 1917 to Blighty and stayed in England until 1919 when he was discharged, returning to Canada in 1920. He brought his bride of that year, Cecilia Mitchell, back to Prince Rupert with him.

It was in August 1920 that Algy joined the customs service here and his service out of the port of Prince Rupert has been continuous since that time, most of it right here in Prince Rupert but with periods of three years at Stewart and six months at Stikine as well as relief trips at Ocean Falls and Anxox. He is now third in command here, his only seniors being Collector of Customs Oscar Smith and Chief Clerk Fred Grimple.

During the years Mr. Hunter has been an active member of the St. Andrew's Society and the Canadian Legion. He excels as a disseminator of genial good cheer and, as his old cronies know, is never in better from than when singing the old Giesga' ballads. His many friends will wish him the best of luck as the time comes for Auld Lang Syne.

Richard Braun, Digby Island truck gardener, is growing rhubarb and horseradish the year around at his place at Crippen's point and has become one of the city's principal suppliers. The rhubarb is raised in the field in summer and moved to the basement for the winter, thus producing the continuous crop. Two hundred pounds of the luscious produce a week is being marketed in Prince Rupert and Mr. Braun is producing even more than that. As far as is known, he is the only producer of horseradish in these parts.

The big gillnetter Westerly, whose owner Harold Ryan is charged with the murder of

Loraine Tait aboard the vessel at Port Simpson December 23, is being held in port by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as part of the evidence for the trial, preliminary hearing of which occupied the attention of provincial police court here yesterday. Meantime, it is understood that efforts are being

made to effect a sale of the vessel in order to provide funds for the defence. Westerly is one of the larger gillnetters hereabouts. It is about five years old and has always been considered a "lucky" boat as far as catching fish goes. One night, while fishing in Johnston Straits a while back, it took \$900 worth of salmon.

The case of the Westerly recalled other vessels on which grisly tragedies have occurred. One of these, according to a reminiscer this week, was a derelict Jap fishing vessel which years ago was sighted off Vancouver Island and brought into port under tow. It had evidently drifted clear across the Pacific Ocean after its engine had broken down. The voyage took about a year and it was a real death ship by the time it arrived on this coast for all on board had perished of starvation. There was evidence that the last four to die had starved off starving for a while by feeding off the bodies of the others. The ill-starred vessel could have been sold to white fishermen on this coast but, according to the story, the British Columbia Japanese Fishermen's Association saw that no offers were accepted and one dark night the vessel was towed out to sea and scuttled and sunk.

On her fortnightly voyage to Alaska, CPR steamer Princess Norah, Capt. Graham Hughes,

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SATURDAY—P.M.
4:30—Sports College
4:45—Memo from Lake Success
5:00—Hi Neighbor
5:30—Linger Awhile
6:00—CBC News
6:05—NHL Hockey
7:30—Organ Recital
8:00—"Your Army Presents"

arrived in port at 10:50 yesterday morning and, after a brief pause here, sailed at noon for Skagway and other northern points whence she is due back here next Wednesday afternoon southbound. Passengers disembarking here from the Princess Norah numbered six and were Dr. J. G. Jervis, J. P. Kirkwood, J. Thorndick, A. Free, W. Hanson and J. A. Notman. Altogether the Norah had 43 passengers on board including two lady tourists—Mrs. Tolman and Mrs. Gross of Los Angeles. Five passengers taking passage here for the north were Mr. and Mrs. A. Erickson and S. S. Gurgerich for Juneau and E. Van der Woole for Ketchikan.

James A. Dunn, until recently manager of the B.C. Packers Ltd. plant at Ogden Point, Victoria, has now been transferred to Kildonan on the west coast of Vancouver Island. His successor at Ogden Point is Neville Gerard, formerly of Prince Rupert.

New wage increases have become effective for 400 wooden shippard employees in Vancouver. It is a fifteen-cent raise. The companies include B.C. Packers, and Nelson Brothers Fisheries.

8:15—Musial Program
8:30—Prairie Schooner
9:00—John Sturges—Baritone
9:15—Armdale Chorus
9:30—Music in the Night
10:00—CBC News
10:10—CBC News
10:15—Troadero Orch.
10:30—Buzz Adlam's Playroom
11:00—Weather and Sign Off
SUNDAY
8:30—Recital
9:00—BBC News and Commentary
9:15—Music for Meditation
9:30—Harmony Harbor
9:59—Time Signal
10:00—B.C. Gardener
10:15—Just Mary
10:30—Way of the Spirit
11:00—CBC News
11:03—Capitol Report
11:30—Religious Period
12:00—N.Y. Philharmonic Symphony Orch.
1:30—Church of the Air
2:00—Jake and the Kid
2:30—Critically Speaking
3:00—John Fisher Reports
3:15—CBC News
3:20—Ask the Weatherman
3:27—Weather Report
3:30—Vancouver Symphony Orch.
4:30—My Uncle Louis
5:00—Startime
6:00—National Sunday Evening Hour
6:45—The Four Gentlemen
7:00—CBC News
7:10—Weekend Review
7:20—Special Speaker
7:30—Little Symphonies
8:00—Stage '51
9:00—Chamber Music
9:30—Vesper Hour
10:00—CBC News
10:10—CBC News
10:15—Pioneer Transportation
10:30—Evening Song
11:00—Weather Sign Off
MONDAY—A.M.
7:00—Musical Clock
8:00—CBC News

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8:15—Morning Song
8:30—Morning Devotions
8:45—Little Concert
9:00—BBC News & Comty
9:15—Music for Moderns
9:30—Morning Concert
9:59—Time Signal
10:00—Morning Visit
10:15—The Barry Wood Show
10:30—Melody Time
10:45—"Robin Hood's Musical Kitchen"
11:00—Kindergarten of the Air
11:15—Round-up Time
11:30—Weather Report

11:31—Message Period
11:33—Recorded Interim
11:45—Scandinavian Music

P.M.
12:00—Mid-day Melodrama
12:15—CBC News
12:21—Program Resumes
12:30—B.C. Farm Bldg.
12:55—Rec. Int.
1:00—The Concert Hour
1:30—Musical Program
1:45—Fighting Pioneers
2:00—B.C. School Bldg.
2:30—Records at Random
2:45—Solo Guest
3:00—The Music Box

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