

WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Salt Herring Business Demoralized—To Renew Coal Wharf—Heavy Storms Felt This Week

The salt herring business of this coast with the Far East has been temporarily demoralized by the Chinese boycott of Japanese goods but not, paradoxically enough, because the Chinese refuse to buy Japanese salt herring. Astute importers of Shanghai and Hongkong have apparently been making use of the boycott as a means of cutting down the prices at which they buy their stocks, and the chief sufferers have been the white men engaged in the cured salt herring business on this coast. In the past the Japanese on this coast have controlled a large proportion of this pack, and the market has been almost entirely Chinese. With the boycott, white fishermen and packers thought they might have a chance to get into the market. The Chinese buyers let it be known that they would buy the herring from white producers if the price was equal. When the white men offered their salt herring, the Japanese cut the price and the Chinese bought the cheaper. The white reduced prices, and received a few more orders, but before the market could be satisfied the Japanese undersold again. This has continued until now, it is said, there is no profit remaining in the business.

Wreckage having reported to have been found on Rose Spit, the Pacific Salvage Co.'s power tug Salvage Princess, Capt. Frank Tyler, left on Monday for the Queen Charlotte Island to investigate. The vessel was delayed by weather for three or four days at Squadree, Dundas Island, before making the dash across Hecate Straits.

Logging machinery bought recently by the Pacific Salvage Co. and brought here from Alice Arm, where several years ago it was used by the Abbotsford Logging, Mining & Development Co., is still lying in scows at the Salvage Co. dock here. It is understood that negotiations are now on for the sale of the outfit.

The Pacific Salvage Co. has been given the contract for the renewing of the Albert & McCaffery coal dock, the job to include repiling and redecking. An outfit aboard the power tug Pachena, with Capt. Reg Green in charge, is now at Denise Arm getting out the piling. As soon

as the necessary piling has been obtained, the actual work will commence.

Alex Saint, for many years well known in local waterfront circles, having first been a member of the provincial police force and later on the staff of the old Prince Rupert Boat House, is believed to have been drowned at North Vancouver from the tug Point Grey, of which he was a member of the crew, recently. His hat was found on the deck of the boat and Saint had disappeared. There is no definite information that Mr. Saint was actually drowned although circumstances point to this conclusion. Many friends here would regret it should tragedy have really befallen him.

Floats Removed
Owing to heavy gales which threatened to destroy them, the floats at the Union Oil Co.'s wharf were removed to the dry dock on Tuesday by the power tug Pachena. The floats, which are a great convenience to smaller vessels, will be put in place again in the spring.

Gammon & Watt have placed an order for a new 100 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse full diesel engine to be installed in the well known local seineboat and packer Zenardi. It is understood that the vessel will be taken south after the herring season is over to have the new motor installed. An 80 h.p. engine of the same make will be kept out.

It is expected that prospecting in likely waters for the annual herring run, which is about due, will start as soon as the present stormy weather is over. There will be the usual requirements for market, bait and reduction purposes of this popular northern fish.

Pilot Desmond Murphy of the

Northern B. C. Airways started a four-months' special advanced course in aviation at Camp Borden, Ont., on January 1 and will not be back here to resume his local aeronautical duties until May. Meantime, the company's trim De Havilland Moth seaplane is safely stored at the hangar on the waterfront and is ready to go at a minute's notice. Air Engineer Ole Rollog remains in charge.

Subjects of considerable interest are discussed in articles by members of the staff of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station contained in a progress report which has just been issued by the Biological Board of Canada covering work carried out recently at the Pacific Biological Station at Nanaimo and the local experimental station. H. N. Brocklesby, acting director of the local station, has written on "The Decolorization of Fish Oils." O. C. Young deals with "Investigations in Refrigeration." Robert H. Bedford discusses "The Growth of Some Marine and Other Bacteria at Low Temperatures." Donald C. G. McKay has for his subject "The Edible Crab of the Pacific Coast." B. E. Bailey deals with the topic of "Composition and Vitamin Potency of Oils from Canned Salmon."

The big American halibut schooner Dorothy, Capt. Ole Hvatum which is usually used during the summer by the International Fisheries Commission in its research work, was chartered recently to the Chirikof Island Cattle Co. and will be used this winter in connection with the operation of the company's "farthest west cattle ranch in the world." The well known vessel's last charter was as a tender in the Puget Sound canning business which work she took up after the expiration of her charter to the International Fisheries Commission.

Pilchard oil, its hydrogenation and its use as a protective coating is the subject of two investigations by scientists connected with the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station, these investigations having been summarized in a recent bulletin. Cleanliness of plant and of processing are of paramount importance in the production of oil that are to be hydrogenated. Tests are still being made with the use of these oils in paints, linoleum and protective coatings. Solution of the problems involved should afford a valuable market.

Among thirty students of the

New Italian Ship



Rex, first of two 50,000-ton swift Italian Atlantic ships, leaves the ways at yards at Genoa, Italy

University of Washington in Seattle to be initiated recently into the "Sigma Xi" national scientific collegiate honor society in recognition of outstanding scholarship in the field of science has been Miss Agnes Samuelson, daughter of Capt. A. M. Samuelson, of the halibut vessel Eclipse. Both Capt. Samuelson and his ship are well known in Prince Rupert.

Warm Currents Discussed

The theory that a new warm current from the South Pacific Ocean has been sweeping the British Columbia coast for the past few years was given publicity recently when stories of unusual fish finds in British Columbia waters were reported. One fisherman reported seeing a number of mola, or sunfish, which are declared to be common to Hawaiian waters. Another reported sighting a flying fish. In a seal hunting expedition in the vicinity of the Queen Charlotte Islands a number of glass floats, believed to have been part of Japanese fishing gear, were picked up. Other evidence purporting to support the theory of a new current was the appearance of large bone sharks and, on one occasion, a blue shark common to southern waters. Commenting on these reports Dr. J. L. Hart of the Biological Board expresses the opinion that there is at present no real evidence for the belief of such a current existing. He concedes, however, that there does appear to be some evidence of a northern migration of southern forms. The blue shark, states Dr. Hart, is not an uncommon fish in B.C. waters at any time. It is also to be remembered that glass floats are used by fishermen on the British Columbia coast as well as by those of Japan.

For a variety of reasons which have already been discussed at various times, Seattle in 1931 nearly overtook Prince Rupert in the volume of fresh halibut landed according to unofficial compilations. Prince Rupert landings for the season totalled 16,036,940 pounds while Seattle received 15,692,050 pounds. The difference of 344,890 pounds in favor of Prince Rupert is compared with margins in favor of the port of 11,235,000 pounds in 1930, 16,229 pounds in 1929, 14,803,000 pounds in 1928 and 13,526,000 pounds in 1927. Prince Rupert halibut landings dropped from 23,956,000 pounds in 1925 to 16,036,940 pounds in 1931 while Seattle landings gained from 12,671,000 pounds in 1929 to 15,692,050 pounds in 1931. Among the reasons for the change in 1931 are believed to have been the diversion of fish from here to Ketchikan by United Pacific Fisheries early in the season, the agitation of Prince Rupert during the season for exclusion of American points, lower prices, exchange, etc.

Market For Clams

A new market has been found for British Columbia canned clams. Recently a trial shipment of the product was sent to Hong Kong where it was offered for sale by agents with highly satisfactory results. Almost immediately upon receipt of the sample shipment came an order for 100 cases. Last year two firms were engaged in the manufacture of canned clams in British Columbia putting up between them a total of 21,101 cases.

Under the auspices of the Fishing Vessel Owners' Association of Seattle, a movement has been launched to endeavor to seek means of alleviating the present difficulties of the halibut fishing business. A committee has been formed and charged with the task of intensive study of economic conditions in the hal-

but business and examination of plans which might be offered for improvement of these conditions. This committee will report to another meeting to be held before long in Seattle. This committee is representative of vessel owners, fishermen, dealers and related interests. Representing Canadian interests on the committee is W. E. Drake, manager of the Prince Rupert branch of Edward Lipsett Ltd.

It is reported that a market for frozen British Columbia chum salmon has been developed in Japan and it is expected that there will be 2,000,000 pounds of frozen chums sold to the Japanese market this season.

The high boat of the halibut fleet fishing out of Seattle in the 1931 season was the Ethel S., owned by Capt. R. Selsel, which also held the honor in 1930. The Ethel S. shared \$1825 in 1931 as compared with \$2830 in 1930. At Ketchikan the Sentinel, Capt. L. P. Sunderland, had a share of \$1,165.50 at the end of the season with 31,000 pounds of frozen halibut unsold and undivided. The Reliance, Capt. Carl Blendheim, had a share of \$1,268.19 including her last two trips which were all sablefish.

Visiting Bright Lights

Billy Bacon, having sold out his fish market business on Third Avenue recently, is at present paying a visit to Vancouver. On his return here in a few weeks he will join the staff of his father's fish packing establishment.

H. N. Brocklesby, acting director of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station, is expected back about the last week in January after a trip east. Mr. Brocklesby has been attending the annual meeting of the Biological Board of Canada in Ottawa after which he is to pay a visit to New Brunswick and New York on affairs in connection with his official capacity.

Considerable damage of a more or less minor nature is reported to have been done to vessels moored at the new fishermen's floats as

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well as elsewhere on the local waterfront in the heavy southwest gales which swept over during the week just ending. At the Prince Rupert Rowing & Yacht Club, Shef Thomson lost a few good night's sleep but was successful in preventing any harm coming to any boats of his fleet although numerous lines were broken during the gales.

The Port Simpson power cruiser Sunbeam, with Dr. A. E. Perry, medical superintendent of the Port Simpson Hospital on board, came in on Wednesday but was unable, on account of the storm, to return to Simpson Thursday, getting away, however, on Friday.

Bird Season Closes Soon

The season for the shooting of geese and ducks will come to a close at the end of January. Meantime, everybody being filled up on turkey and the weather continuing anything but attractive, very little interest is being taken in the sport. The only hunting party going out during the past week was that on the Full Moon headed by Dr. W. T. Kergin. Leaving here Saturday afternoon, the party was back Monday night from Big Bay with a number of ducks.

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