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## WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Large Schools of Pilchards Near Here—Sockeye Pack Compares Favorably—Halibut Landings

According to reports brought into Prince Rupert, large schools of pilchards can be seen with the naked eye just now around Allen Point and Green Top Island, a few miles from Prince Rupert harbor. The pilchards are being caught in salmon nets. The fish are of good quality for salt kipping. It is twenty-six years since pilchards have been seen in any quantity in waters adjacent to Prince Rupert, according to William Sim, Porcher Island, one of the old timers of the district.

The sockeye pack to date in practically all divisions of District No. 2, of which Prince Rupert is the headquarters, compares favorably with last year. Total pack figures are however, greatly decreased owing to the fact that the canners generally are not desirous of putting up pinks for which, in any case, it is an off cycle year. On the other hand, the sockeye pack is well up to expectations for the cycle year.

The sockeye season closed for Rivers and Smith's Inlet last night while it has not been decided whether sockeye fishing on the Skeena River and other parts of the district will end on August 14 or 21 although it is expected that it will probably be the latter date. With the closing of sockeye fishing, it is expected that no more than one or two canneries in the entire district will remain open to put up cohoes.

The sockeye pack for the Naas River up to the end of July totalled 5,123 cases as against 18,629 cases at a similar date in 1930. In connection with this, however, it is fair to note that only one cannery is operating on the Naas this year as against three in 1930, the remaining two this season operating as camps and sending their fish to the Skeena River. The total pack for the Naas River this year to date was 9,907 cases, as against 47,421 cases at a similar date in 1930.

On the Skeena River to date this season the sockeye pack was 84,461 cases as compared with 92,839 for the corresponding period last year. The Skeena River total was 115,942 cases as against 164,828 cases.

The central division pack up to the end of July this year had totalled 45,403 cases as against 165,453 cases at a similar date in 1930. The sockeye pack for this season stood at 20,264 cases as against 28,740 cases.

In Rivers Inlet the pack of sockeye is 64,336 cases this season as against 98,283 cases last season while the 1931 sockeye pack in Smith's Inlet is 12,732 cases as compared with 36,537 cases.

Halibut prices continued low at the port of Prince Rupert during the past week and American landings remained light, totalling 252,500 pounds whereas Canadian landings aggregated 260,500 pounds, making the total for the week 513,000 pounds. The high price of the week for Canadian fish was 7.3c and 3c which the Livingstone was paid for 8,000 and the low price was 5.1c and 2.5c which the Cape Beale received for 39,000 pounds. The high American price of the week was 9.1c and 4c which the Inger and Defense received for catches of 6,500 and 14,000 pounds respectively. The low bid for American fish was 5.9c and 3c which the Alten accepted for 40,000 pounds.

**Public Sessions Here**  
 The International Fisheries Commission will hold a public hearing in Prince Rupert in November at which discussion will be invited on the closing of nursery halibut areas, limitation of catches in certain depleted areas, the duration of the close season, the clearance of vessels and such other matters as may be brought up by anyone interested in the industry. The members of the commission are John P. Babcock, chairman, Miller Freeman and W. A. Found. Similar sessions will be

held by the commission at Ketchikan and Seattle. It has also been announced that Dr. William F. Thompson, director of investigation under the International Fisheries Commission, will give a number of lectures for the people in the industry, explaining investigations that have been made and conclusions reached.

The schooner Dorothy, under charter to the International Fisheries Commission for research work, has been endeavoring to net eggs and larvae of halibut in Hecate Straits for scientific investigation purposes.

**Salmon Moving**  
 The bulk of the 1930 salmon pack, with the exception of pinks of which a large quantity still remain unsold, has now been marketed at fluctuating prices, an official statement says. A small pink pack is being made by most of the canners this season with a view to equalizing conditions. The sockeye market is strong and there should be no difficulty for the canners to dispose of this variety at a profit. There is also a good market for first class cohoes with a brisk demand for chums. Canning operations will conclude in practically all canneries this month and, from all indications, there will not be an over-supply for next year of any variety of canned salmon. Next year a distinct flip may be expected in the industry with the B. C. Packers probably getting back into operation again on a more normal scale.

Alfred Dyb, halibut fisherman, who suffered a broken back when the halibut boat Sea Bird was caught and disabled in enormous seas during the tragic latter days of the 1929 fishing season, died recently at the marine hospital in Port Townsend, Wash., where he had been confined since the injury which was sustained when the pilot house was swept from the Sea Bird.

John E. Berg, manager of the Marilyn Fish Co. at Ketchikan and president of the National Bank there, still believes that the solution of the halibut fishermen's marketing problem lies in a single sales company such as the United Pacific Fisheries endeavored to set up on the coast this spring.

The well known American halibut boat Franklin, having been withdrawn from halibut fishing in June, has since been engaged in salmon seining on Puget Sound. Capt. Carl Sather and his partner, Chris Nelson, recently purchased the third interest of their former partner, A. Nelson, in the vessel and are now her sole owners.

**New Engine Installed**  
 Capt. Martin Jacobsen has a new engine this summer in his well known halibut schooner Addington, having replaced a 80 h.p. engine with a 75 h.p. Atlas-Imperial diesel.

There have been fewer gasoline powered boats fishing for salmon on the Skeena River this season than last when 472 were licensed. The year before that there were 263 gasboat licences.

Installation has just about been completed of a 12-14 Regal engine in Harry Scott's power cruiser Lila in place of an 8-10 h.p. Palmer. Harry was not after more speed but rather power. As soon as the installation has been completed, he will leave on a timber cruising trip down the coast.

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## VISIT TO MONTREAL

Rev. T. H. Wright Crosses Atlantic After Interesting Stay in Canada's Largest City

A letter was received at the Daily News office today from Rev. T. H. Wright, former United Church pastor at Hazelton, written on board the steamer Athenia on which Mr. and Mrs. Wright were sailing to the Old Country after a visit of interest in Montreal.

During his stay in Montreal, Mr. Wright made his headquarters with his brother, A. M. Wright of Verdun, Quebec, and while there he baptized two children of his niece. He also attended two lectures at the summer school held in Macdonald College, the chairman of the school being Prof. Gifford, formerly of Columbia College, New Westminster. Another incident of Mr. Wright's visit in Montreal was an interview with Sir Arthur Currie, president of McGill University, who gave him a fine letter of introduction in case he should visit France. The letter of introduction read as follows:

"I am giving this letter of introduction to Rev. T. H. Wright, whom I have known for the past thirty-seven years. In fact, when I first went to British Columbia in 1894, I lived in Sidney where he was minister of the Methodist Church. He has had a long and honorable career in the work of that church and is now on a year's leave-of-absence. His son served with us and was, unfortunately, killed August 12, 1918, at Amiens."

Continuing his letter, Mr. Wright said that Montreal seemed to be very busy. The chief activity was the building of a large bridge and also a tunnel under the Canal. He had a very pleasant stay of five days in the great industrial city.

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## NORTHERN B. C. NEWS

### SMITHERS

Splendid headway is being made on the reconstruction of the old road to Babine Lake from Smithers. Twenty men are employed on the work at present with Hugh McLean of Telkwa foreman in charge.

The Elks' Lodge of Smithers staged their annual Flag Day at Lake Kathryn on Thursday of this week and it was a memorable occasion for kiddies from all parts of this district who were in attendance. After a flag parade down Main Street, the children were taken in cars to the lake where there was an interesting program of races and water sports to say nothing of an abundance of childishly delectable refreshments.

It is expected there will be sixty pupils enrolled in the local High School next term. Miss Agnes McLernen of Victoria, a graduate of the University of Glasgow and University of British Columbia, has been appointed to the local High School staff and will teach French and mathematics.

A new two-storey home is being built on First Avenue West for J. M. Collison. As soon as the building is completed, Mr. and Mrs. Collison and family will take up residence therein.

The beautiful flower garden at the Canadian National Railways station here is attracting favorable comment from tourists. It is a great credit to local officials of the railway.

### SKIDEGATE

D. and L. DeBois, American bankers of DuBois, Philadelphia, who have been making a long visit on the Queen Charlotte Islands looking over the timber and mining possibilities, left this week for New York via Prince Rupert. They planned to make a short stay in Prince Rupert, visiting B. J. Bacon of the Bacon Fisheries. They are very much interested in Mr. Bacon's plans for a fishing plant on Skidegate Inlet and have looked over property there which is owned by Mr. Bacon and others. They were very much impressed with everything they saw.

Bears are very numerous and are to be seen almost anywhere on the Queen Charlotte Islands these days. In fact, they are becoming quite a nuisance.

R. G. McKenzie of Queen Charlotte City has built several bathing houses at the beautiful ocean beach at Lawn Hill. The new facilities are very much appreciated by the public.

The beautiful home of Capt. J. B. Gillatt at Sandspit is a veritable blaze of color just now with many beautiful flowers. Capt. Gillatt has certainly displayed what can be done along this line on the Queen Charlotte Islands. The place is close to the wharf and tourists aboard the steamer Prince John are given ample time to go along and feast their eyes on the colorful scene of the gardens.

### PRINCE GEORGE

Harry Bowman colonization agent of the Canadian National Railways, and W. H. Tobey, divisional superintendent, Prince Rupert, paid a visit last week to Shell Lake near where it is announced that a colony will be started by settlers from Youngstown, Ohio. So far three families have arrived but there will be many more.

Lyman Miller and Jack Lestin have launched a new boat which was built by F. E. Wedermeyer and which will be used largely for hunting expeditions. The boat is thirty-feet long with beam of eight feet and is equipped with 70 h.p. Studebaker six-cylinder motor. It is expected that the boat will be able to breast the Nechako River and turn up a speed of fifteen miles per hour.

The funeral took place here on Wednesday afternoon with Masonic rites of Dr. D. B. Lazier of Fraser Lake. The ritualistic rites were performed by Thomson Ogg, worshipful master of Nechako Lodge A.P. & A.M., with the assistance of his officers. Dr. Lazier was the first medical practitioner to establish in this district, having first located at South Fort George where he remained until he went overseas for service in the Great War. He had been in falling health for some time.

In pursuance of its policy of cutting expenses, the C.N.R. is making reductions in staff at all divisional points. So far seven men have been dropped from the payroll at Prince Rupert and four here. The local men affected are G. D. Fraser, blacksmith; Frank Payne, blacksmith's helper; William McCarthy, machinist, and Frank Wade, carman.

The Hazelton baseball team, which is making a tour of the interior, played here on Tuesday night and defeated the locals by a score of 6 to nothing.

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