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Busy Week-end as Halibut Fleet Goes to Sea; Skipper Doiron Victim of "Touch"

It was a busy day at the waterfront Sunday as fishermen and relatives talked together, visited from boat to boat or made the finishing touches to their vessels, readying for the halibut opening May 1.

Probably one of the busiest spots along the waterfront was F. E. Hunt Ltd.'s store at Cow Bay. Last minute orders were rushed through—new mats for the galley, some tackle to be made up, a bone-dry to be bought—or just a last tale to be swapped with Bill Nickerson and the boys in the back office.

Outside the store were the bright and fresh vessels. Typical of these was the Seamaid, Capt. Henry Doiron. The old schooner-type vessel built in Prince Rupert by the Doiron family sparkled with new paint. The skipper reached port here Saturday morning, bringing the Seamaid up from Vancouver.

BANK ACCOUNT "TOUCHED"
An unfortunate incident occurred for Doiron in Vancouver the Wednesday before sailing north.

While in a city hotel, his ships papers and bankbook were stolen from his car parked out-

side. There was a substantial balance in the Homer and Hastings branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Instead of going directly to the branch, Mr. Doiron notified the police. Meanwhile, he said, the thief went directly to the bank.

"Two new girls were in the bank and when this fellow brought in my book to draw money in three separate checks for \$80, \$200 and \$350 the money was given to him," said Capt. Doiron.

ONCE TOO OFTEN
"If he hadn't been so selfish he might have got away with it, but he kept going back for more, until finally the girls began to wonder why so many checks were being drawn," the fisherman explained.

"Then when he went back for \$500 Thursday morning he was caught," said Doiron, who said that there was now going to be a case over it in the courts at Vancouver.

"I guess it was a case of going too often to the well," said a shipmate on the Seamaid.

The crew had received a wire from Manard Edwards, their bookkeeper in Vancouver, that a "suspect" was being held.

Meanwhile, the Seamaid left with other vessels Sunday morning preparing for more important business on the fishing grounds Tuesday.



MISS AUSTRALIA — Lovely 18-year-old Lynette Vincent, selected as Miss Australia, is shown on arrival at Vancouver. She is paying a semi-official call before continuing on to Hollywood. The flowers are a gift from acting mayor Archie Proctor. (CP PHOTO)

SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

Coastal steamships are already beginning to feel the impact of heavy freight traffic into the Kitimat area for use on Aluminum Co. of Canada construction. The Prince Rupert-bound Union Steamship Co. liners Camosun and Coquitlam are having increasingly long stays at Butedale to transfer cargo which is moved from there to Kitimat and Kemano Bay on a Northern Construction Co. barge. Both the Coquitlam and Camosun had such cargo at the week-end. The Camosun, Capt. John Boden, which arrived here at 6:15 last evening from the south, had spent over four hours unloading at Butedale. The Camosun sailed at 11 p.m. for Alice Arm and Stewart whence she will return here tomorrow to sail south at 12 noon.

Union steamer Coquitlam, Capt. William McCombe, returned to port at 4:30 yesterday afternoon from Masset Inlet points and sailed at 8 p.m. for Vancouver and waypoints. The vessel had a fairly light passenger list as traffic now is largely in the northern direction.

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To Look Into Bus Service

An inspector of the British Columbia Public Utilities Commission will be in Prince Rupert within the next week to look into complaints which have been made by the Pulp and Paper Workers' Union in connection with the quality of the bus service between Prince Rupert and the Watson Island plant. J. D. McRae, MLA for Prince Rupert, has so informed the union which addressed its complaint to the local member as well as to the commission.

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