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WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Salmon Catch Same as Last Year—American Halibut Landings Show Increase—Seineboat C. N. Is Sold

In British Columbia the catch of salmon for the month of March this year was almost the same as in March of last year, but March salmon fishing is never on an extensive scale and the landings for the month amounted only to some 337,000 pounds. Landed value, of course, decreased. Halibut landings, nearly 1,251,000 pounds, were 540,000 larger than a year ago but landed value, a little more than $49,000, showed a decrease of $18,700. The herring catch of 9,265,000 pounds, in round figures, was substantially less than in March, 1931, a condition due to market conditions as the fish were abundant. Altogether March landings from the fisheries of the province were approximately 12,986,000 pounds, as against more than 15,600,000 pounds in the 1931 month. Total landed value was $117,970 as compared with $178,210.

Despite the low prices prevailing, landings of American halibut at Prince Rupert for the week ending yesterday were the highest for any single week so far this season, amounting to a total of 349,900 pounds. Canadian landings for the week, however, were unusually light at a total of only 92,200 pounds. The week's landings of both American and Canadian halibut totalled 442,100 pounds, bringing landings for the season 1932 up to yesterday to 3,774,250 pounds made up of 1,591,950 pounds Canadian fish and 2,182,300 pounds American.

Prices throughout the week stood at low levels. There was no variation from 3.5c and 2s for Canadian fish. This was also the minimum price of the week for American fish, with a high of 5c and 2c paid a few boats for their catches.

Addington Salved

The 45-foot four-man Juneau halibut boat Addington, which ran on a reef at the north end of Dundas Islands, outside of Prince Rupert harbor, on Tuesday while running north to Juneau from Prince Rupert, where she had marketed a 12,000-pound catch of halibut on the day previous, was pulled off the reef, beached and patched during the week and towed into Prince Rupert last night by the power tug Salvage Princess of the Pacific Salvage Co. fleet which carried out salvage operations. The vessel, which had been totally submerged on the high tide following the stranding, was badly holed and her 65 h.p. Atlas diesel engine and equipment has, of course, been damaged by the immersion. Following her arrival at Prince Rupert, she will be taken out of the water for repairs. Soon after the Addington ran ashore, Capt. Sivert Anderson and other members of the crew were rescued by Capt. C. B. Flewin with the fish packer Taplow II and taken to Port Simpson. Later they returned to the scene of the stranding to assist the salvors. Owned by Ole Sevold of Juneau, the Addington is uninsured.

Reconditioning C. N.

The seineboat C. N., which sank in Kitkatla Inlet in 1930 soon after being built by George Ness and was submerged for three months before being raised, has been purchased from the Pacific Salvage Co. by M. H. McPherson of Vancouver who, after having the vessel reconditioned by the McLean yard at Prince Rupert, is now having the Pacific Machine Works instal a 50 h.p. Deutsche full diesel engine. The engine was brought direct from Germany to Prince Rupert. Following the engine installation, the C. N. will be recommissioned as a fishing vessel by Mr. McPherson.

Constable Harold Raybone is here this week-end from Hazelton to assume command of the provincial police cruiser P. M. L. 8 to which he was recently appointed. Constable Raybone was formerly skipper of the old P. M. L. 2 and he will receive a hearty welcome back to the Prince Rupert waterfront.

The provincial police cruiser P. M. L. 4 from the Rivers Inlet district, which has been at Prince Rupert for the past few months, is now being given an overhaul at the McLean yard at Seal Cove and, on completion of the work, will return to her duties down the coast. Corp. A. W. Stone, her skipper, has recently been relieving in charge of the local police boat, P. M. L. 8.

So great has developed the demand for halibut livers since the efficacy of the oil for medicinal purposes was first demonstrated that supplies may be sought this year on the Atlantic coast to supplement what is obtained on the Pacific. More than one drug manufacturing concern is now engaged in turning out halibut liver oil or taking steps preliminary to doing so.

The United States coastguard cutter Snohomish a few days ago picked up the disabled United States halibut boat Polaris in the Straits of Juan de Fuca. The fishing vessel, with seven men on board, had been drifting helplessly with a broken crankshaft in her engine.

MEETING OF FISHERMEN

Queen Charlotte Island Operators Say It Is Impossible to Carry On as at Present

SKIDEGATE, May 14:—A mass meeting of all the local fishermen, whites and natives alike, was held on Thursday night of last week in Skidegate Mission Town Hall to discuss plans for the 1932 season's fishing operations. Charles Valley was chairman and B. F. Roberts acted as secretary, more than one hundred fishermen being in attendance.

The fishermen having received word that they would only get 3c per pound for No. 1 red springs, it was explained that it was impossible to fish at that price. All voted solidly in favor of not going out to fish at less than 5c per pound for No. 1 red springs. If the companies would not pay this, it was decided to ask the government to subsidize the fisheries 2c per pound with a view to helping the fishermen out or put all the 100 or so fishermen affected on relief.

The Fisheries Department came in for considerable criticism, being charged with exhibiting lack of interest in the present crisis as far as the fishermen are concerned. It was decided to bring the whole matter to the attention of Olof Hanson M.P. and T. D. Pattullo M.L.A. The situation will also be taken up with the Prince Rupert fishermen.

Crisis Impending

At present there are 48 power boats tied up not to mention numerous rowboats.

Never in the history of the Queen Charlotte Islands have the fishermen been faced with such a crisis. In past year they have always been able to make their living but last fall not one cent was earned by the fishermen of Skidegate Inlet owing, it is declared, to fishing regulations and low prices. There are over 1000 people on the Queen Charlotte Isands, including whites and Indians, who are dependent for a living upon the short fishing season.

The natives at the meeting were asked to take the matter up with the Indian Agent, Rev. James Gillett.

The meeting suggested that the government be asked to tax all yacht owners in Canada 10c per gallon on oil, the revenue thus raised to go towards helping the fishermen carry on. It was contended that, so far at least, the working men were continuing to stand the brunt of all taxation.

The meeting further suggested that the government put bounties on seals, sea lions, bears, eagles and sawbill ducks.

The dividends paid by Canadian corporations in 1931, estimated at $210,000,000, was practically as much as in 1921, and much more than in many a previous year.

Long-Tailed Bear Is Seen

Laird of Shuttle Island Tells of Latest Scientific Discovery On Islands

Ursus Edwardii, better known as the long-tailed bear, has been observed recently by more than one of the citizens of Lockeport, on Moresby Island in the Queen Charlotte group. Ursus Edwardii is named after J. C. Edwards, the laird of Shuttle Island, who spends his waking hours picking up gold nuggets on his own beach when he's at home although he is not altogether unknown at both Cumshewa and Anyox. He affirms, although not on oath, that Ursus Edwardii is either a long-tailed bear or a wild horse. In either case, he hopes to have a specimen in Prince Rupert for the coming fair.

TOM DYBHAVN IN PORT

Tom Dybhavn arrived in port this morning from North Island with his trolling boat, bringing in 4,500 pounds of fish which he sold to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

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