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Halibut Landings Show Increase—Oolachan Run Is Now On-Salmon Outlook Not Bright

With many Canadian boats landing their first catches of the season, halibut landings at Prince Rupert for the past week totalled 279,800 pounds. This was still a good deal lower than normal as there was only 45,000 pounds of American fish landed during the week. Total landings for the season up to and including yesterday amounted to only 457,840 pounds as against 1,656,200 pounds at a simi-the reaction. lar date last year.

In view of the fact that the United Pacific Fisheries, which so far has handled all the far has been landed at the of Canada, at Ottawa. Judgment port of Prince Rupert, is paying 10c was reserved. The vessels Queen Packing Co. Ltd. have been moved CHARLES TO halibut in Ketchikan, doubts are seized off the Queen Charlotte his headquarters. The change has

than they would at Ketchikan.

boat's share. A few weeks will have tress on account of bad weather. business. to elapse before it can be ascer- Against this the captain of the patained just what effect the new trol launch stated in the cases of Differences between fish buyers. The schedule of the Prince fishermen will have some idea vessels. whether or not they are better off

While no definite announcement which so much store has been put under way. was made after that conference, up by the Indians ever since the the meeting was seen by some as a very early days of their history. The American halibut boat Sitka, mer system.

was able to resume his duties this is on. week. He is still, however, feeling a bit shaky.

Columbia of four foreign vessels by ket the fishing industry in British Fisheries. the Canadian fisheries patrol is the Columbia will enter upon 1931 opment was concluded a few days ago brous outlook. It was hardly to be organization of the B. C. Fisherin appeal before the Supreme Court expected that this industry, with men's Protective Association will be

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remain closed over this season, with confronted with the necessity of tion's work. selling his catch at a big price cut over last year.

otherwise deplorable situation that the industry has awakened to

Offices Moved Over

and 7c, the same down price as is City, Tillie and Sunrise, registered from Everett, Wash., to Vancouver, being paid in Prince Rupert , for in the State of Washington, were where J. J. Petrich will now make expressed as to whether much Am- Islands on June 18, 1930, while the been made to facilitate the conduct erican halibut will come into Prince vessel May, registered in Alaska, of the companies pusiness, practi- C. N. R. steamer Prince Charles, Rupert at all under the present ar- was seized a few days earlier. The cally all phases of which centre on which has been tied up at the local rangement. Certainly there would boats were taken into custody un- the Canadan side. The Nootka dry dock for the winter, will be reseem to be no good reason for the der provisions of customs and fish- Parking Co produces canned sal- commissioned in service between American boats to bring their cat- eries protection act which prohibits mon, pilchards, fish oil and meal here and Vancouver from here on ches on here to receive no more fishing vessels of foreign registry to on the west coast of Vancouver Sunday, April 5, when she sails at enter within three miles of the Ca- Island while the Langara Co. spe- 1 p.m. for Vancouver, it is an-Of course, the Seattle fleet has nadian shore unless driven in by cializes in canning clams and sal- nounced. With the Charles back in only just got to work following the stormy weather or the necessity of mon on Massett Inlet. Mr. Petrich service, there will again be a bisettlement of the dispute between making repairs. Captains of the is at present on a trip to the Queen weekly service for the spring beboat owners and fishermen as to seized boats claim they were in dis- Charlotte Islands on company tween Prince Rupert and Vancou-

before returns are available on ship- easily have anchored outside the sisted that fish weighing over 60 p.m. for Stewart, returning here on couver direct. ments of fish that have been al- limit. The admiralty judge in Vic- pounds should be classed as second ready made co-operatively so the toria decided against the fishing grade, the fishermen have turned to the British Columbia Fisheries Cooperative Association to take their under the new marketing scheme. The annual run of oolachans is catches. The Association is taking Probably the most important de- now on at the mouth of the Naas steps to instal the necessary facilvelopment in the situation during River and, as usual, many Indians ities at Vancouver to properly hanthe week was a conference between from the Naas River villages are dle the situation. Erection of extra the old fish buyers and boat own- around Fishery Bay taking the buildings and installation of a coolers on the matter of marketing. harvest of these peculiar fish by ing and cold storage plant are now

possible first step toward the re- While the most of the oolachans formerly owned by the Canadian sumption of competitive fish buy- that are taken are put up by the Fish & Cold Storage Co. of Prince ing at Prince Rupert under the for- Indians for their own food, there Rupert, will not fish halibut this are the usual few boatloads coming year but will act as a tender for a into town and the popular "candle fleet of small Juneau boats. The After having been tied up for a fish" have been finding ready local Sitka was here last week with 100,couple of weeks with the flu and sale. The oolachan run only lasts a 000 pounds of halibut but did not complications, George Smith, whar- few weeks and there is always great remain, going on to Seattle with the finger at the Government wharf, activity among the Indians while it load. This was the second load of halibut the Sitka had delivered to Seattle this year, the first having Faced with the likelihood of a been 95,000 pounds a couple of large carry-over from last year's weeks previous. Both loads were Seizure off the coast of British pack, owing to a demoralized mar- disposed of to the United Pacific

ubject of a case on which argu- erations with a more or less tene- It is hinted that a complete reits abnormally large pack, could undertaken next month. It is proescape the world trade debacle, and posed to have one big union, where

ome through unscathed. And can-

ner and fishermen alike will be

forced to face the inevitable lean

It is quite apparent that the keen

and intensive competition challeng-

ing for the world markets now met

with, will be materially increased

in the future compelling the indus-

by adopting a more economic plan

prehensive and intelligent market-

It is no secret that some of the

difficulties confronting the indus-

try today is past extravagant and

wasteful operating methods, fos-

tered by the cocksuredness of find-

ing a ready market at top prices.

Failing to anticipate the coming

slump and sell when it might have

been possible at a fair price, has

obviously resulted in a free-for-all

scramble to unload now at ruinous

Under existing circumstances;

therefore, it is imperative that 1931

will witness a much curtailed can-

ned salmon pack, in the hope that

the demand will overtake the sup-

ply on hand, thereby clearing the

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siderable number of canneries will all branches of fishermen, seiners, trollers and gill-netters will meet on a consequent diminished payroll, common ground, with a paid secreand the fishermen will no doubt be tary to take care of the organiza-

The power tug Salvage Princess, The one redeeming feature in an Capt. Frank Tyler, ordinarily stationed here in the service of the Pacific Salvage Co. but for the past the necessity and possibility of few months operating out of Vancreating a greater demand in the couver returned to Vancouver this home market for its product, by week after having successfully refocusing public attention on the floated the Pacific Mills tugboat many advantages of a more gen- John M. which drove ashore on a erous canned salmon bill-of-fare, reef near Ocean Falls on March 17. attractively set forth by that mo- the Princess being dispatched dern business stimulator-advertis- shortly afterwards to get her off. ing. It will be interesting to watch Damage to the John M., which is 38 feet long and was built in 1920 is estimated at \$3,000.

GO ON RUN

ver, the Prince George continuing on her present schedule.

marketing arrangement will have Queen City, Tillie and Sunrise the and fishermen at Vancouver over Charles will call for her to arrive upon the volume of landings at this weather was calm and that in the the cull have also arisen this sea- here at 10:30 Saturday mornings Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and port. It should not be long, either, case of the May the vessel could as son. The major buyers having in- from Vancouver direct, sail at 4 sailing at 10 p.m. Sundays for Van-

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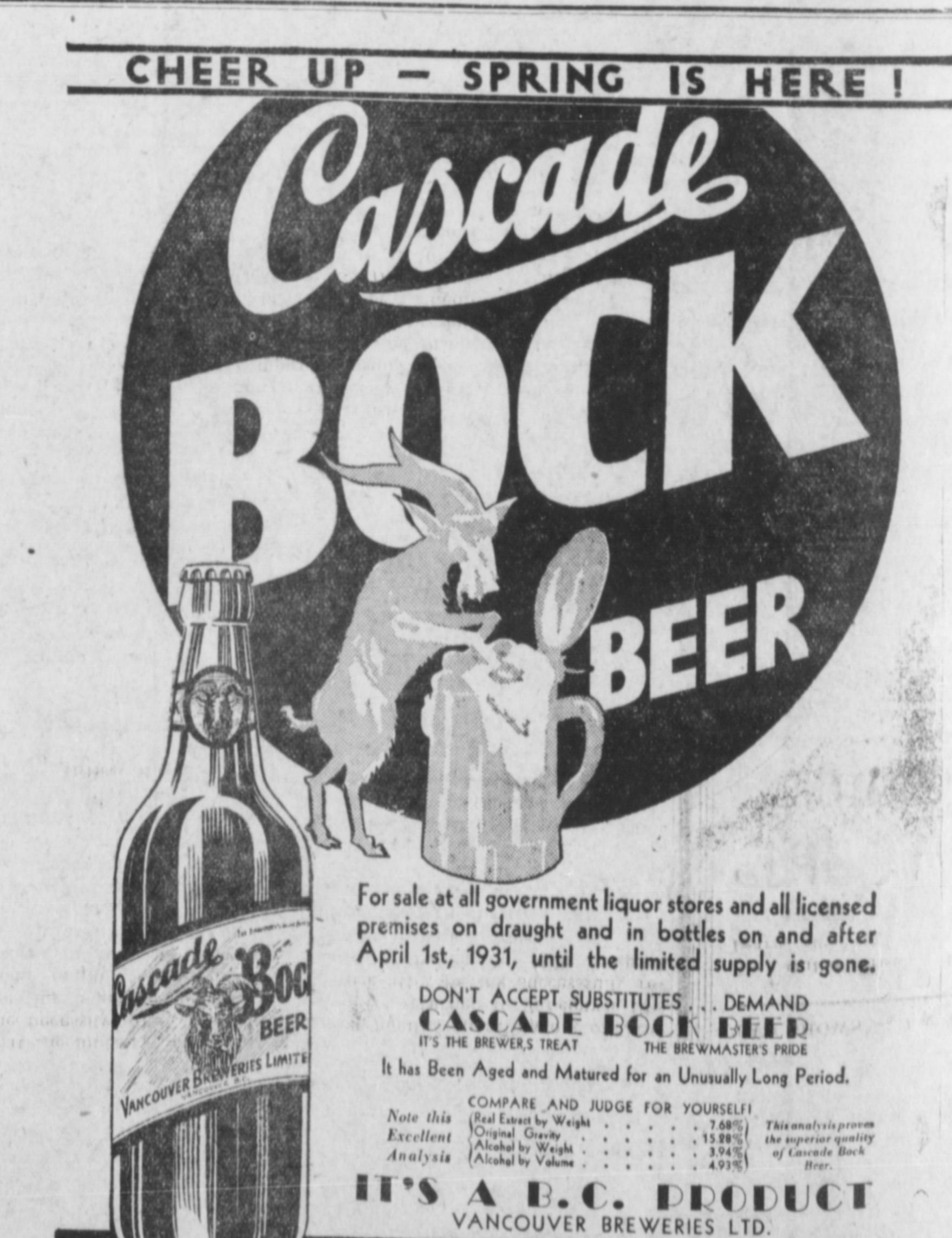
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