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Discoloration of Halibut Can Be Eliminated-Salmon Season About Ended In This District-Halibut Landings

After having labored for a year or more with the prob- boats of the Taku Transportation & lem, Robert H. Bedford of the scientific staff of the Trading Co., will return here. The Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station announces river boat Taku River and seven that he has been successful in discovering a method for skiffs are being left on the river the prevention of discoloration in halibut. The discovery soon be closed on the Taku and, is the direct result of experiments that were made during for the winter. Transportation will is the direct result of experiments that were made during even now, the water is very low. the past summer aboard the Prince Rupert halibut boat Morris H., Capt. R. Giske. Peter Black jr., who was Mr. British Columbia's canned sal-Bedford's assistant during the summer, having been in men pack for the curernt season charge. The process is simply to

immerse the fish for 30 minutes four more salmon canneries still in immediately after they are caught operation in District No. 2-South in a brine tank containing a solu- Bay and Lagoon Bay on the South tion of 25% sodium chloride (com- Queen Charlotte Islands and Namu mon table salt). Mr. Bedford an- and Bella Bella on the southern nounces that he has proven that mainland portion of the district. discoloration can in this manner be The former two plants are to close prevented not only until the fish on October 17 and the latter on year of 1926 is also revealed in the reach port but until they reach the October 10. Each of these four canmarkets because the discoloring neries is engaged in packing chums bacteria have all been killed or brought in from the seiners. With such a negligible quantity of them unfavorable weather general and a left that they canont grow until price of 10c for the fish none too the brine water is washed off the attractive, the seiners are now befish. ginning to quit operations and

After the fish have been given drift south. their 30 minutes' immersion in the With the exception of a very few solution, they can be thrown, as is around Warke Canal, all the trolordinarily done, into the fish hold, lers have also ceased operations alwhere they are stowed in ice. The though about 70 gillnetters are still process would not interfere with busy in the Skeena River taking fair

ution was made up with sea water Certainly no depletion has been inand partly ground common salt. dicated in the run of salmon that After the fish were placed in the District No. 2 enjoyed during the bath, the top was fastened down past summer. bloken and and the fish left immersed for 30 halibut was treated in this way and, as Metlakatla on Thursday with his although the greater portion of it halibut boat Livingstone 11 when was from five to 13 days old when burned out bearing made it neces t reached port, not a single fish sary for him to turn back to port showed the slightest trace of dis- Repairs were made and the Livingcoloration.

and springs.

stone was away again yesterday.

Capt. R. Gammon of Gammon &

seineboat Bertha G. which has been

Meantime, Tom Watt is sole occu-

keeper just yet so no one need ap-

Davis Rafts Adrift

adrift. On the arrival of the Re

ahead of her and taken the unruly

Pacific Salvage Co.'s power tug

By the sodium chloride treatment, the fish does not become salty nor is its taste affected.

The effect of the solution on the appearance of the fish is to lump home in Nova Scotia, is expected the slime together and remove the back about November 5. They will gloss slightly. While these are two factors that govern the rule of Gammon will probably pick up and humb method of grading at ports bring north the Gammon & Watt f sale, they play no part in the udging of the quality of halibut at interior points, such as the large West Coast of Vancouver Island. cities of the east, where the greatest portion of the halibut is sold. Shipments made of treated fish luring the past summer to Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg were dehousekeeping such a fine job after clared satisfactory and accepted, without question, as fresh fish. Tom is in the market for a house-

"It is obvious then," declared Mr. Bedford, "that the discrimination ply, against the treated halibut by the graders on account of the slight lack of gloss and slime is not justifiable and is merely the reflection Red Boy was called to Captain's as old as 17 days, at an American port as well as smaller quantities in Boy at Captain's Cove, she found Prince Rupert, where the cargoes that the Cape Scott had got there of catches to be landed by indiviwere passed by the graders as untreated fish because they were un- rafts in hand. aware of any treatment having been accorded them."

This treatment enables halibut Pride of the West, with party of to be kept much longer in the fresh several commercial travellers on condition because the bacteria, one board, spent a few days here this important factor that causes it to week en route north. The vess go bad, are nearly all killed and was tied up at the floats of the Pathose that survive the treatment cific Salvage Co. take a long time to grow and in-

crease. The investigation is being con- of the Pacific Salvage Co.'s local tinued. It is desired to know wher fleet will be through on October 20 ther the strength of the sodium with a three months' pilchard packchloride solution and the time the ing charter on the West Coast of halibut are in the bath can both be Vancouver Island but it is not cerreduced, and whether by reducing tain as yet whether she will return the temperature of the brine bath here immediately or spend a while by storing the sodium chloride so- in the south. lution in the hold along with the

Salmon Season Ending

was the first time in several months that a shipment of these logs had been taken from here and it will probably be the last for a time as the veneer mill at New Westminster, it is reported, is about to close

Tomorrow afternoon aboard the steamer Princess Louise, two men, which have been spending the summer on the Taku River operating

reached a record-breaking total of 1.813.604 cases, according to latest figures compiled by the department of marine and fisheries. This total is more than double the 1929 pack for the corresponding period, which amounted to 940,362 cases. A gain of 275,636 over the previous record statement. The central area of District 2 continued to yield the heavjest pack, with a total of 455,764 cases. Next is Skeena River with 427.143 cases. Other districts totals are: District 1 (Fraser), 202,913; District 2 (Naas River), 108,847; Rivers Inlet, 119,229; Smiths Inlet, 55.550; Queen Charlotte Islands, 236,836; and District 3, 207,332.

Halibut Landings

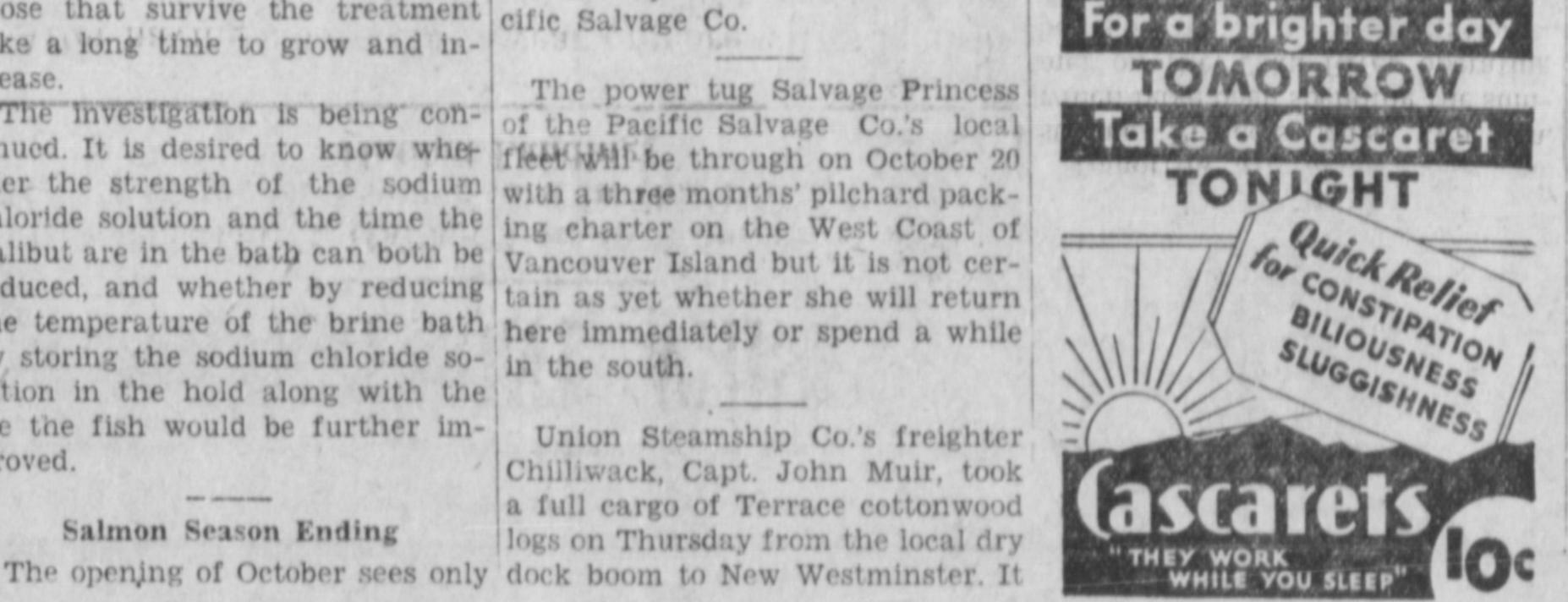
Halibut landings at the port of fishing operations as now carried catches of coho which are being Prince Rubert for the week of Sepon and the necessary mechanism disposed of to the Canadian Fish & tember 27-October 3 inclusive tocan be readily installed on a boat Cold Storage Co. The price for coho talling 510,900 pounds, of which already in operation and even is now 35c a fish. more readily upon a new boat as it. The spawning beds and creeks and 92,000 pounds Canadian, is being built. are now reported to be full of pinks. brought in 195,000 pounds in six The sodium chloride solution, Indeed, there has been a better es- for the season to date up to 20,302,while killing the bacteria, has also capement of all kinds of salmon to 200 pounds made up of 14,481,700 been found to be not injurious to the spawning grounds this year pounds American halibut and 5,the flesh of the fish. The fish, hav- than has been marked for many 820,500 pounds Canadian. During ing been treated with the solution, years past. Barring freshets and the week, prices fluctuated a great lose most of their bacteria and, if such natural causes, the good es- deal from average to very high levsufficient is applied, there is also capement of fish to the spawning els. The high bid of the week for a tendency to kill the bacteria in grounds this season should augur Canadian fish was 19.8c and 5c the ice in which the fish is stowed well for the next cycle year-two which the Cape Swain received for Thus the necessity of disinfecting years from now in the case of pinks 7,000 pounds and the low 8c and 4c the ice is eliminated, bonugs of and from four to six years for sock- paid the Takla for 19,000 pounds. The apparatus used in this sum eye, chum, coho and springs. The highest price of the week, and ner's experiments consisted of a The great improvement in fish- of the entire season for that matwooden tank fixed to the deck close ing during the past year is attri- ter, for American fish was 22c and to the hold. The tank was equipped buted by many to the sane conser- 3c which the Teddy J. was paid for with pipes and pumps in order that vation regulations which have been 10,000 pounds while the lowest Amhe solution might flow in or be operated by the fisheries depart- erican bid was 8c and 4c received by trawn off. The sodium chloride so- ment during the past several years. the Northern for 40,000 pounds.

> Up to September 26, the Takla, Capt. Chris Parkvold, was leading Preliminary steps are being taken the Canadian halibut fleet operat- looking to the formation of a hortiof fish landed this season, having ly signed list of those willing to join trips. The Prosperity A., with 172,000 future, a meeting will be called to pounds in 13 trips, was second and elect officers, draft a constitution the Kaien, with 154,000 pounds in and lay out plans for future work. return via Vancouver and Capt. (14 trips); Embla, 132,500 pounds grown in the city. (nine trips); Livingstone II, 127,500 | Already the improvement of garpounds (13 trips); Cape Beale, 119,- dens has been such as to draw fa-| 000 pounds (four trips); Edward vorable comment from many visi- CORNED BEEF-1's engaged in pilchard packing on the Lipsett, 119,000 pounds (14 trips); tors. The city lends itself to beau-Relief, 118,000 pounds (12 trips); tification more than most cities QUICK DINNER-Johanna, 116,000 pounds (11 trips); through the irregularity of contour pant of the family dwelling on Fifth Viking I, 109,000 pounds (14 trips); and the large number of pictur-

Fourteen trips was the greatest number that had been made by any all. This does not mean though that of the Canadian boats and making that number are all included in the list of boats that landed over 100,000 pounds.

Of the American fleet, the Eagle had made the heaviest landings of halibut at Prince Rupert, having Like of personal bias. This has recently Cove on Tuesday by the report that been forcibly demonstrated by the two Davis rafts from the Queen 221,000 pounds in seven trips; the Cuff Links been forcibly demonstrated by the two Davis rafts from the Queen 221,000 pounds in seven trips; the Charlotte Islands, anchored there, Portlock, third, with 218,000 pounds 000 pounds of treated halibut, some had dragged their anchors and gone in seven trips, and the Celtic, fourth with 213,000 pounds in six trips.

> dual American boats. Boats which had brought this number of catches to Prince Rupert were: Alki, The Vancouver power cruiser 77.600 pounds; Eastern Point, 45,pounds; Reliance, 118,500 pounds; Wabash, 64,700 pounds.



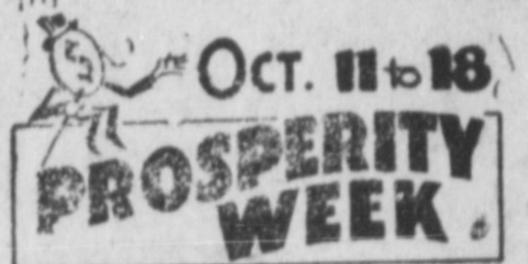
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the Canadian halibut fleet operat- looking to the formation of a hortininutes. About 20,000 pounds of Capt. Tony Martinson got as far ing out of Prince Rupert for volume cultural society in the city. A largebriught in 195,000 pounds in six has been secured and, in the near

13 trips was third. Others which had The idea seems to be to encourlanded over 100,000 pounds were: age the improvement of local gar-Covenant, 143,000 pounds nine dens and generally to advance the We have what you not trips); Tramp, 142,500 pounds (14 movement for the growing of flow-Watt, who left with Mrs. Gammon trips); Melville, 141,000 pounds (12 ers in the city. One means of doing last week for a visit to his native trips); Oslo, 135,000 pounds (13 this will be by inducing the fair trips): P. Dorreen, 134,500 pounds board to increase the number and (14 trips); Capella, 133,500 pounds value of prizes given for flowers

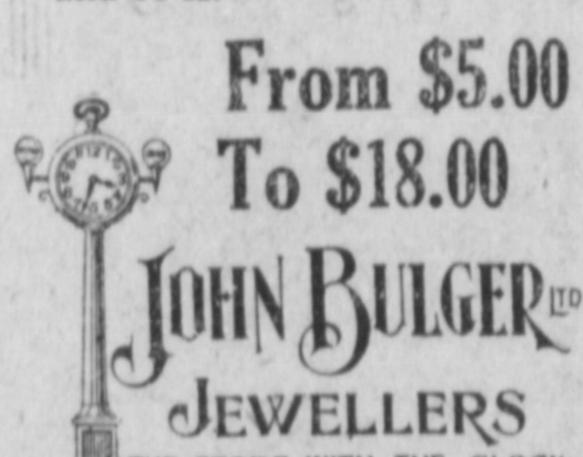
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