

## WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Halibut Landing Comparisons—Getting Ready For Season—Herring Seining to Start Soon

According to a statement issued by the United States Bureau of Fisheries, halibut landings on the Pacific Coast for the 1931 season totalled 42,903,375 pounds as compared with 49,470,277 pounds in 1930. American vessels landed 35,344,735 pounds in 1931 as against 40,994,652 pounds in 1930 while Canadian landings for 1931 amounted to 7,558,640 pounds as compared with 8,475,626 pounds in the year previous.

At the port of Prince Rupert American landings for 1931 totalled 10,806,000 pounds as compared with 16,935,000 pounds in 1930 while Canadian landings here in 1931 amounted to 6,151,000 pounds in comparison with 7,365,000 pounds.

At Seattle 1931 American landings totalled 15,043,735 pounds as against 12,618,185 pounds in 1930 while at the Puget Sound port 12,760 pounds of Canadian halibut was landed in 1931 whereas there was none in 1930.

In 1931 American vessels landed 9,695,000 pounds at Alaska ports as compared with 11,348,767 pounds in 1930.

There were no American landings in Vancouver in 1931 whereas there was 42,700 pounds in 1930. Canadian landings at Vancouver in 1931 totalled 1,243,500 pounds as against 1,099,600 pounds in 1930.

Canadian vessels landed 151,380 pounds at Victoria in 1931 as against 11,025 pounds in 1930.

Taking Indian Agent W. E. Colison to Port Simpson to conduct the annual election of a native council, the Indian Department's power cruiser Naskeena, with Skipper Jack Watkinson in command, left here on Wednesday morning of this week and was back again on Thursday evening.

Repairs have been made at Seattle to the well known American halibut schooner Akutan, Capt. Ole Bjerke, which sustained considerable damage on November 10 as she was proceeding to Seattle after her last trip of the season and piled up on Chain Islands near Sidney, Vancouver Island, laying on the rocks for 12 hours before she was pulled clear by the tug Burrard Chief.

Several Seattle halibut boats have been fishing cod during the halibut closed season. Among them are the Neptune, Capt. H. Giske; Evolution, Capt. George Mathison; Wesley, Capt. O. Pedersen; Presho,

Capt. J. M. Matson, and Reliance, Capt. Bernt Ona.

John Dybhave, head of the Royal Fish Co., is expected to return here Wednesday from a trip east. He attended the annual meeting of the Biological Board of Canada, of which he is a member, in Ottawa and also visited New York and other eastern cities on business.

The Prince Rupert Salmon Fishermen's Co-operative Association now boasts a membership of about 100 operators. Co-operative buying of fishing gear continues as one of the activities of the association. Eventually, although probably not this year, the association plans to establish and operate at least one salmon cannery in district waters.

Pictures and brief descriptive articles of the local power yachts Full Moon (Dr. W. T. Kergin) and Ethelda (Wright & Hinton) appear in the December issue of the Pacific Motorboat.

Here's an item for the bright side of the ledger. Profits from a fish cannery enabled the quaint Indian village of Metlakatla, near Ketchikan, to celebrate the completion of a \$50,000 town hall, the largest in Alaska, and present its 60-piece band with \$8,000 worth of new instruments. The band has been in existence for 52 years. Metlakatla, with a population of less than 500, is situated on an Indian reservation on Annette Island. The fish cannery also supports a municipal light and power plant which furnishes energy to all homes free of charge.

### Prepare For Season

The latter part of the month of January is expected to be marked by much activity on the part of the Prince Rupert halibut fleet in the way of preparation for a resumption of fishing operations on February 15 when the three-month close season will expire. With many, if not the majority, of the boats of

the fleet planning to start work promptly on the legal date, there will no doubt be general activity in anticipation of that occasion. Waterfront supply houses, machine shops, etc. will have a brisk trade after a quiet three months.

The outlook as far as fish markets are concerned is quite promising and there is a general feeling of hopefulness that the coming season will be a much more satisfactory one all around than was the last. Indeed, a good deal of optimism is already beginning to pervade the air and there is a general cheerful feeling.

There will be no experiments this spring and the Canadian fishermen are resolved to get to work promptly and avail themselves of all the opportunities that offer.

Having found indications of an early run in the vicinity of Port Simpson herring seiners of Prince Rupert are but awaiting an improvement in weather conditions before starting their operations on these acceptable table and bait fish. It is understood that the seiners have larger orders for these fish than last year.

Ole Skog has a contract to take 2,000 tons of herring for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. and will again use his seiner Fredelia in the work, boats of the Storage fleet of tenders assisting in the packing.

Gammon & Watt, using the boats Bertha G. and Zenardi, will again seine herring for the Rupert Marine Products reduction plant. They will also fill their fresh herring bait pound at Pearl Harbor.

It is the first important fishing activity of the year out of Prince Rupert.

The Prince Rupert halibut boat Prosperity A. Capt. Andrew Christiansen, which has been spending the winter in Vancouver, is having a new 65 h.p. full diesel engine installed there, replacing a 40 h.p. Frisco-Standard gas gasoline engine. Capt. Christiansen will be moving his family back to Prince Rupert this spring from Vancouver.

Another new engine installation for the Prince Rupert halibut fleet is that of the Pair of Jacks which is to have a 40 h.p. Fabco-Fuxham engine put in to replace a 35 h.p. Corless engine. The engine has arrived and installation is about to proceed.

While the new radiotelephone service connecting Prince Rupert with the south is now officially in operation, there is still a good deal of experimental work to be carried on locally and, in view of this, the Northwest Telephone Co.'s power

## In English Picture



Olga Lindo is still dragging down the necessary in "The Shadow Between," an English picture with all kinds of atmosphere, so they say.

vessel and experimental ship Belmont will be remaining here for a month or so longer, it is expected. One of the engineers who had been here in connection with the local installations sailed Thursday night of this week on his return to Vancouver.

Capt. Tony Martinussen has his halibut boat Livingstone on the Lipsett ways undergoing hull repairs preparatory to the opening of the 1932 halibut season.

The Northern B. C. Power Co.'s patrol boat Ruby May, formerly well known as the service boat of John Currie & Sons, contractors, sank while moored at the dock at Balmoral in the Skeena River at the end of last week. The Pacific Salvage Co.'s tug Billmor was sent out and towed the Ruby May in. Damage is understood to be not very extensive apart from what might be naturally expected as a consequence of such immersion.

### Overhauling Steamer

Overhaul of the Canadian National coastal steamer Prince George started at the end of last week at the local dry dock where the vessel has been tied up all winter. The work will be in progress for several weeks, it is expected. In February or March, the Prince George will be recommissioned in service and the steamer Prince Rupert will then be taken off and also given annual overhaul at the local yard.

The local halibut boat Morris H., Capt. Carl Giake, is having an engine overhaul at the hands of the Pacific Machine Works in preparation for the resumption next week of the season's fishing operations.

Rumors are current throughout fishing circles in British Columbia that a new salmon cannery scheme will be got under way in the early future and that plants will be constructed during the summer and will be ready for operation next season. No details regarding the project are available, but it is understood that at least three canneries will be erected, one of which will be located on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, one near Prince Rupert, and one at another point.

## Moose Card Party Enjoyable Affair

Twenty Tables in Play at Event Last Night—Refreshments and Musical Program

A very enjoyable whist and bridge party was held by the Moose Lodge last night, twenty tables of cards being in play. The prize-winners were as follows:

Bridge—Ladies' first, Mrs. A. J. Curzon; consolation, Mrs. G. E. Gulick; men's first, R. E. Hudson; consolation, A. Husoy.

Whist—Ladies' first, Miss L. McKinney; consolation, Mrs. W. W. Dahl; men's first, A. Aussay; consolation, F. J. Fuller.

During the serving of delicious refreshments, there was an acceptable musical program which included vocal solos by Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hunter and Mrs. Arthur Halteran.

## District News

### SMITHERS

The executive of the Smithers Ski Club, at a meeting on Tuesday night of this week, set February 9 and 10 as the dates for the ski tournament to be held here this winter. Many expert skiers are expected to participate in the tournament.

S. J. Mayer is the only member of the board of village commissioners who has definitely decided to be a candidate for re-election to the commission at the election which will take place two weeks hence. F. V. Foster will not be running again since it is likely he will be leaving Smithers and L. B. Warner may not seek re-election to the board on which he has served for six years. J. P. Downey, A. L. Evitt and John McKenzie are among those mentioned as possible candidates.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Bulkley Valley District Hospital has elected officers for the coming year as follows: president, Mrs. A. E. Campbell; vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Kirby; secretary, Mrs. H. Welch; treasurer, Mrs. N. H. Kilpatrick; executive, Mrs. Kenney and Mrs. Doodson.

### DONATIONS MADE TO HOSPITAL AT XMAS

Miss Jean Harrison, R.N., lady superintendent of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, reported at last night's board meeting that donations of goods had been made by the following for Christmas at the hospital: Belist Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Bulkley Market; J. B. Miller; Chris Mill Rupert and Electric Bakeries; Thomas McMeekin and Watts Grocery. Donations were also made for the nurses' Christmas tree.

Mrs. T. M. Spencer, who has been visiting for the past month in Smithers, returned to the city from the interior on this morning's train. Mr. Spencer, who is running as conductor on the Canadian Railways between Smithers and Prince George, also came in this morning for a week-end visit to his home here.

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