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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1936

Today's Weather (8 A.M.)

Prince Rupert—Thick fog, calm; barometer, 30.30; temperature, 37; sea smooth.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 7:26 a.m. 17.9 ft.
 19:30 p.m. 16.9 ft.
Low 0:35 a.m. 6.0 ft.
 13:12 p.m. 9.7 ft.

British Columbia Halibut Banks Improving; Fishermen Doing Well, 'Tis Claimed

Improvement in the condition of the halibut banks on the Pacific Coast and particularly off British Columbia as the result of regulation is unmistakable, writes A. J. Whitmore. Success is attending the efforts of the International Fisheries Commission in rebuilding the supply of spawning fish and stopping the decline in abundance which went on for many years before 1930. The drop in annual catch on the grounds south of Cape Spencer from 65,000,000 to 22,000,000 has been brought to a stop with every prospect of an increase as soon as young fish appear as the result of more spawning. A decline in catch per day, or per unit of gear, which would have made every trip a loss at present prices, has been reversed.

Fear for the future of the halibut fishery off British Columbia can be dismissed unless we permit what has been and is being done by international co-operation to be destroyed. Such a remarkable change has been accomplished in no other marine fishery. And it is still more remarkable that it has been accomplished without a reduction in the catch, which might well have been a radical one in view of the condition of the banks.

The Canadian commissioners feel themselves fortunate in being able to report that the banks frequented by British Columbia fishermen show this improvement in somewhat greater amount than the banks elsewhere in Area 2, the grounds south of Cape Spencer. Water, in fact, to the extent of 75% since 1930. Canada has had its full share of the benefits of conservation, and no more than its share of restriction.

The commissioners have had no responsibility for the system of voluntary curtailment and its effects upon price and distribution of the landings. They have no control over the prices obtained and cannot be expected to maintain the earnings of the fleet in the face of decreased prices obtained, for instance the decrease from 11.3 cents for southern mediums in Prince Rupert in 1930 to 6.6 cents in 1936. Only the general economic situation can do that. They can, however, show clearly by the statistics of the annual catches since 1931, when their regulations first became effective that they have done their full share to preserve the halibut industry for Canada.

Canadian official records show that since regulation began the value of the halibut landings by Canadian vessels in Pacific ports has risen remarkably. This increase is such, having regard to the trend of other businesses taught in the depression, that the fleet and trade should feel greatly encouraged. This increase has been contributed to by a general recovery in prices.

Value of landings by the Canadian fleet for five years is given as follows:

Year	Halibut	Livers	Total
1932	\$257,855	\$10,800	\$268,655
1933	369,797	21,800	391,597
1934	528,874	34,000	562,874
1935	635,227	72,200	707,427
1936	666,057	79,600	745,657

The value is greater by the increased proportion of first class fish as a result of regulation, by better prices for the lessened proportion of second class fish, and by an increase in the total amount landed by the Canadian fleet.

This change in quantity of second class fish is shown clearly by the fact that, due to overfishing, the proportion of chickens in the Area 2 catch had risen steadily to 42% in 1932, whereas it had fallen to 28% in 1935. The price for second class fish was 50% of that for first class in Prince Rupert until 1933. In 1935 it was 88% and in 1936 80%.

The Canadian fleet has done well, both from the local grounds south of Cape Spencer in Area 2. (Continued on Page Two)

TWO GRAIN SHIPS HERE

One Arrived Last Night and Other Sailed This Afternoon

For the first time in some years, two grain ships were today moored at the same time alongside the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator. One was the Norwegian motorship Heina making ready to sail for the United Kingdom or Continent with a full cargo of grain and the other the British steamer Swiftpool which arrived last evening to load a similar cargo. The Swiftpool got in at 7 p.m. from Baltimore via Panama. She was boarded at Triple Island by Capt. J. R. Elfert, harbor master, who piloted her in. The Swiftpool is a large ship from West Hartlepool, Eng., belonging to the Ropner Line. She has a crew of 32 and Capt. E. W. Jackson is her master. She started loading this morning. The Heina, having been here since the end of the last week, was to sail early this afternoon.

New grain has started arriving at the local elevator from the prairies.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.

Vancouver	
B. C. Nickel	37
Big Missouri	58
Bralorne	8.60
B. R. Cons.	.04
B. R. X.	.11
Cariboo Quartz	1.80
Dentonia	.12
Dunwell	.03
Golconda	.12
Minto	.19
Meridian	.02
Morning Star	.02 1/2
Noble Five	.04
Pend Oreille	1.15
Porter Idaho	.05
Premier	3.03
Reeves McDonald	.10
Reno	1.25
Relief Arlington	37
Salmon Gold	.08 1/2
Taylor Bridge	.06 1/2
Wayside	.08
United Empire	.02

Toronto	
Beattie	1.32
Central Patricia	4.20
God's Lake	.80
Inter Nickel	64.00
Lee Gold	.05
Little Long Lac	7.00
McKenzie Red Lake	1.73
Pickle Crow	6.85
Red Lake Gold Shore	1.91
San Antonio	2.15
Sherritt Gordon	2.80
Sisco	4.55
Smelter Gold	.05 1/2
Ventures	2.85
MacLeod Cockshutt	4.35
Oklend	.53
Mosher	.53
Gilbec	.03 1/2
Madsen Red Lake	1.00
May Spiers	.49
Sullivan	1.90
Stadacona	.60
Frontier Red Lake	.21
Francour	1.12
Manitoba & Eastern	.15
Perron	1.67
South Keora	.20
Moneta Porcupine	1.70
Sladen Malartic	1.05
Bouscadillac	.46
Lapa Cadillac	.75
Old Diamond	.29
Gold Eagle	.87
Argosy	1.10
Mandy	.43

Weather Forecast

(Furnished through the courtesy of the Dominion Meteorological Bureau at Victoria and Prince Rupert. This forecast is compiled from observations taken at 5 a.m. today and covers the 36 hour period ending 5 p.m. tomorrow.)
Barometer has risen along the north coast and unsettled, mild, rainy weather prevails on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland.
West Coast of Vancouver Island—Moderate to fresh east and south winds, unsettled and mild with rain.
Prince Rupert and District—Light variable winds, partly cloudy and cool with occasional showers and drifting fog.
Matthew Williams, well known merchant of Skidegate Mission, arrived in the city on the Prince John last night from the Queen Charlotte Islands and will sail tonight on the Prince Rupert for a two weeks' business trip to Vancouver and elsewhere in the south. He is registered at the New Royal Hotel.

Cabinet Reserves Decision On Reid Grain Rate Matter

OTTAWA, Nov. 4: (CP)—The federal cabinet Wednesday night reserved judgment in the appeal of Tom Reid, Liberal member for New Westminster, asking for the establishment of export freight rates on feed grain imports to British Columbia for domestic use.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 5: (CP)—Wheat was up to \$1.07 1/2 on the Vancouver Exchange yesterday, advancing to \$1.08 1/2 today.

Late Telegraphs

INDIAN RECAPTURED
WHITEHORSE—Paddy Duncan, Indian, wanted in connection with the fatal shooting Friday at Champagne Landing of Harton Kane, another Indian, was brought into Whitehorse yesterday by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, having been recaptured following his escape from custody following the shooting.

BURLEIGH GRIMES MANAGER
NEW YORK—Burleigh Grimes, former famous pitcher, has been appointed manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

EXTENDING STRIKE
NEW YORK—Despite the edict of the executive of the International Seamen's Union calling back to work 14,000 seamen who have gone on strike on the Atlantic Coast and Gulf ports in sympathy with the Pacific Coast strike, maritime workers tried today to extend the already widespread strike. The I. S. U. has set Saturday as the deadline by which the men must return to work on pain of expulsion from the union. The order does not affect the Pacific Coast. Strikers have been arrested at Boston and Galveston.

CLOSE NOW TO MADRID

Fascist Insurgents Now Reported To Be But Three Miles Away; Situation Desperate

Aerial Fighting

Thousands of People Watching From Roofs of Capital, Saw Socialist Victory

LONDON, Nov. 5:—Fascist insurgents were reported last night to have advanced to within three miles of the suburbs of Madrid from the south.

In a feverish final stand, women as well as men are engaged in entrenching.

According to Fascist reports, conditions are desperate in the capital.

It was said in Berlin last night that there were not only Russian but French and British airplane pilots in Madrid the last-mentioned allegedly wearing Royal Air Force uniforms.

Heavy aerial and artillery bombardments shook the outskirts of Madrid today as insurgents started a decisive battle for possession of the capital.

Two insurgent fighting planes were shot down over the city and two others were crippled but escaped. Thousands, watching the dog fight from Madrid roofs, cheered wildly at the Socialist victory.

Committee Meeting
LONDON, Nov. 5:—The international Spanish civil war non-intervention committee meets again today and a bitter session is anticipated. Russia yesterday sent another note denying all allegations of assisting the Spanish government in the civil war.

Litigation Over Child's Custody Being Resumed

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5:—Litigation between Harry Bannister and his former wife, Ann Harding, screen actress, over the custody of their daughter is to be resumed. Bannister will oppose a six months extension of custody for Miss Harding who is at present in England with the child.

STANDINGS IN HOUSES

Even Strongest Republican Veterans Had Hard Pull to Hold Their Seats

NEW YORK, Nov. 5: (CP)—As a result of the voting in the United States general election on Tuesday, the Democrats are now assured of seventy-five seats in the Senate and the Republicans appear to have won only twenty-one seats. For the House of Representatives 329 Democrats have been definitely elected compared with only 71 Republicans. The Democrats are leading in 71 House seats and the Republicans in 14. The Democrats have a new high in the House.

Instead of cutting down Democratic majorities as they had expected, Republicans found their veterans in both Houses falling. Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, Republican leader appears to have been elected with a small lead. The veteran Senator William E. Borah of Idaho was given a thumping majority over C. Ben Ross, his very popular Democratic opponent who was three times governor.

Senator Daniel O. Hastings of Delaware was one of the Republican stalwarts to go down in defeat, losing to James Hughes, Democrat.

President Roosevelt is assured of the greatest working majority ever accorded a President of the United States.

It appeared last night that the President's plurality in the popular vote throughout the country would probably run about ten million. He had well over twenty-four million votes with about fifteen million for Governor Alfred M. Landon of Kansas, the Republican candidate. Today's total returns are reported as follows: Roosevelt, 24,778,018; Landon, 15,447,771. The majority sets a new United States record.

Roosevelt Appreciative

"I find myself fairly buried with an avalanche of thousands and thousands of congratulatory telegrams and letters," said President Roosevelt at his Hyde Park home last night. "I am deeply appreciative of the many pledges of goodwill and loyal support."

Mr. Roosevelt spent the day resting, having not risen until noon after having been up until 1 a.m. election night.

California Vote

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4:—California has given President Roosevelt a total popular vote of 1,500,000 or 300,000 more than in the landslide of 1932. Sixteen Democratic congressmen were returned from this state and four Republicans.

There was especial interest in the election for district attorney, Buren Flitts being re-elected with a small majority over Harlan Palmer.

Overseas Comment

LONDON, Nov. 4:—British and European press and political observers followed the United States election with much interest, particularly the presidential contest.

One London paper attributed the great Roosevelt victory to the personal popularity of the President and the fact that "prosperity is just around the corner." Another London paper believed that the people of the United States "concede in Roosevelt as the saviour of the country."

Premier Leon Blum of France was "happy to congratulate President Roosevelt whose policies are for peace and economic recovery."

The German press agreed that the President's popularity and strong personality were the principal factors contributing to his re-election with such a large majority. He certainly would have a free hand in effecting his economic plans, it was observed by Berlin papers.

Kenney Makes Suggestions In Legislature For Assistance To Skeena Mining Industry

VICTORIA, Nov. 5: (CP)—As a means of encouraging the Skeena district mining industry, E. T. Kenney of Terrace, member for Skeena, speaking in the Legislature Wednesday, urged the government to increase financial assistance for trail and road building. He suggested that new strikes prospectors be allowed to stake as many claims as required to profitably work the property. The government might also enter into partnership with the prospector, making advances on favorable reports.

Quadruplets Are Born in States

Mrs. Pearl Bridges in Critical Condition After Giving Birth To Four Babies

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 5:—Mrs. Pearl Bridges, who gave birth to quadruplets, three girls and one boy, in a rude farm home in Southeastern Missouri on Tuesday, is in critical condition in a Memphis hospital to which she was brought. Two of the babies, the boy and one of the girls, are dead. The other two may live.

Arrangements For Poppy Day Tag Saturday

A meeting of the Poppy Day committee took place at the Canadian Legion clubrooms last evening under the chairmanship of President W. M. Brown. Members of the Women's Auxiliary in attendance were Mrs. Hugh Killin, president, Mrs. S. V. Cox, Mrs. W. J. Cross and other representatives from the Legion were G. J. Dawes and J. S. Wilson.

The co-operation of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire is again assured with Mrs. J. Orchard McLeod, municipal representative, a member of the committee.

Taggers will include members of the Women's Auxiliary and children of members while Girl Guides will also give their valuable assistance. A house to house canvass will give the general public, who may not be in town, an opportunity to contribute to the cause.

A new feature of the Poppy campaign this year is the sale of small poppies that may be attached to windshields of automobiles.

The Women's Auxiliary will have charge of the tag day with headquarters at the clubrooms of the Legion.

ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Social and Dance Staged by Local Norwegians For Men of Grain Ship Heina

For the entertainment of officers and men of the Norwegian motorship Heina, which is loading a grain cargo at this port, the local Norskop Society staged a very enjoyable social and dance Tuesday night in the Boston Hall.

There were about 150 persons present and all had a very enjoyable time.

Peter Lien, president of the society, gave an address of welcome to the visiting Norwegians. The chief officer and one of the members of the crew of the vessel responded. The musical program included vocal solos by Nels Gunderson.

The proceedings were in progress from 9:30 p.m. until 3 a.m. and Nels Gunderson was master of ceremonies. Music for dancing was by Julius Welle's Orchestra. K. Gulbranson presided at the door.

The committee in charge consisted of Mr. and Mrs. B. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Kildal, Mrs. Nels Luth and Mrs. Peter Lien.

NEW YORK, (CP)—Bar silver was unchanged at 44 3/4c per ounce on the New York metal market today.

MARS IS BEACHED

Alaska Seineboat Expected to Be Brought Here Tonight For Docking

The Alaska seineboat Mars, which struck a reef and sank off Dundas Island on Tuesday, was raised yesterday by the local salvage boat Daly and beached on a sandy shore near Whitley Point where she is being temporarily patched preparatory to being brought in here for docking.

After having succeeded in beaching the Mars, the Daly came in this morning and was to go out again this afternoon to pick her up and tow her in. Tug and tow may arrive this evening.

The Mars is not believed to be extensively damaged.

After the sinking, the crew of the Mars were taken aboard the Sunbeam, another seiner, which has been standing by.

The Canadian government steamer Givenchy has also been standing by.

CALCIUM WAS HIS SUBJECT

Dr. Leonard Pugsley Speaker At Gyro Club—Going Ahead With Morse Creek Skating Resort

Dr. Leonard Pugsley, the latest new member of the scientific staff of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station, was the speaker at the regular weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday. His subject was "Calcium Metabolism" which he discussed in an interesting way. He briefly described the chemical attributes of calcium and then spoke of the functions of the thyroid gland, which had an important bearing on the distribution of calcium through the human system, and vitamin D which controlled the absorption of calcium in its bone-building activity.

The Gyro Club decided to proceed in conjunction with the Rotary Club on the development of a skating rink at Morse Creek. The estimated cost of the project is \$400 which the two clubs will share equally. The intention is to start work at an early date so the pool will be in shape for skating this winter. Stumps will be removed, a gate for control of the level of the water installed, benches put in, a walk built and electric lighting installed. The work will be looked after by the Gyro Club's playground committee of which W. H. Tobey has now been appointed chairman, and a committee of the Rotary Club consisting of J. J. Little, W. J. Alder and S. C. Thomson.

Dr. R. G. Large president of the Gyro Club, was in the chair at today's luncheon and guests were P. F. P. Bird, Harry Melville of Premier and S. G. Lawrence of Stewart.