

## WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Text of New Halibut Treaty—Imperceuse Changes Hands—Some Figures on Halibut Landings

Most important of the provisions in the new treaty which was recently signed between Canada and the United States with regard to the Pacific Coast halibut fishery is that which sets the commencement of the annual close season on November 1 instead of November 15 as has been the case for the past few years. The International Fisheries Commission is given authority under the convention to alter close season when it finds, after investigation, that such changes are necessary. The new treaty, which shall remain in force for a period of five years, supplants the treaty of 1923. In view of numerous requests, the articles of the treaty are herewith reprinted in full as follows:

### ARTICLE I

The nationals and inhabitants and fishing vessels and boats of the Dominion of Canada and of the United States of America, respectively, are hereby prohibited from fishing for halibut (*Hippoglossus*) both in the territorial waters and in the high seas off the western coasts of the Dominion of Canada, and of the United States of America, including the southern as well as the western coasts of Alaska, from the first day of November next, after the date of the exchange of ratifications of this Convention to the fifteenth day of the following February, both days inclusive, and within the same period yearly thereafter.

The International Fisheries Commission provided for by Article III is hereby empowered, subject to the approval of the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada and of the President of the United States of America, to suspend or modify the closed season provided for by this article, as to part or all of the convention waters, when it finds after investigation such changes are necessary.

It is understood that nothing contained in this convention shall prohibit the nationals or inhabitants or the fishing vessels or boats of the Dominion of Canada or of the United States of America, from fishing in the waters hereinbefore specified for other species of fish during the season when fishing for halibut in such waters is prohibited by this Convention or by any regulation adopted in pursuance of its provisions. Any halibut that may be taken incidentally when fishing for other fish during the season when fishing for halibut is prohibited under the provisions of this Convention or by any regulations adopted in pursuance of its provisions may be retained and used for food for the crew of the vessel by which they are taken. Any portion thereof not so used shall be landed and immediately turned over to the duly authorized officers of the Department of Marine and Fisheries of the Dominion of Canada or of the Department of Commerce of the United States of America. Any fish turned over to such officers in pursuance of the provisions of this article shall be sold by them to the highest bidder and the proceeds of such sale, exclusive of the necessary expenses in connection therewith, shall be paid by them into the treasuries of their respective countries.

It is further understood that nothing contained in this convention shall prohibit the International Fisheries Commission from conducting fishing operations for investigation purposes during the closed season.

### ARTICLE II

Every national or inhabitant, vessel or boat of the Dominion of Canada or of the United States of America engaged in halibut fishing in violation of the preceding article may be seized except within the jurisdiction of the other party by the duly authorized officers of either High Contracting Party and detained by the officers making such seizure and delivered as soon as practicable to an authorized official of the country to which such person, vessel or boat belongs, at the nearest point to the place of seizure, or elsewhere, as may be agreed upon. The authorities of the nation to which such person, vessel or boat belongs alone shall have jurisdiction to conduct prosecutions for the violation of the provisions of this Convention, or any regulations which may be adopted in pursuance of its provisions, and to impose penalties for such violations; and the witnesses and proofs necessary for such prosecutions, so far as such witnesses or proofs are under the

control of the other High Contracting Party, shall be furnished with all reasonable promptitude to the authorities having jurisdiction to conduct the prosecutions.

### ARTICLE III

The High Contracting Parties agree to continue under this Convention the Commission as at present constituted and known as the International Fisheries Commission established by the Convention between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America for the preservation of the halibut fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean including Bering Sea, concluded March 2, 1923, consisting of four members, two appointed by each Party, which Commission shall make such investigations as are necessary into the life history of the halibut in the convention waters and shall publish a report of its activities from time to time. Each of the High Contracting Parties shall have power to fill, and shall fill from time to time, vacancies which may occur in its representation on the Commission. Each of the High Contracting Parties shall pay the salaries and expenses of its own members, and joint expenses incurred by the Commission shall be paid by the two High Contracting Parties in equal moieties.

The High Contracting Parties agree that for the purposes of protecting and conserving the halibut fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, the International Fisheries Commission, with the approval of the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada and of the President of the United States of America may, in respect of the nationals and inhabitants and fishing vessels and boats of the Dominion of Canada and of the United States of America, from time to time,

- divide the convention waters into areas;
- limit the catch of halibut to be taken from each area;
- fix the size and character of halibut fishing appliances to be used therein;
- make such regulations for the collection of statistics of the catch of halibut including the licensing and clearance of vessels, as will enable the International Fisheries Commission to determine the condition and trend of the halibut fishing by banks and areas, as a proper basis for protecting and conserving the fishery;
- close to all halibut fishing such portion or portions of an area or areas, as the International Fisheries Commission find to be populated by small, immature halibut.

### ARTICLE IV

The High Contracting Parties agree to enact and enforce such legislation as may be necessary to make effective the provisions of this Convention and any regulation adopted thereunder, with appropriate penalties for violations thereof.

### ARTICLE V

The present Convention shall remain in force for a period of five years and thereafter until two years from the date when either of the High Contracting Parties shall give notice to the other of its desire to terminate it.

This Convention shall, from the date of the exchange of ratifications be deemed to supplant the Convention between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean including Bering Sea, concluded March 2, 1923.

### ARTICLE VI

This Convention shall be ratified in accordance with the constitutional methods of the High Contracting Parties. The ratifications shall be exchanged at Ottawa as soon as practicable, and the Convention shall come into force on the day of the exchange of ratifications.

### Delayed By Weather

Pacific Salvage Co.'s power tug Salvage Princess, Capt. Frank Tyler, which left port nearly two weeks ago for the job, has been held up by stormy weather at Lawn Hill, Queen Charlotte Islands, where she went to pick up several hundred telegraph poles for delivery here. The vessel will be back with her tow as soon as the elements moderate sufficiently to permit of it.

Capt. Paul Armour left on Wednesday of this week by steamer for the Taku River to inspect the operation of facilities which have been placed by the Taku Transportation & Trading Co. for freighting on that stream. He is expected to return to the city Monday morning. The company's vessel Tahltan, which is also to go into service on the Taku, is still here awaiting arrival of her papers before proceeding north. She was moved up from

## PALPITATION Throbbing of Heart After the "Flu"

Mrs. J. Cunningham, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., writes: "Last February I had a severe attack of influenza which left me with palpitation and throbbing of the heart. 'I felt very weak and tired so began to take



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the Pacific Salvage Co.'s floats this week to the dry dock.

The Indian Department's cruiser Naskeena is still up at the dry dock where she has been for the past two or three weeks. Suitable weather is being awaited before the painting job on the Naskeena is completed.

The provincial police power cruiser P. M. L. 8 returned to port Tuesday night of this week after a 10-day trip to the Taku River district with Inspector William Spiller and other officers on board. The officers did that section of the trip between Juneau and Tulsequah by airplane.

Georgia River Gold Mining Co.'s power cruiser Georgia River, which has been tied up here all winter, is on the Pacific Salvage Co.'s grid for copper painting on completion of which she will be sent north to the Portland Canal to resume her summer's work. A skipper has not yet been found for the vessel's trip north.

Capt. Brandy Newell was in port with the Bruce I on Wednesday after having delivered a load of 11,000 pounds of spring salmon from Hippo Island to Butedale. Capt. Brandy spent about a day in town and then went back to the islands. He reported that the fishing at Hippo Island is gradually picking up after a rather slow start in trolling operations there.

Capt. Mike Jensen of Prince Rupert has ceased halibut fishing with his boat Volunteer to take up trolling for the summer. He will operate at Langara Island on the north end of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Sale of the well known Prince Rupert halibut boat Imperceuse is announced, the vendor being Capt. Ole Baggen and the purchaser, Sig Grunfrer. The Imperceuse is a vessel of about 45 feet length and is equipped with a 20 h.p. N. and S. gas engine. It is understood that Capt. Baggen will retain command of the vessel for a few trips at least.

Louis F. Smith, well known member of the scientific staff of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station, leaves Prince Rupert tonight for Vancouver where he will be engaged for the next two months in testing of fish glues and other experimental work in the Department of the Interior's forest products laboratory at the University of British Columbia. Mr. Smith had been planning the trip for some time and was finally able to go at this time.

With the season well over three months elapsed and with a good four months yet to go, the Cape Beale is leading the Canadian halibut fleet in volume of landings at Prince Rupert, having to date brought in 119,000 pounds in four trips to the banks. Seven is the maximum number of trips that any of the Canadian boats have completed since the commencement of the year's fishing operations. Boats that have made seven trips out to the banks and back again are: Bayview, for a total of 33,500 pounds;

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Of the American fleet landing at Prince Rupert, the Trinity has tallied the heaviest fares for the season to date, bringing in 142,000 pounds in four trips. The maximum number of trips back to port for any vessel of the American fleet is seven, the only boat having landed catches this number of times up to now having been the Eureka of Tacoma with a total of 51,500 pounds.

During the week of May 7-13 inclusive, halibut landings at Prince Rupert totalled 490,600 pounds—made up of 122,400 pounds Canadian fish and 368,200 pounds American—bringing the grand total for the season to date up to 8,942,700 pounds consisting of 2,863,700 pounds Canadian and 6,079,000 pounds American.

There was little if any improvement during the week in the price situation. The high bid for Canadian halibut was 13.1c and 7c which the Signal received for 17,000 pounds and the low 10c and 6c which the D. S. T. was paid for 2,500 pounds. The top price for American fish was 15.1c and 7c which the Sherman received for 16,000 pounds and the low 10.5c and 6c which a number of boats were paid.

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