

Waterfront Whiffs

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since last fall in winter quarters at Osland, the Anglican Mission boat Northern Cross, Skipper (Rev.) W. B. Jennings, has been on the Yacht Club grid for two days for painting and overhaul preparatory to starting upon her summer's ministrations to various points along this part of the coast. If the boat could be got ready in time, it was intended to leave today for Kitkatla. As usual, the Northern Cross will make her summer headquarters at the Yacht Club floats.

Dr. R. G. Large was in port, this week with his power cruiser Sunbeam III for a brief visit, arriving on Tuesday afternoon and going out again on Wednesday morning.

Not Back Yet

On Thursday afternoon, Pacific Salvage Co.'s power tug Salvage Princess, Capt. Frank Tyler, was still not back from Craig, Alaska, where she went nearly three weeks ago with three donkey engines from Buckley Bay. Capt. Tyler advised headquarters here on Tuesday that he was leaving Craig but bad weather, it was supposed, held him up.

On Wednesday of this week, Pacific Salvage Co.'s power tug Red Boy brought over from Digby Island, where she had been in winter quarters, the snagboat Bobolink which went into dry dock where she will be put into shape preparatory to starting her season's work on the Skeena and Naas Rivers. Nothing further has been heard about the new boat which is supposed to be built soon to take the place of the Bobolink which, after years of yeoman service, has now about outlived her usefulness.

During the year just past 3,116 fur seals were killed by Indians in British Columbia, an increase of slightly more than 1,000 over the number taken in 1928. Under the Pelagic Sealing Treaty none but Indians are permitted to kill fur seals. In 1929 fur seals to the number of 2,248 were taken in Fisheries District No. 3, which includes Vancouver Island and part of the adjacent mainland. In District No. 2, which includes that part of British Columbia to the north of District No. 3, the Indians captured 888 seals. No fur seals are taken in District No. 1. Hunting was best in the vicinity of Bonilla Island, in District No. 2, where 630 seals were taken last year.

Built Trolling Boat

After two years' work, Alex Wylie, carpenter at the dry dock, completed the construction of a 34-foot trolling boat at his home on Eighth Avenue near Seal Cove and had the vessel taken this week to the dockyard where it will have finishing touches put on and a 15-h.p. Palm-er engine installed. Some new features, including a novel stern, are involved in the construction of the boat, which is a sturdy and seaworthy enough looking model. The vessel will be operated this season by Billy Larkin who owns the Roy W., which he is endeavoring to dispose of.

Herring fishing and packing for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. ceased on Saturday last, the company having put up its 2,000 tons bait requirements for the year in little over a month's time. The Fredelia, Capt. Ole Skog, which has been seining at Pearl Harbor continued to fish privately and the Chief Segay and W. R. Lord were withdrawn from packing operations. Gammon & Watt's seineboat Zanardi is still harvesting the fish at Pearl Harbor for the Rupert Marine Products reduction plant.

Up to and including yesterday, a total of 750,500 pounds of halibut had been landed at Prince Rupert since the fishing season opened on March 1. Canadian boats contributed a larger percentage of this than usual, the Canadian landings amounting to a total of 326,900 pounds. American boats were responsible for 423,600 pounds. During the week of Saturday to Friday inclusive a total of 599,800 pounds was landed, 211,000 pounds being Canadian fish and 388,800 pounds American. One third of the Canadian fleet was back during this week with catches.

Prices during the week were very unsatisfactory as far as the fishermen were concerned and much lower than were expected, considering the favorable situation which it was understood existed at the opening of the season. The most of the boats will have to earn more than they did during this week if they are to make good on the season's operations. It was

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doubly disappointing that the prices should have been so low since it was specifically to avoid such a situation that the boat owners decided to delay the start of fishing until two weeks after the legal opening of the season. However, it is hoped that there may be a recovery in prices before long.

The high bid of the week for Canadian fish was 10.5c and 6c which the Cape Swain was paid for 7,500 pounds while the low Canadian bid was 8c and 5c which the Balsac and Cape Race received for catches of 5,000 pounds in each case. The week's top bid for American fish was 12.5c and 5c which the Tatoosh, Tahoma and Arctic received for catches of 22,000, 12,000 and 10,000 pounds respectively. The minimum American price was 8.5c and 5.5c which the Albatross received for 34,000 pounds.

The seasonal oolochan run is now on at Fishery Bay near the mouth of the Naas River and the Bacon Fisheries yesterday received its initial load of the muscious "candle fish," some two thousand pounds being brought in by Paul Pollard of Port Simpson. During the next few days, considerable quantities are expected to be arriving here. They are a popular fish and there is a ready market for them far afield as well as locally. Natives who fish for them, put by large stores of oolochans themselves for use throughout the year.

Questions have been asked in the House of Commons at Ottawa as to whether any vessels of 100 tons or upwards have been sold by the government or by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine since January 1, 1921. Full details as to any such sales are sought.

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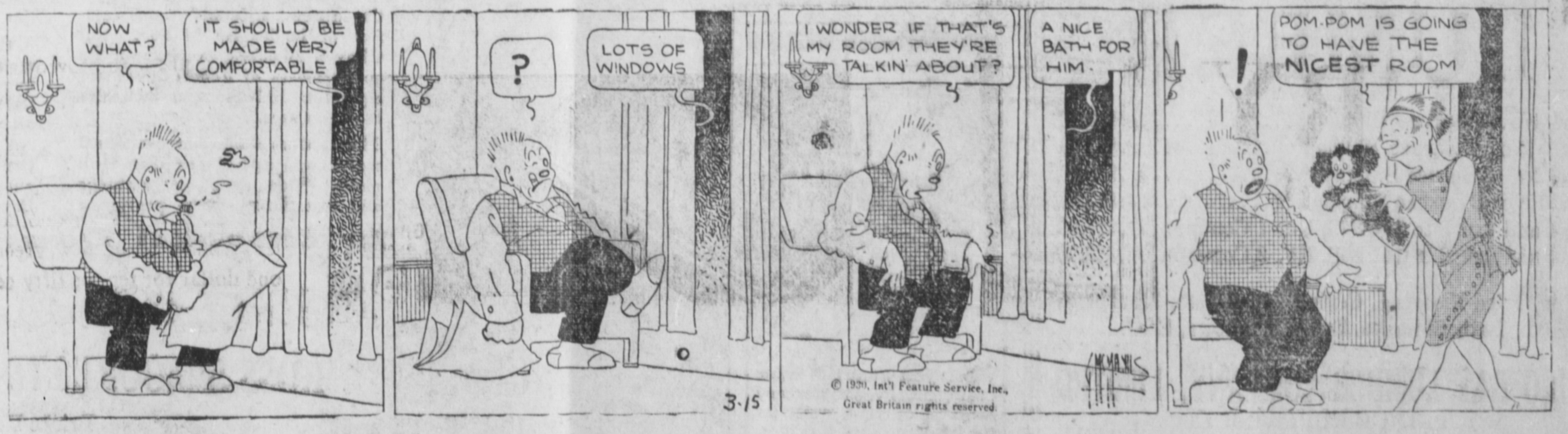
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