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T. N. LePage Takes Place of J. E. Clayton Who Goes to Vancouver Office

T. N. LePage has just arrived in the city to take over the management of the local office of the Home Oil Distributors, J. E. Clayton having been promoted to the Vancouver office.

Mr. LePage was married only a few days ago to Miss Russell, daughter of Chief Engineer Russell of the lighthouse tender Newington. They have taken the Lindseth House, 1178 Hays Cove Avenue, into which they will move on Monday.

WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Halibut Landings for Week—Report on B. C. Fisheries—Minister Unable to Come This Year.

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the present season to date have totalled 12,986,400 pounds, of which 5,112,500 pounds has been from Canadian vessels and 7,873,940 pounds from American. For the week ending yesterday landings aggregated 502,500, of which 144,000 pounds was from Canadian boats and 358,500 pounds from American. The high price of the week for Canadian fish was 7c and 3c, which the Nuba, P. Doreen and Tramp were paid for 3,000, 11,500 and 14,000 pounds, respectively. The low Canadian price was 5.2c and 2c, at which figure the Alken sold 4,000 pounds. For American fish the high price was 10c and 3c, which the Peggy received for 6,500 pounds. The low American price was 4c and 2c paid the Rainier for 35,000 pounds.

The Tagalak, one of the finest cannery tenders in Alaska, with 200 horsepower diesel engine, was burned recently, according to private advices received at Waterfall. It is reported to be a total loss.

The Tagalak was skippered by J. Hansen, who is the owner along with P. M. Hansen. She had been under charter to the Nakat Packing Corporation all summer as a cannery tender. The boat was built in Tacoma in 1928. She was 71 tons gross, 45 tons net, 65 3-10 feet long, 18.10 feet beam, with a depth of 9.1 feet.

Year after year hundreds of fishermen in Canada's Atlantic coast provinces carry on the world's greatest lobster fishery. Lobsters are also caught off Newfoundland, in some of the Atlantic waters of the United States, and in certain European areas, but, as Dr. D. K. Tressler, a United States authority, has pointed out, "the scale of the business is very much greater in Canada than anywhere else in the world." Last year the Dominion's lobster fishery yielded a catch of over 40,726,000 pounds and was second only to the salmon fishery in point of market return, the value being \$5,215,000. Average catch over the past five years, 1926-1930, was 35,179,000 pounds a year. Nova Scotia is the largest producer of lobsters, and accounted for approximately 20,200,000 pounds of the Dominion's 1930 catch. In New Brunswick the year's catch was slightly more than 9,000,000 pounds, while the Prince Edward Island and Quebec landings amounted to about 3,100,000 pounds and 2,768,000 pounds, respectively. A great part of the Canadian catch is put up in canned form, but of late years there has been increasing growth in the export trade in live lobsters with the United States. Last year these export shipments were over 9,600,000 pounds. The output of canned lobsters from the 333 lobster canneries in operation last year was 139,109 cases—substantially larger than the production in other recent years. A large part of the annual pack of canned lobsters is exported to the United Kingdom, and other European countries and to the United States.

A statement issued by the United States Bureau of Fisheries shows that 1,379,000 pounds of halibut was landed here in July of this year by American boats as against 1,905,000 pounds in the same month of 1930. Landings of Canadian fish, however, showed an increase this year, the total for July, 1931, being 1,081,000 pounds as compared with 1,050,000 pounds in July, 1930. For the season 1931 American landings here aggregated 5,888,000 pounds as against 9,315,000 pounds in the first seven months of 1930. Canadian landings, according to this record, were almost on a level with 1930, landings for the first seven months of 1931 being 4,304,000 pounds as compared with 4,547,000 pounds in the corresponding period of 1930.

Seattle landings for July this year comprised 2,005,575 pounds as against 1,669,600 pounds in the same month last year. For the season to date Seattle had received 7,899,510 pounds as compared with 7,692,135 pounds in the first seven months of 1930.

For the whole coast American landings in July 1931 totalled 4,597,442 pounds as against 4,970,323 pounds in 1930, while Canadian landings for this July aggregated 1,194,400 pounds as compared with 1,154,050 pounds in July 1930. The total of American landings for the first seven months of this year was 21,997,726 pounds as compared with 24,470,010 pounds in the corresponding period of last year while Canadian landings for this year up to July 31 aggregated 5,425,440 pounds in comparison with 5,332,025 pounds. These figures indicate that Prince

Rupert has so far this year been losing halibut business to other ports of the coast, particularly Seattle.

National Fish Week has gone off quietly although effectively in Prince Rupert. While there were no official functions of observance, many citizens caught hold of the idea with the result that fish formed an important part of many diets during the week. If the week has had the effect of further popularizing fish as a diet, it will prove beneficial all around. Every week might well be National Fish Week in Prince Rupert.

T. H. Johnson, manager of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., here, was named a member of the resolutions committee of the Canadian Fisheries Association for the annual convention in Ottawa this week. Mr. Johnson was unable to attend the convention this year. He was president last year of the Association which held its convention here in 1929.

While an increase in the frozen halibut holdings is reported for this year to date, other frozen varieties show a marked decrease which may have its beneficial effect on market conditions. It is quite possible that better prices for halibut may prevail during the remainder of this season than were offered in the period which has now elapsed.

Fisheries Report Out

Hon. S. L. Howe, Commissioner of Fisheries for British Columbia, has just issued the report of the Provincial Fisheries Department for the year 1930. The report and its appendix maintains the high standard of the publications of that department. It deals at length with the commercial fisheries of the province, contains a valuable contribution to the life history of the sockeye salmon, and bulletins on the "Pacific Salmon," and "Edible Fish Meal," and reports on the salmon spawning areas of the principal rivers.

The value of the fishery products of Canada for 1929, the last date available at the time the report was written, totalled \$53,518,521, of which British Columbia produced \$23,930,692 or 45 per cent. In that year British Columbia again led all the provinces in the Dominion in the value of her fishery products. Her output exceeded in value that of Nova Scotia, the second in rank, by \$12,503,201 and it also exceeded that of all the other provinces combined by \$5,770,354.

The catches of salmon in the province in 1930 produced a pack of 2,221,819 cases. It was the largest ever made in the province. It surpassed the former high record of 1926 by 156,629 cases. There was an increase in both the pack of sockeye and pink. The pink pack constituted 50 per cent of the total.

The appendix of the report contains detailed reports from the spawning grounds of the Fraser, Skeena and Nass Rivers, and Rivers and Smith Inlets. In most of these areas spawning conditions were reported satisfactory.

It also contains in detail the bulletins on the "Pacific Salmon" and "Edible Fish Meal" which were issued

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The report also gives detailed statements showing the salmon pack of the entire province, not only for the year 1930 but for the previous years.

Owing to the lateness of the parliamentary session, Hon. E. N. Rhodes, federal minister of fisheries, has found it necessary to defer until next year his journey to the Pacific Coast fisheries. His itinerary, when he comes next, will include a visit to Prince Rupert. The minister had intended to spend several weeks in British Columbia at the height of the fishing season this year.

Bringing in 169,000 pounds in five trips, the Cape Beale has led the Canadian fleet for volume of landings for the 1931 season up to September 18. The Helge H. has made the most trips, namely 14, landing 102,500 pounds in all.

The Mitkof, landing a total of 206,000 pounds of fish in five trips, leads the American fleet for volume of landings at Prince Rupert. The Wabash had the most trips to her credit, namely ten, from which she landed 39,700 pounds of fish.

George Smith, wharfinger at the Government wharf, started on his annual vacation yesterday. We will be away from duty for two weeks' time.

Ten Thousandth Flying License Granted Woman

LONDON, Sept. 19.—"The air rivalry between the sexes has been carried a stage further by the announcement that the 10,000th Royal Aero Club aviator's certificate has been granted—to a woman," says the Manchester Guardian.

"Many women are now in training to become air pilots," an air authority said to a reporter, "but whether the number of women will catch up with men is a matter for the future. Women make very good pilots because they have a very light touch, but I would not say they are as capable as men in an emergency, because they do not seem to have that self-command which a man possesses. They are liable to lose their heads. The majority of women who fly are young people who find aviation a fine way of passing their spare time."

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