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## WATERFRONT WHIFFS

### Whaling Comes Back—Some Individual Halibut Records—The Salmon Situation

Canada has come back into the whaling industry this year with the resumption of operations at Rose Harbor on the Queen Charlotte Islands after two years when the whalers stayed in port because world market conditions made satisfactory returns unlikely. In other whaling countries too, there was curtailment of operations in 1931 and 1932, but with the stocks of oil, etc., now reduced the outlook for the industry is believed to be more favorable.

Some half dozen different kinds of whales are taken in British Columbia whaling, which is centred off the Queen Charlotte Islands, and the total catch made in 1930 yielded oil, whalebone meal, and fertilizer having a marketed value of \$228,000. Oil is the chief product of the industry and the half million and more gallons which were obtained in 1930 was worth something more than \$192,000. Most of Canada's whale oil production, by the way, is exported to the United Kingdom and the United States.

In 1929 more whales were taken in British Columbia waters than in 1930—407—and the resultant oil and other products had a value of \$387,000. The annual catch fluctuates, of course, and in some years it has reached 450 or even 500, and in other seasons it has been less than 200. In the five-year period, 1926-1930, it averaged 312.

Of the different British Columbia whales, the Fin and the Sperm are the most plentiful. Ordinarily, the Fin comes first, although this was not the case in 1930 when 147 Sperms were captured as against only 62 Fins. The other varieties taken are the Hump, Sei and Squalphur and the occasional Bottlenose.

Up to late in June the Relief, Capt. Merrill Sollows, was leading the Prince Rupert halibut fleet for volume of landings during the 1933 season, having brought in a grand total of 141,500 pounds as a result of eight trips to the banks. The Prosperity A., Capt. A. C. Christensen, was second with 14,000 pounds in six trips and the Cape Beale, Capt. Edgar Arnold, third with 109,000 pounds in three trips. The greatest number of trips for the local fleet had been made by the Unome, Capt. Dave Ritchie, namely ten for a total landing of 85,200 pounds, The Capella I., Captain Dan Larsen, Relief, Capt. Merrill Sollows, and Viking I., Capt. H. Erickson, had each completed eight trips for respective totals of 91,500, 141,500 and 89,000 pounds.

For the American fleet, the Oceanic had made the heaviest landings for the season—111,500 pounds in seven trips, the Sherman being second with 110,000 pounds in six trips and the Augusta, third with 98,500 pounds in six trips. The Thor and Vislor had

landed the greatest number of catches at Prince Rupert for the American fleet, namely eight for total catches of 40,000 and 36,000 pounds while the Fremont and Oceanic had each landed seven times for total catches of 97,000 and 111,500 pounds.

### Halibut Landings

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the 1933 season up to and including yesterday totalled 7,645,500 pounds of which 3,477,300 pounds had been delivered by Canadian vessels and 4,168,200 pounds by American. These figures compare with a total of 7,305,150 pounds for the 1932 season up to a corresponding date of which 2,336,750 pounds was from Canadian vessels and 4,968,400 pounds from American.

During the week ending yesterday landings totalled 446,000 pounds of which 251,000 pounds was brought in by Canadian vessels and 195,000 pounds by American. The high price of the week for Canadian fish was 6.7c and 3c. received by the Ingrid H. for 11,000 pounds and the low 5c. and 3c. which the Cape Spencer was paid for 17,000 pounds. The top price of the week for American fish was 8c. and 4c. which the Lumen, Wabash and Wave were paid for catches of 7,000, 5,000 and 6,000 pounds respectively while the low American price was 7c. and 4c. which the Jane Yukon were paid for catches of 9,000 and 21,000 pounds respectively.

With clear and sunny weather at last arriving after a long period of cool rains there is now definite prospect for immediate improvement in the sockeye run in Prince Rupert district. The fishermen should now commence to get daily catches up to the usual average and the canneries to get into normal production following a very disappointing early season run. Latest reports give the daily average of the gill-netters on the Naas River as fifteen fish per boat with that on the Skeena fifteen fish per boat.

Owing to increased demand in the face of the shortage of fish, canners in the district have made a voluntary increase in the price of sockeye to 50c per fish, the increase covering the entire district and being retroactive to the commencement of the season. It will be remembered that the sockeye price

## Man in the Moon

After a rather long nap I am with you again. The arrival of summer has aroused me and given me pep enough to continue my column.

The members of the C. C. F. party are being designed "Cocofeds" by those who wish to ridicule them.

Jake says that the local Conservatives are wondering whether to run a straight Conservative candidate against T. D. or a Bowserite non-partisan Tory or a Tolmie Unionist. While these are all manufactured in the same factory they do not seem to like each other any too well.

The absence of a city council has proven a sore blow to me. I have nothing to ridicule now.

I notice that the commissioner is getting a few knocks already. He may thank his lucky stars he is not a mayor or an alderman. If he were he'd get kicks and swats and curses and would be in danger of shrivelling up like the jackdaw of Rheims.

July 14 seems rather late for summer to begin but better than that no summer.

I read that there was a big day on the New York Stock Exchange when many people bought and sold pieces of paper on which they hope to realize profits. What fools these mortals be. I hate to see them foolish when I can't be foolish too.

I wish I had a dollar bill with which to speculate. Only to lose I'd hate. Some day I plan to save my dimes until a score I get. And then I'll storm the stock exchange and get rich quick, you bet.

last season was 30c per fish while the opening price this year was 40c. There has been no change as yet in the prices of any other varieties.

No official announcement is made as yet as to the sockeye fishing season being extended owing to the early season failure of the run.

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