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By Easley Blackwood

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North-South vulnerable
North dealer

North
(Miss Brash)
S—K 9 4
H—A
D—A K 6 5
C—A 9 7 6 5

West
(Mr. Abel)
S—Q J 10 5
H—K 9 8 2
D—8 3
C—K 10 8

East
(Mrs. Keen)
S—8 6 3
H—Q 6
D—J 10 9 7
C—Q J 4 3

South
(Mr. Dale)
S—A 7 2
H—J 10 7 5 4 3
D—Q 4 2
C—2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 C	Pass	1 H	Pass
2 D	Pass	2 H	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 H	All pass

Mr. Abel opened the queen of spades which was won on the board with the king. The ace of trumps was laid down and then Mr. Dale entered his hand with the queen of diamonds. Here he made the key play—he led a small trump, not the jack. Mr. Abel played the eight, a club was discarded from dummy and Mrs. Keen won with her lone queen.

The spade return was won with the ace in the closed hand and the jack of hearts was led, driving out Mr. Abel's king. The jack of spades won the third trick for the defenders but that was all. Mr. Dale ruffed the next spade lead, picked up Mr. Abel's last trump and spread the hand.

Note that if Mr. Dale had led the jack of hearts on the second lead of the suit, Mrs. Keen's queen would have won and Mr. Abel would then hold the king-nine of hearts over Mr. Dale's ten-seven—two more sure winners.

How did Mr. Dale know that a low card for his second heart lead would drive out one of the enemy's high honors? He didn't. But let's follow his reasoning. If the opposing hearts were divided 3-3 there was no problem. Only two tricks would be lost in the suit whether Mr. Dale played the jack or a low card on the second round.

If the enemy's hearts were divided 4-2 with the king-queen and two more in one hand, then there was no play for the contract. But if one opponent had a doubleton heart honor, then it was imperative to avoid wasting declarer's jack to drive it out when it would have to be played anyway.

FORM F
(Section 58(d))
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Dated this 17th day of January, A.D. 1951

JAMES W. DONALDSON
James W. Donaldson, Agent for The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Limited.

SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

Disembarking here from the steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. E. B. Caldwell, which arrived in port Wednesday morning with over 200 of freight for the city, were A. Eipper, J. Gullner, T. Jackson, A. Milne, B. Gordon, E. Jay, Mrs. F. L. Hart, E. W. Moore, R. E. Hurtic, W. J. Scott, D. Crowe, J. McEwen, Mrs. H. L. Alexander, T. Janson, Allan Bevins, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Strand, C. Turner, H. Burbridge, F. Tulnum and infant, A. J. L. Branstrom, O. G. Stewart, J. H. Piers, Mr. and Mrs. H. Long, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Leeman, B. Van Rhyn, A. E. McMillan, Mrs. P. Shrubsall, Mr. DesRoches, S. Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Hewish, R. Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Shabata, A. Goamire, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pihera and family, Mrs. L. M. Felsenthal, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Feera, D. T. Lutes, B. J. Symington, M. Berg, F. York, A. Eyton, R. Cosulich, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Robson, Mrs. A. Kaye, D. Olafson, C. Dempsey, Y. Shinde, Mrs. Beaver, Mrs. McDonald, Mr. McEwin, Mr. Van Pijkstra, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Father Dranks, C. C. Mapson, C. Glika, Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, D. W. Suiter, J. Carson. The Prince Rupert proceeded to Ketchikan at midnight and will be back here this evening southbound.

PORT EDWARD CHILD DIES

Seven year old Charlotte Margaret Sankey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sankey of Port Edward, died Tuesday in Miller Bay Hospital.

Funeral will be held by Rev. M. L. Fisher, from the Grenville Court Chapel today.

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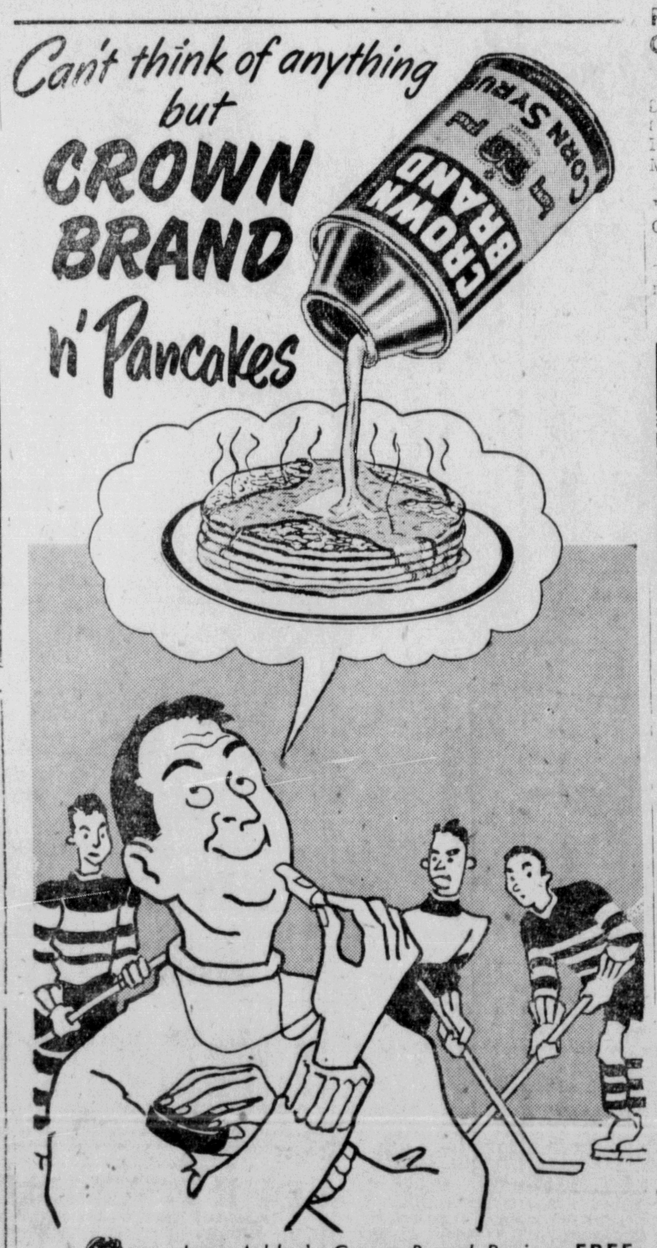

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NEW DISCOVERIES
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have discovered that previous conceptions of the Japanese Current were incorrect. They are certain now that it is the result of upswelling which is a condition brought about when continuous warm winds blow the surface water and allow cold water to rise from below, bringing with it many nutriants and strange fish. Formerly this warm water was thought to have been a current travelling across the Pacific from Japan.

In an effort to relate oceanographic research to commercial fishing, the intention is to supply certain fishermen with log books to keep accurate data for the department and at least six will be trained in the use of bathyothermographs. These are instruments which measure the temperature down to 60 fathoms.

SPRING SALMON

Speaking of the work of research work on troll spring salmon, Mr. Hart mentioned that it is usually two years before the results begin to appear. However, they had discovered from recent tagging, particularly in the Quatsino and Uclulet areas, that the direction trend was definitely southward. He suggested that, as a conservation measure, it may be necessary to close certain areas where small fish are being caught. He also pointed out that the work of tagging was being confined as much as possible to fish of small size. This was because each fish tagged had to be paid for and the smaller ones were cheaper.

Cohoe presented a different picture. There was no direction trend. Their dispersal was in all directions. He pointed out that the department's investigation corroborated what had been the opinion of fishermen for a long time. They found that the cohoe grows at the rate of about 3½ inches a month.

After tagging springs in Alaska, the same direction trends were noted and, of the recoveries of tags, 36 per cent were found in the Columbia River, 20 per cent in the Fraser and 34 per cent in general small creeks; while out of 863 cohoe, 70 recoveries showed no direction trend.

In the future, Dr. Hart expects his department to start tagging in the North Island and Cape Scott areas, and asks fishermen to watch for tagged fish. He said that the department would not want fish with chipped fins reported from now on as this was being done in the canneries and fish landing places.

Speaking of trawl fishing, the immense variety of species presented a problem. In order to build up catch statistics, port contact men were being maintained at landing places. Fortunately, earstones can be used to determine the age of this type. Disc tags were being used and quite a lot of experimentation was being carried on with gear. The investigation to ascertain the fish population of certain banks showed that the number of lemon sole in Butterworth Rocks area is probably five million, a figure based on the percentage of tags recovered.

Hecate Straits crabs, which are now being fished both by American and Canadian boats, were also under investigation. The north and east coasts of Graham Island were both estimated to have about three million "head" of crabs. An interesting item was the rediscovery of the crabs after migration. They had moved from a bank six miles off Graham Island to another one mile off shore. This was ascertained by the rediscovery of tags.

A great deal of biological research to explain the changes taking place in Hecate Straits crabs was carried out. Owing to the size limits for market fish, few females were being taken and the effect of this was being considered. Some interesting research observations had been made by an ichthyological Dr. Kinsey. However, the work to preserve these crabs is very important because of the tendency of American crabbers to fish the Hecate Straits during the summer months, when the coasts of Washington and Oregon are closed.

Dr. Hart's talk was very much appreciated by the fishermen who regretted that there was no time for a question period. Opinions expressed after the meeting showed that another talk from Dr. Hart would be welcomed at any time in the future.

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