WATERFRONT

Prominent Visitor From Old Country Due Here Next Week—Pleasure Fleet is Getting Active— Halibut Boats Going Out Again

A prominent visitor in Prince Rupert fishing and mar- the company's floats. The Red Boy ine circles next week will be J. O. MacDonald, managing and Salvage Princess are both in director of Joseph Gundry Co., Bridport, England, one good shape again and ready to take of the largest concerns in the world engaged in manufac-care of everything in their line ture of fishing nets, lines and twines, who will arrive on that offers. Wednesday and sto pover fow a few days. Mr. MacDonald, who is making a tour of Canada,#____

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will be accompanied to Prince Ru- flourishing industry which contin- Prince Rupert Rowing & Yacht Vancouver.

most prominent and popular figures on Wednesday of this week in Victoria when death removed George Gordon Bushby, head of the Rupert of Prince Rupert for 11 years. It was in 1921, after having been prominent since young manhood in marine activities of Vancouver and Victoria, that Mr. Bushby arrived in Prince Rupert to take over the bor which he acquired through being compelled to foreclose on a tion. mortgage. Completely renovating the plant, installing new machinery, contracting for new supplies of offal and establishing a fleet of tenders, he converted the plant into a Pacific Salvage Co.'s local fleet

pert by W. H. Stewart, general ued to prosper until the last two or Club this week for installation of manager of Edward Lipsett Co. Ltd. three years when prices for the a new rudder and shoe. At the commodities produced fell off so seriously. Several months ago Mr. a general cleaning up below the The Prince Rupert fishing and Bushby developed a serious illness water line and is now all ready for marine industry lost one of its and it was the result of this, un- the season. doubtedly accentuated by business worries, which brought about his Johnny Garofani of the Capitol death at the comparatively early Theatre operating staff has purage of 63 years. He underwent an chased the 18-foot open gasboat Marine Products Ltd. and resident operation on May 5 and his condi- formerly owned by Art Phillips. The tion had since been critical. His vessel is equipped with a 6 h.p. N. passing is deeply lamented along and S. engine and makes her headthe entire Pacific Coast for there quarters at the floats of the Prince was none more highly esteemed Rupert Rowing & Yacht Club. than he. The Prince Rupert Rowing & Yacht Club's flag has been flying operation of the reduction plant at Bushby who was president in 1930 Benson's well known speedster and had for many years been ac- Poinsettia is in the water again tive in the affairs of the organiza- alongside her float at the Prince

> Complete Overhaul The power tug Red Boy of the

came off the local dry dock last Saturday after having been on the pontoons for three or four days for cleaning, painting and hull overhaul. The same day as the Red Boy came off, the Salvage Princess was taken up for similar work which was completed by Thursday afternoon when the vessel returned to

Pete Gamula had his power cruiser Kobzar on the grid of the same time, the vessel was also given

After having lain on the beach at half mast out of respect to Mr. during the winter, Skipper Rupert Rupert Rowing & Yacht Club. Ben is looking forward to the usual active season and the trout would be well advised to wake up after the winter's hibernation now that he is on their trail again.

> Speaking of angling reminds us of the near approach of the 24th of from his friends on the occasion. May on which day Prince Rupert anglers usually start the season's activities. A number of parties, it is understood, are being planned been extended to the popular doc- guests. and, no doubt, some of these will get away this week-end, taking the fraternity. Monday off as well as the Sunday and Tuesday. The only difficulty is that the water may be high in many Jacks and Fanny F., laying up durof the streams and this may ham-ling the present period of depressed per success in angling operations. fish prices, have taken advantage Some parties have been talking of the lay-up to go on the Edward about going to points rather far removed.

Claude Kirkendall has purchased to take care of the increased popuHe's Stumped



Draw a sigh for Brig.-General Wroughton, bachelor, Marlow, England. He has invented laborsavers by the score, but admits stirring porriage by electricity has him stumped

ation during the coming summer.

Dr. W. T. Kergin, owner of the Full Moon, flagship of the Prince Rupert Rowing & Yacht Club fleet, celebrated his birthday on Tuesday of this week and received hearty congratulations and best wishes or and dean of the local medical

The local halibutters Pair Lipsett grid this week for cleaning, painting and hull repairs.

buyer hie back and forth across the ing at 4 a.m. and returning at noon. council at its next meeting. harbor in connection with the The outing was a very enjoyable carrying out of additions which are one, being favored with ideal weasome abalone left for next time.

Boat Building Quiet

These are quiet days for the boatbuilding industry at Prince Rupert serious dust nuisance has developed and, apparently, there is no pros- in Prince Rupert. The city is conpect for an immediate improvement in conditions. No new construction, whatever, is being undertaken and, for apparent economic reasons, repair work is at a minimum. Skeena and Naas River cannery interests have been rather slower than usual this year in sending in their work and, indeed, it now appears that there may not be any large volume of such work this spring.

On account of the low price conditions for fish, a number of vessels of the Prince Rupert halibut fleet have been tied up during the most of the month of May so far. An impending improvement in prices, however, has encouraged several boats to leave again during the last few days. In spite of the exceptionally low prices, there have been possibly fewer actual "hole" trips so far this season than might have been believed. However, it is foolish to even imagine that anything in the way of profits over and above costs of operation can be hoped for under 3.5c and 2c prices such as have been all too common so far this spring.

Unable to find a satisfactory market for the fish in Prince Rupert, the Flewin & Brown fish packer Taplow 11 left last Saturday for Vancouver in the hope of getting better prices than were offered in the north for a big load of 20,000 pounds of spring salmon. Other packers have been continuing to land their catches at Prince Rupert even in the face of unsatisfactory low prices.

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the week ending yesterday were exceptionally light, totalling only 256,300 pounds of which Canadian boats accounted for only 37,300 pounds while American vessels brought in 219,000

pounds. Up to and including yesterday landings at Prince Rupert for the 1932 season had reached a total of 4,030,550 pounds as compared with 4,226,340 pounds at a similar date last year. Canadian landings stood at a total of 1,629,250 pounds as compared with last year's 2,010,-740 pounds at a similar date while the American total for this season to date was 2,401,300 pounds as against 2,215,740 pounds last year

at the same date. With landings light, prices during the week showed a tendency toward improvement. The high bid of the week for Canadian fish was 4.8c and 2c which the Relief was paid for 8,500 pounds while the low Canadian price was 3.5c and 2c paid the Edward Lipsett and Margaret I. for catches of 9,000 pounds in each case. The top price of the week for American fish was 7.1c and 3c paid the T551 for 3,000 pounds and the low 4.2c and 2c paid the Pacific for 38,000 pounds.

With prices showing an upward tendency, many boats, which have ceen temporarily tied up, are preparing to put out to the fishing banks again.

The Whiff Man, during his rounds Thursday afternoon, was taken for a short spin on the harbor by Bert Bartlett in his speedboat. Bert has his boat equipped with an automobile engine and claims a speed of from 20 to 22 miles per hour. It is a snappy little

O. C. Young of the mechanical engineering department was the speaker last evening at the regular fortnightly meeting of the colloquium of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station. Mr. Young's discourse on refrigeration t gives us much pleasure to add was followed by a general discusour "many happy returns" to the sion. There was a full attendance numerous greetings which have of members of the staff and several

> Twenty Years Ago In Prince Rupert

May 21, 1912 Ald. Clayton and Ald. Kerr have given notice of motion for consideration of the city council censur-Mayor Cyril Orme, Frank Morris ing the finance committee for not the summer cottage of Fire Chief and Dr. L. W. Kergin were members keeping the council better inform-Dan McDonald at the Salt Lake. of an abalone hunting party which ed as to the city's financial posi-Consequently, the Gwen is being visited Lucy Island early yesterday tion. Ald. Montgomery has intikept pretty busy these days as the morning aboard the last men- mated that he will support the family of the popular local fish tioned's power cruiser Aledor, leav- motion which will come before the

The city engineering department being made to the cottage in order ther conditions, and there are still will be reorganized after July 1 Meantime, the resignations of all members of the staff are being called for.

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