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All in Readiness For Opening of Salmon Canning Season—Halibut Not so Plentiful Just Now—High Tides Affect Trolling Operations

Early June sees canning plants in Prince Rupert district all in readiness for the 1934 season's salmon packing operations which are due to start on June 20 with the legal opening of the season for fishing with sockeye nets. Reconditioning and other preparatory operations at the canneries are now pretty well completed as well as all organization and preliminary arrangements. There are also definite signs of the sockeye run commencing and all indications point to a very active season. At least an average run of sockeye is anticipated this year and a good demand for this variety is assured. It is possible that there will be more activity also this year in the packing of fall varieties following the sockeye season.

Halibut boats arriving at Prince Rupert during the week have reported fish not nearly so plentiful on the banks as they were earlier in the season. It has been taking longer to catch the fish and poundage averages are not so high. Weather has been still favorable for fishing operations but the belief is expressed by some that exceptionally high tides might have been at least partially responsible for the apparent scarcity of fish.

Due in a measure at least to exceptionally high tides, spring salmon trolling in the Dundas Island and Warke Canal areas of Prince Rupert district has been slack recently. However, an early improvement is expected if favorable weather conditions, such as have been prevailing for weeks, continue. A satisfactory run of springs is reported to be continuing at North Island although reports from the trolling grounds at Rennell Sound, Quten Charlotte Islands, have not been so good, very few springs being caught there. Gillnetters on the Naas River are reported to be making good catches while conditions on the Skeena River are reported to be fair.

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the present season up to and including yesterday had reached a total of 6,212,065 vounds, consisting of 2,953,065 Canadian fish and 3,259,000 pounds American, as compared with 5,764,600 pounds at a similar date last year maed up of 2,503,300 pounds Canadian and 3,256,300 pounds American fish. For the week ending yesterday landings totalled 372,500 pounds of which 111,500 pounds was from Canadian boats and 261,000 pounds from American. Prices during the week were little changed, the top bid for Canadian fish being 5.7c and 5c which the Pair of Jacks received for 10,000 pounds while the low was 5.2c and 4.7c paid the Ternen for 10,000 pounds. For American fish the high price of the week was 8c and 5c paid the Summit for 16,000 pounds and the low 6.5c and 5c received by the Arrow. Franklin and Brisk for catches of 27,000, 40,000 and 36,000 pounds respectively.

David McCullough, wealthy New Yorker, and party are on their way south from a big game hunting trip to the St. James Bay region of Alaska on account of McCullough having been accidentally shot in the arm. They are travelling in McCullough's big steam yacht, the Hussar.

Two halibut boats sold catches totalling 16,000 pounds at 6.9c and 4.7c at Ketchikan Wednesday.

Inspecting Charles

W. A. Wallace and John F. Matthews, underwriters representatives from Vancouver were here this week to make an inspection of the steamer Prince Charles, which is now on the pontoons at the local dry dock for overhaul preparatory to being recommissioned in service this year. They sailed by the Cardena this morning on their return to Vancouver.

The flying boat from Shelton, Wash., with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Graham on board, which spent Wednesday night here, left early Thursday afternoon in continuation of its northbound flight, passing over Ketchikan at 3 p.m. without stopping.

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. Ernest Georgeson, arrived in port at 1:15 this morning from the south and sailed an hour later on her return to Vancouver and waypoints. The vessel had been delayed by having heavy freights to discharge at cannery points enroute north.

C. P. R. steamer Princess Adelaide, Capt. S. K. Gray, arrived here at 4:15 yesterday afternoon from the south and sailed at 8:30 p.m. on a special voyage to Ketchikan and Juneau whence she is scheduled to return here Monday morning southbound. The vessel brought north 232 passengers including 110 Filipino cannery workers for Alaska. There were 11 passengers for here aboard.

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The star's supporting cast includes such screen notables as Johnny Mack Brown, Thelma Todd, Jean Muir, Frank McHugh and Sheila Terry.

Financiers From Britain Arrive

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Hot Weather In Southern Interior

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