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WATERFRONT - - WHIFFS

\$750,000 Plant on Local Waterfront To Be Ready by June 1

The new quarter-million-dollar cannery of Canadian Fishing Company Limited at ocean dock is 75 per cent completed and will be ready for operation by June 1.

Harold Thom, assistant manager of Atlin Fisheries—a subsidiary of Canadian Fishing Co.—said today that progress "has been very satisfactory" and that the job "is well up to schedule."

With a capacity of some 5000 cases (96 pounds) daily, this installation is the company's largest plant in Canada, said Mr. Thom. It replaces the old Carlsle operation on the Skeena River which was demolished due to lack of rail facilities.

Management expects to employ about 175 people when in full operation, 100 of which will be women and girls. One cold storage unit, handling 320 tons of ice, is already in operation at the new plant.

To date, nearly all the "big work" has been done. Materials and equipment have been obtainable without undue delay, the acting manager said.

Two huge steam boilers have been installed and are awaiting inspection. The reform line—where tins are re-formed—is completed, as well as fish-holding bins. Six cooking retorts—there will be eight—are in place

and transformers for distribution of electricity have been installed.

Office, first aid room and employees' dressing rooms are nearing completion.

Temporary construction hold-up is installation of an 8000-gallon fuel tank.

There has been no contracting on this job, said Mr. Thom. Canisco has its own construction and installation mechanics. Tony Van Snellenberg is mechanical superintendent for this plant.

"I don't think we'll have any employment problem," said Mr. Thom, adding that already many applications for seasonal work had been received.

C. E. Salter, veteran Skeena cannery manager and now northern production manager for the company, will head the season's operations of the new plant. He arrives in Prince Rupert Monday on an inspection tour.

CO-OPERATIVE ANNUAL
Annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association, reports of which have been carried in the Daily News with a final recapitulation today, was an event of interest during the past week in which many fishermen participated. A large delegation came from Vancouver including T. H. Sorensen, manager of the British Columbia Co-operative Federation; G. T. Greenwell, general manager of the British Columbia Fishermen's Co-operative Association; Don Bentley, A. V. Hill, John Donaldson, Colin McKea, Ronald Cosulich, Eric Helmer, Morgan Berg (Victoria) and Fred Yorke-Banfield, came north for the proceedings and are leaving by the Chilcotin tomorrow night on their return to Vancouver. Reg Mawer of the University of British Columbia extension department was also here. From the Queen Charlotte Islands came C. W. Minkner of the Masset Co-operative Association.

With May 1 still accepted as the opening date although not, as yet, officially promulgated, overhauling is now the order of the day with the halibut fleet and work at the boatbuilding yards and the engine shops is becoming intensive. In addition to the opening of the season, official announcement is also awaited of certain changes in the regulations under the International Fisheries Commission. A few vessels of the regular fleet—but not a great many—are engaged in ground fishing for flounders, soles, etc.

A figure who was well known in waterfront circles all along the coast, including Prince Rupert, has made his last voyage. It is Capt. Art Baker, who for years was skipper of the Galt Bros. commercial boat Caribou, which makes periodical visits to Prince Rupert. Capt. Baker, who was a redoubtable angler and outdoor sportsman and is also remembered as the raconteur of many tall tales of his own progress and that of others, was 85 years of age. He had been in hospital for a few weeks prior to his demise. Surviving are a wife and son. Before joining the Caribou, Capt. Baker was a tug-boat master. At one time, he also owned boats of his own.

Disembarking from the steamship Chilcotin, Capt. Harry McLean, which arrived in port at 1:45 p.m. yesterday from Vancouver with 160 tons of freight for Prince Rupert, were: Mrs. J. Rintoul, E. A. Williamson, Mrs. E. Arnott, V. Carolel, M. Naccarato, R. McCarl, Mrs. V. Ward, Mrs. M. Millan, Const. Turner.

Picture Gets Fine Reception

"Two Weeks With Love" has been getting a fine reception at the Capitol Theatre Thursday and Friday. It closes tonight.

One of those light and happy pictures which there should be more of these worrysome days, it combines a wholesome family story of adventures at a seaside holiday resort with tunesome music and colorful episodes.

Of course, it is essentially a comedy although it does have its moments of ingenious poignancy.

Jane Powell and Ricardo Montalban have the romantic leads. Louis Calhern and Ann Harding are papa and mama. Phyllis Kirk is the feminine menace. Carleton Carpenter and Debbie Reynolds are a pair of irrepressible teen-agers.

The period is the happy days just before World War I and several of the good old songs of those times are featured.

Mrs. R. H. Garrett and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Al Stanton, Caren Headrich, Miss H. Hanson, W. Nesbitt.

Sailing for Vancouver on the Chilcotin tomorrow night from Prince Rupert will be D. Bentley, A. Hill, T. H. Sorensen, G. Greenwell, C. McKea, J. Donaldson, Eric Helmer, M. Berg, F. York, A. Eytan, R. Cosulich, Miss G. Kaye, Miss S. Freisen, M. S. Duffus, Mrs. W. A. Williamson.

Disembarking from the Princess Norah, Capt. Graham Hughes, which arrived here from the south at 12:45 yesterday, were: R. Hardy, S. Falkenburg, A. McKay, Mrs. Whitmore, L. A. Dye. Some general cargo was unloaded here, with 450 tons aboard for Skagway, Alaska.

Ole Strand, well-known city pioneer, is a patient in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

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