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Halibut Landings Opening up Heavier This Year—American Schooner Akutan in Distress Off Alaska Coast

Opening season halibut landings at Prince Rupert this year have been much heavier than in 1936. This, undoubtedly, has had something to do with opening prices being rather unsatisfactory. Another factor is that the fish this year, owing to the early Easter, missed the Holy Week markets in the east. During the week up to and including yesterday a total of 625,000 pounds was landed at Prince Rupert of which 369,000 pounds was from American vessels and 256,800 pounds from Canadian. The top price of the week for American fish was 7.5c and 5c paid the Addington for 8,000 pounds and the low 6.5c and 5c which the Atlas received for 28,000 pounds. For Canadian fish the high bid of the week was 6.4c and 5c which the Southend accepted for 11,500 pounds and the low 5.6c and 5c which the North Foreland and Skeena M. received for catches of 6,000 pounds in each case. Landings for the season up to yesterday had reached a total of 627,800 pounds—369,000 from American boats and 258,800 from Canadian—as compared with 217,400 pounds—116,800 pounds American and 100,600 pounds Canadian—at a corresponding date last year.

With heavy landings, prices have also turned weak at Seattle and Vancouver. Thursday twelve boats sold a total of 222,000 pounds at Seattle, the top price for the day being 8¼c and 7c. The sales were; Eldorado, 33,000, Whiz, 7⅝c and 6c; Grant, 34,000, McCallum, 7⅝c and 6c; Atlantic, 28,000, San Juan, 7⅝c and 6c; Liahona, 33,000, Sebastian, 7⅝c and 6c; Chancellor, 10,000 San Juan, 8c and 7c; Argo, 12,000, San Juan, 8c and 7c; Banner, 10,000, San Juan, 8c and 7c; Bolinda, 10,000, Chase, 8¼c and 7c; Hoover, 14,000, Booth, 8¼c and 7c; Diana, 4,000, Booth, 8¼c and 7c; California, 14,000, San Juan, 8c and 7c; Ionic, 14,500, San Juan, 8c and 7c.

Landings were again heavy at Seattle yesterday when twelve boats sold catches totalling 249,000 pounds as follows: Attu, 33,000, Washington, 8c and 6c; Columbia, 30,000, Sebastian, 8c and 6c; Coolidge,, 24,000, Chase, 8c and 6c; Celtic, 33,000, San Juan, 8c and 6c; Aleutian, 30,000, McCallum, 8⅛c and 6c; Arctic, 28,000, San Juan, 8c and 6c; Daly, 21,000, Whiz, 8c and 6c; Lane, 10,000, Booth, 8¾c and 6c; Alma, 8,000, Whiz, 9¼c and 6c; Jane 11,000, Washington, 8¾c and 6c; Evolution, 9,000, San Juan, 8⅝c and 6c; Aloha, 12,000, New England, 9c and 6c.

In Vancouver Thursday three boats sold halibut catches at prices ranging from 5c to 6.6c per pound.

The local provincial police boat P. M. L. 8 is at present on the McLean Ways at Seal Cove where a rather extensive hull repair job is being carried out. The work includes a good deal of re-planking.

Dr. Neal Carter, director of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station, sailed last night on the Princess Louise for Vancouver to attend a meeting of the Pacific sub-evecutive of the Biological Board of Canada.

C. P. R. steamer Princess Louise, Capt. S. K Gray, arrived in port at 2:15 yesterday afternoon from the south and sailed at 10 p.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints. The Union steamer Cardena, Capt. W. W Mounce, arrived at 7:30 p.m from the south and sailed on her return at 10:30 p.m.

The P. M. L. 4, for years stationed at Ocean Falls as the provincial police boat, arrived on Wednesday of this week from the paper town to make her future headquarters at Prince Rupert as patrol boat for the Game Branch with Game Warden Ed. Martin in charge. The P. M. L. 4 is no stranger to this port, having often been here in the past.

The Seattle halibut boat F. C Hergert is at Alert Bay at present for propellor repairs. The vessel had been picked up on the fishing grounds and towed to Alert Bay by another Seattle halibutter Antler, which took her catch on to Seattle.

Capt. Parkvold Injured

Capt. Chris Parkvold, owner and skipper of the halibut boat Takla, lost a portion of two fingers in a painful accident while working aboard his boat at the dry dock Thursday. He was taken to the Prince Rupert General Hospital to have the injuries attended to.

The United States coastguard cutter Alert was reported last night to be speeding from Petersburg, Alaska, to Baranof Island off which the well known halibut boat Akutan was reported to be disabled.

The well known American halibut boat Chancellor has been sold by Chris Nelson of Seattle to William Selig of Ketchikan. Selig who is owner of the Viola, has already taken over the Chancellor. Capt. Nelson is having a new boat built at Tacoma. The new boat will be equipped with a 65 h.p. Atlas-Imperial diesel engine and is to be ready for service in July.

The provincial police dispatched a boat to Inverness yesterday to bring in Hans Hansen, pioneer trapper and fisherman of the Skeena River, who was reported to be quite ill. Mr. Hansen was formerly located at Port Essington and is well known around the river.

Aboard the power vessel Bonanza, a local badminton team consisting of Harry Ward, George Mitchell, Percy McIntosh, Walter Cross, Miss Irene Mitchell, Miss Francis Thomson, Miss Margaret McKay and Miss Bessie Thompson sailed Thursday evening for Premier where a series of games will be played this week-end. The local badminton players will also be guests of honor at a ski tournament to be held at Premier. The Rupert players expect to return home late Sunday night.

Princess Norah Due

C. P. R. steamer Princess Norah, Capt. William Palmer, northbound from Vancouver to Skagway, is reported due at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning and will sail an hour later in continuation of her voyage.

Imperial Oil Co.'s tanker Imperial, Capt. A. S. McGaw, having called at Stewart with a cargo of fuel from Ioca, is due in port at 6 o'clock tonight and will sail for the south after discharging here.

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Anthem, "NOW HE LIVES"
12:15, Sunday School
7:30 p.m., "LIFE THROUGH DEATH"
Anthems, (1) "WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING?" (S. C. Cook); (2) "HE IS RISEN" (John Witty)
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7:30 P.M., Evening Prayer and Sermon
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11 A.M., Sermon Subject: "THE DAWN"
Easter anthems by the Junior Choir
A meeting of the congregation will be held at the close of the service to consider the recommendation of the official board regarding the call of a minister
12:15, P.M., Sunday School
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Afternoon, 2 o'clock: Special children's service
Evening, 7:30 o'clock: Miss Builder, missionary from India, will bring the message. This will be her farewell.

CAST IS NOTABLE

William Powell, Myrna Loy, Spencer Tracy and Jean Harlow In "Libelled Lady"

With a notable cast headed by Jean Harlow, William Powell, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy "Libelled Lady," one of the season's outstanding pictures is seen on the screen of the Capitol Theatre as the week-end feature.

The story deals with a metropolitan newspaper which finds itself defendant in a libel suit brought by one of the world's richest men. Tracy, as the managing editor, locates Powell, a former reporter who is known for his peculiar ability to settle such cases out of court. The fact that Powell, in his efforts to quash the suit, falls in love with Myrna Loy, the millionaire's daughter, complicates matters as does the fact that he marries Jean Harlow, the boss' sweetheart. The picture presents a side of newspaper life never before seen on the screen.

Prominent in the supporting cast are Walter Connolly, Charley Grapewin, Cora Witherspoon, E. E. Clive and Charles Trowbridge.

Mrs. Dudoward Ill At Port Simpson

Mrs. Kate Dudoward, one of the most colorful native personalities of this district and sometimes known as "Princess Victoria" of the Tsimpseans, is seriously ill at her home in Port Simpson, according to word received in the city. She is suffering from pneumonia and relatives have been summoned to her bedside. Mrs. Dudoward, who was the recipient of a King George V Jubilee medal two years ago, is the widow of the late Alfred Dudoward, noted Tsimpsean chief.

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