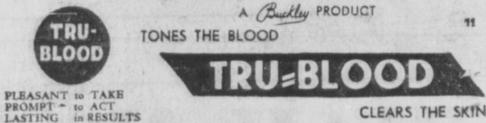


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The Letter Box

HOW ABOUT KING SALMON?

Editor, Daily News:

I noticed an article on the 19th of May where you said that twelve cents on New York market, medium halibut, that means No. 1 is very good. I cannot deny if it is true or untrue, but I can deny that the market price of halibut in Prince Rupert on May 19 marketing twenty cents. I can think myself anything else but fish buyers in Rupert are losing money and that's too bad.

Now then how about our King Salmon market price in Rupert twenty-five cents, and the fishermen only get the excellent price of 15 cents, and if the seal got one-half and the fisherman the other half, not wanted. And the half the fisherman got is just as good fish as a whole fish on the fresh fish market when the seal bit a piece off. And if anybody could deny that I'll give him five cents piece or one pound No. 1 or two for seal bitten one. That is the seal-bitten part is being trimmed off. And then the same kind frying-pan is used, and some spices put in it and then if he or she could tell any difference on these two different pieces of fish I'll give whole

No. 1 King Salmon. The question is that both pieces are just as old. And why is it any different on the price troller got fish and caught by gillnetter. Writer can understand, but the writer will know that anybody who is mild-curing these salmon is not making any separation so many pounds of trolled salmon on so many pounds of gillnet salmon, when selling the pack on the world's market.

Dear Editor, permit me asking someone who is it that is making all the profit on this King Salmon game? They are fisherman or who they are but I know that if this scheme and game lasts any longer fishermen got to quit or to do something else to get a better price or else we will be on the bread line next winter, or maybe sooner on that. Aren't we leaving the best part of fishing waters on the Pacific Coast? that's true enough, but that is too true that the fisherman cannot make any more their living and the pay the bill which they got last winter from the merchant, without asking the government to support them last winter.

A. SNELLMAN,
Sec. N.B.C.S.F. Assn
Skeena Branch
Port Essington, B.C.

(In a brief covering note Mr. Snellman asks us to make no changes in his letter.—Editor.)

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LETTER BOX

HEMLOCK, SPRUCE, CEDAR OR FIR?

Editor, Daily News:—

Enclosed is a copy of the strength and durability of fir, spruce, hemlock and cedar, taken from Forest Service Bulletin No. 78, Department of Interior.

In my point of view, being a saw-mill employee, I think that cedar foundations with hemlock decking will outlast fir in this climate.

B. V. S.

Douglas Fir

Strength of the Wood—Douglas fir possesses great strength and shock-resisting capacity, combined with a high degree of stiffness and toughness, which make it an ideal wood for structural work of all kinds, especially for trestles, bridges and factory buildings where the structure is subjected to the application of heavy loads. For its weight it is probably the strongest soft-wood.

Durability—The life of untreated Douglas fir when used as poles, railway ties, posts, etc., though

above average, is not a long one. The timber is, however, much more durable than western hemlock, Sitka spruce, and some others. Treatment with creosote prolongs the life of Douglas fir considerably.

Western Hemlock

Strength of the Wood—The strength factors for western hemlock, although on the average somewhat lower than those for Douglas fir, approach in the case of two shipments the Douglas fir factors very closely.

Western hemlock is therefore suitable for many uses for which Douglas fir is now being employed and will undoubtedly be used more extensively for these purposes as it becomes more widely known and the prejudice due to its name is overcome. There is no reason why it should not be used much more extensively for timber where strength, stiffness and toughness are considerations, as it will undoubtedly give satisfaction. For the rough timbers of frame building construction and the timbers of heavy building construction, it should give almost as good satisfaction as Douglas fir.

Durability—Western hemlock, both in the stand and in the manufactured state is very susceptible to attack from fungi if conditions are

suitable for their growth. Hence western hemlock should not be used in exposed, or other situations where these conditions prevail, unless suitably protected. Either in consistently wet or dry conditions this wood is very durable and is therefore used for totally submerged piling and other submarine works, where it will not meet attack from marine wood borers.

Sitka Spruce

Strength of the Wood—Sitka spruce has a low specific gravity, but in spite of this fact it is remarkably strong and tough. It is hardly fair to compare the mechanical properties of Sitka spruce with those of a wood like Douglas fir which is so much heavier. However, if the difference in specific gravity of the two woods is kept in mind and also the fact that Douglas fir is a wood of very high order, it is apparent that Sitka spruce has exceptionally high properties. The toughness factors are in some cases superior to those for Douglas fir. The moduli of elasticity for static and impact bending and compression parallel to grain which are the stiffness factors are also high, and in some cases nearly approach those for Douglas fir.

Durability—Although more resis-

tant to decay than western hemlock it resembles it in that it is not very durable in exposed situations, or where it is subject to alternate wet and dry conditions. Like most woods, however, a suitable treatment with preservatives prolongs its life considerably.

Western Cedar

Strength of the Wood—The wood is brittle and not strong having only about 65% of the strength of Douglas fir. However, considering its light weight, its great durability, its freedom from warping and checking and the small amount of shrinkage and swelling with atmospheric change, it compares more favorably with other sturdier species than is

generally realized. Its use has been largely confined to fields where strength is not a consideration, but for light construction, where durability and freedom from "working" are of prime importance, there is no reason why cedar with proper structural design may not be used successfully.

Durability—Durability is the outstanding characteristic of western red cedar, no wood of commercial importance in America excelling it. The preservative qualities of the cedar oil, with which the fibres are saturated, render it peculiarly immune to fungous attack, and even when exposed to unfavorable conditions it is very durable.

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