Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Cloudy, moderate southwest winds; barometer, 29.86; sea smooth.

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Tomorrow's Tides

Sunday, June 14, 1931

High	12:36 p.m.	17:3 ft.
Low	6:27 a.m.	3:9 ft.
	18:10 p.m.	8:6 ft.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

FISHERMEN AT MASS MEETING TAKE STEPS TO BETTER LOT

Subsidy on Canadian Halibut and Salmon Is To Be Requested

Gasoline to Be Purchased From One Company With View to Bringing About Price War—Many Other Matters of Importance Discussed

Many matters of interest and importance to the fishing industry were discussed at a mass meeting of several hundred salmon and halibut fishermen and boat owners in the Moose Hall last night and several resolutions were passed among the more important of which was one asking the federal government to grant a bonus of at least 2c per pound on Canadian halibut and salmon to assist it in competing on the United States market with the American product, another urging all fishermen and others using gasoline to purchase all their fuel from one company, preferably the Union Oil Co., with a view to bringing about competition among the fuel vendors and, consequently, lower prices, another pledging the support of all present at the meeting to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association in its efforts to supply gear at more moderate prices and still another requesting the federal government to raise the embargo on exportation of raw sockeye. Incidentally, the meeting also passed another resolution urging upon the federal and provincial governments the necessity of embarking upon some national undertaking of public works in the way of highway or railway construction with a view to relieving the serious unemployment situation.

Norman Presiding

The mass meeting was presided over by Gustave Norman, president of the Northern British Columbia Salmon Fishermen's Association, and J. M. Morrison, agent of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, was pressed into service as secretary of the meeting. The attendance consisted practically entirely of fishermen and boat owners. Leaders in the discussion at the meeting were Mike Anderson and Charles Lord, both of whom spoke on numerous occasions.

In connection with the resolution asking for a subsidy of at least 2c per pound on fish, it was declared that the salmon fishermen could not meet expenses and make a living with a price of 8c and 4c. The least that they could subsist on was 10c and 8c. Likewise, the halibut fishermen could not carry on with such prices as 6c and 3c. The view was expressed that, if the farmers were entitled to a bonus on wheat, the fishermen were equally entitled to a bonus on fish.

Price of Gasoline

The resolution urging all consumers of gasoline to purchase their fuel from one company replaced a proposed resolution to the effect that, whereas gasoline was being sold in Prince Rupert at some six cents higher than was justifiable, steps be taken to organize the importation of gasoline from Ketchikan or some other outside point so as to disorganize the solidarity which was instrumental in holding up the price at its present levels. After some discussion, it was decided that it would be more effectual to attempt to bring about competition by dealing exclusively with one oil company. In connection with the proposal to import gasoline, it was pointed out that organization of such shipments might be very costly and, in addition, a dumping duty might be imposed. The Union Oil was favored to deal with since

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FINANCE REFORM

Important New Measures Provided For in Premier's Notice of Motion

OTTAWA, June 13:—Reform in the financial administration of the government, appointment of a comptroller of the treasury, wider supervision of all expenditures and the taking over of the Royal Mint are all provided for in legislation of which notice was given yesterday by Premier R. B. Bennett.

Police Post at Telegraph Creek

Inspector Sandys-Wunsch and Sgt. Brice With Other Officers Go North

On the way to Telegraph Creek where they will open a summer post of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Inspector Sandys-Wunsch with Sergeant Thomas Brice, Corp. Harvey and Constable Ball, was a passenger aboard the steamer Prince Henry today bound north.

Sergeant Brice was formerly stationed in Prince Rupert but has been in Vancouver for the past few years.

DIED FROM GAS LEAK

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watt of Vancouver Are Asphyxiated

VANCOUVER, June 13:—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watt of East Fiftieth Avenue died yesterday from asphyxiation, having inhaled gas from a leaky jet. Four hours' inhalator treatment failed to revive them.

Halibut Sales

AMERICAN

Arctic, 18,000, 6.3c and 3c, going to Ketchikan.

Nordic, 28,000, Royal Fish Co., 7.3c and 3c.

Alki, 10,000, 6.5c and 3c going to Ketchikan.

CANADIAN

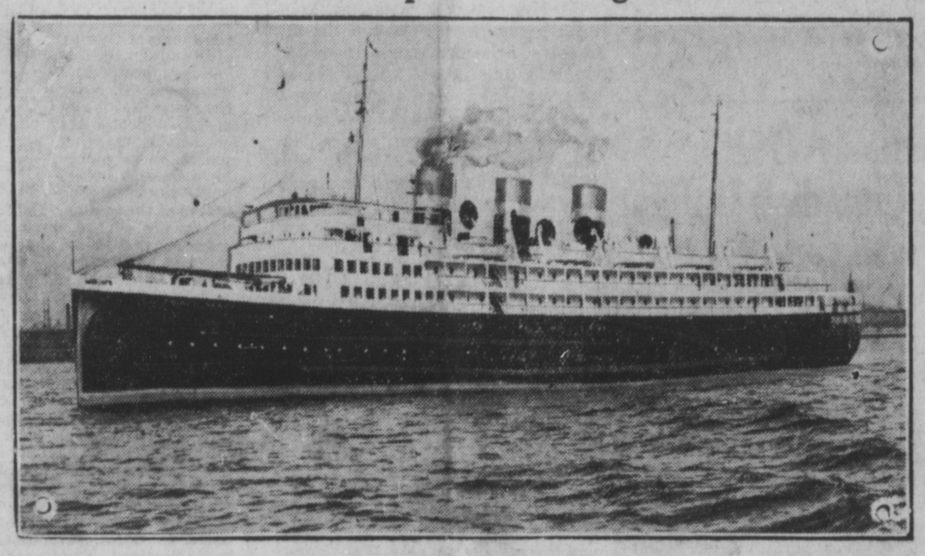
Tootie, 14,000, Atlin, 6.6c and 3c.

Unome, 6,500, Storage, 6.5c and 3c.

J. R., 6,500, Cold Storage, 6.5c and 3c.

Morris H. 8,500, Cold Storage, 6.5c and 3c.

Palatial Ship is Here Again



SS. Prince Henry in port today on first trip of season to Alaska waters.

EXPORT OF LOGS HERE

Vancouver Sun Urges That Local Request To Be Allowed to Ship Manufactured Product Be Met

"People or Logs"

Would Help Revive Stagnant Industries, It Is Declared

Prince Rupert people have applied to the Provincial Government for permission to export manufactured logs, says the Vancouver Sun in an editorial headed "People or Logs." This request should be granted at once.

The Vancouver Sun has always favored the policy of conserving British Columbia's natural resources by due restrictions against the export of unmanufactured logs. But when it comes to a question of conserving British Columbia logs or conserving British Columbia citizens, the government must give first consideration to the citizens. That is the situation today in the Rupert area.

The staple industries are stagnant. There is little or no market for fish and the price is below cost. There was a crop failure in the interior last season. The C.N.R. now creosotes its ties and the demand for this class of lumber, once a standby of the settlers, has been cut to the vanishing point.

Something has to be done or the

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BIG BOAT WAS HERE

Dorothy Alexander Institutes Regular Calls During Summer Months

On the first of a series of regular calls which will be made here during the summer tourist season, the big Admiral Line steamer Dorothy Alexander, southbound from Skagway to Seattle, arrived in port at 7 o'clock this morning and remained until 10 o'clock. There was a large list of tourist passengers on board and these were much in evidence about the town during the stay of the big ship. They patronized local curio shops quite freely.

The Dorothy Alexander will call here southbound about every ten days during the summer.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CANNED SALMON IS GIVEN BAD BLOW

VANCOUVER, June 13:—British Columbia's canned salmon trade with France is seriously threatened as a result of a bill introduced in the French Chamber of Deputies which would double the duty on this commodity, according to advices received by the canned salmon section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

MANY BOATS STOP WORK

Only One Single Craft Was Fishing At Port Essington Yesterday

Word was received from Port Essington today to the effect that, with the exception of one single boat, all salmon fishermen at Port Essington, both gillnetters and trollers, were on "strike" yesterday. In the effort to bring about an improvement in prices for fish, the fishermen are ceasing fishing operations which, in any case, they state, are not profitable under the present prices.

The B. A. Cannery has closed down owing to the failure of supply of fish.

EDMONTON TROUBLE

Outbreaks of Unemployed Feared So Militia is Sent to City

CALGARY, June 13:—A detachment of fifty men of the Lord Strathcona Horse left here last night for Edmonton as a precaution against serious disturbance by unemployed. Premier J. E. Bownlee had conferred with Mayor Douglas of Edmonton earlier in the day and information here said that both feared outbreaks by unemployed under the influence of communistic elements.

EDMONTON, June 13:—Fifty members of the Strathcona Horse from Calgary detrained here this morning ready to suppress any demonstrations by unemployed of Edmonton. Premier Brownlee said that the presence of the troops was merely a precautionary measure.

HANSON IS BUSY

Local Member Active in Connection With Halibut Request

Olof Hanson M.P. for Skeena, wires to the chamber of commerce that he has had several interviews with the department and has been informed by the minister of fisheries that he is in touch with the American authorities in regard to the matter of holding back halibut fishing vessels in order to lessen the production on this coast. He expects to be able to make an announcement in regard to it within a day or two.

Mr. Hanson states that he is following the matter up and doing everything possible in line with the wishes of the Prince Rupert fishermen.

OPTIMISTIC FOR RUPERT

Yesterday afternoon Colonel J. C. Brown, Pacific Coast Manager of Canadian National Steamships, and B. J. Chappell General Superintendent of Canadian National Railways for British Columbia, met the members of the city council and the council of the Chamber of Commerce in the city hall, the chief matter for discussion being the increasing of the usefulness of the drydock.

Complaint was made that the drydock was not used as much as it should be by the railway company for their own boats. This Colonel Brown promised to look into and rectify if possible.

The Colonel spoke of the splendid welcome he had received and at his pleasure in meeting the people of the city. It was the first time he had visited the Pacific coast north of Vancouver. He spoke optimistically of the tourist business which he expected would be as good or better than last year.

Mr. Chappell spoke of an order of 45 carloads of poles that had been received for transportation over the railway and of the probable establishment of a new industry in the city which it was expected would employ from 60 to 65 people. This should help out the local situation and he was very hopeful of work going ahead at once.

Mayor and Aldermen of Alberta Town to Take Trial in Higher Court

Are Alleged to Have Failed to Provide Maintenance For Unemployed in Drumheller—Relief Refused to Eleven Jobless Men

DRUMHELLER, Alta., June 13:—The whole city council of this place was committed for trial yesterday before the Alberta Supreme Court on charges of failure to provide for the maintenance of the town's unemployed. Magistrate Sanders committed five councillors, including Acting Mayor Allan Hamilton, after preliminary hearing yesterday. The action against members of the council was taken by a body of unemployed men. It is alleged that the council refused relief to eleven jobless men.

SHELLY DISCOUNTS GOLD STRIKE ON NATION RIVER

QUESNEL, June 13:—"There is nothing there to warrant people going in," declared Hon. W. C. Shelly, who arrived here yesterday after flying into the reported gold strike on Rainbow Creek, a tributary of the Nation River, north of Vanderhoof.

ESSINGTON HAS FIRE

The house of John Wesley, one of the largest residences in Port Essington, was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon in a conflagration which threatened for a while to consume the fine new school, built only last year, which stood only about ten feet distant. The fire is believed to have started in the play of three children who had been left in the house during the absence of their mother. It was only through the strenuous efforts of the employees of the B. A. cannery and citizens generally that the school was saved.

Prince Henry Here Today on Her First Voyage of Season

Making her first call of the season here, the luxurious new Canadian National steamer Prince Henry, with Capt. Harry Nedden in command, arrived in port at 10 o'clock this morning from Vancouver via Powell River and Ocean Falls and sailed at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Skagway. The Prince Henry, which is now entering her second year of service on the coast, had a goodly number of tourist passengers on board as well as quite a number of local passengers.

It was the first call of the ss. Prince Henry here this year, the vessel having been operated on the Vancouver-Victoria-Seattle service during the past winter.

Passengers on the vessel totalled about 150 of whom there was 110 going through to make the round trip to Skagway.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, June 13: — Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at 58¾c.

George A. Gaston, prominent New York financier, and Mrs. Gaston were among the passengers on board the Prince Henry today bound north to make the round trip to Skagway.

Emblem I, Well Known Local Halibut Boat Sinks After Burning Off Graham Island

While fishing off Graham Island of the Queen Charlotte group, the well known Prince Rupert halibut boat Emblem I, owned by Peter Bruno and skippered by Capt. Martin Johansen, took fire, burned to the water's edge and sank a total loss at 9:30 yesterday morning. The skipper and his crew of four men, besides himself, were picked up by the fish packer Chief Seegay of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., and all were taken safely to Massett where a telegram was dispatched by the captain to the owner in Prince Rupert announcing the casualty.

The Emblem I, which was insured, was a practically new boat, having been built at Prince Rupert only three years ago. She was 56 feet long and was equipped with a 45 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse semi-diesel engine.

Soon after word had been received here of the Emblem's plight, Capt. W. P. Armour, local manager of the Pacific Salvage Co., left by plane for the islands to ascertain if any salvage might be possible. It was hardly expected, however, that anything could be done.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Tyee Lodge A.F. and A.M. Brethern will meet at Hayner Bros. Undertaking Parlors at 2:30, Sunday, June 14, to attend funeral of Late Brother Hugh McKay.

E. B. BAKER, Secretary