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**Halibut Landings Nearly Million Pounds Heavier Than Last Year—Two Big Tourist Boats Coming Monday Morning**

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the 1937 season up to and including yesterday totalled 4,963,760 pounds as compared with 4,072,700 pounds at a corresponding date last year. The Canadian landings have reached a total of 2,734,560 pounds as against 2,213,700 pounds last year at a corresponding date while the American total is now 2,229,200 pounds as against 1,859,000 pounds. During the week ending yesterday landings amounted to 527,900 pounds of which 280,900 pounds was from Canadian vessels and 247,000 pounds from American. Prices on Canadian fish during the week ranged from a high of 7.9c and 6c, paid the Tramp for 16,000 pounds, to a low of 7c and 5c which the Domino and Lake Biwa received for 6,000 pounds and 4,500 pounds respectively. The high price of the week for American fish was 8.8c and 6c which the Eureka, Frisco and Star received for 9,000, 9,000 and 14,000 pounds respectively while the low was 8c and 6c paid the Eagle for 36,000 pounds.

With flagships of both the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific northern fleets in port, Monday morning next will mark the opening of the Alaska tourist season at Prince Rupert. The steamer Prince Robert will be here with well over two hundred passengers on board while the Princess Louise will have a similar number. This is the earliest opening of the Alaska tourist season on record. Bookings for the months of July and August particularly are reported to be exceptionally heavy.

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. John Boden, arrived in port at 1 o'clock this morning from the south and sailed a couple of hours later on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

A fifteen pound halibut was caught off the mouth of the Duwamish River in Puget Sound yesterday by E. Lasher, Seattle sportsman with salmon trolling gear. It is unusual for halibut to be caught in waters of that vicinity.

Robert Bell-Irving of Vancouver arrived in the city on the Princess Adelaide last evening and continued to make the round trip to Ketchikan, disembarking here this morning. He is on a visit to his cannery interests in this district.

The British Columbia Department of Fisheries is sending a protest through Ottawa at the move to commence operation of American floating sardine reduction plants off the British Columbia coast. This, the provincial authorities contend, would tend to throw the salmon and halibut fisheries also open to large scale invasion.

Three halibut vessels sold catches totalling 55,000 pounds at Seattle yesterday as follows: Venture, 35,000 pounds, 9 1/2c and 8 1/4c; F. C. Hergert, 12,000, San Juan, 10 1/2c and 8c; Gloria II, 8,000, Washington, 10 1/2c and 8c. Ling cod was selling for 3c in Seattle.

At the instance of Chief Edward Gamble of Kikkatla, F. A. MacCallum brought before the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night a suggestion that the floats at Cow Bay might be improved as so many of the native visitors to the city had their boats injured when tied up there. The matter was referred to the harbor committee for report.

C. P. R. steamer Princess Adelaide, Capt. Henry Anderson, returned to port at 9:30 this morning after making a special voyage to Ketchikan to pick up a group of Alaskan school teachers going south for the summer vacation and sailed a couple of hours later for Vancouver and waypoints. The vessel brought in 27 passengers from the north, one of whom disembarked here. Eleven sailed from here for Vancouver aboard her.

In the course of a visit to coastal salmon fishing areas prior to the opening of the 1937 canning season, J. A. Motherwell, chief supervisor of fisheries for British Columbia with headquarters in Vancouver, arrived here last evening from the south aboard the departmental steamer Malaspina.

The Co-operative packer Ogden delivered 3,000 pounds of salmon from Banks Island and 200 pounds from Squadaree yesterday. The Azurite delivered 2500 pounds of salmon from Dundas and 1000 pounds from Zayas. There has been a strong westerly wind for the last few days which has kept the fleet in harbor.

**DR. DAFOE DEPARTING**  
Pastor of First Baptist Church For Eight Years Presents Resignation to Congregation

Rev. Dr. F. W. Dafoe, for eight years pastor of First Baptist Church here, has presented his resignation to the congregation, effective the end of this month. With Mrs. Dafoe he will spend a couple of months on vacation in Vancouver and the Okanagan before deciding upon his future field of ministerial endeavor. He is at present considering two offers.

Dr. Dafoe, during his ministry here, has become well known and highly esteemed not only within his own church but in the community generally. His departure will be regretted.

**Asking to Have Mine Sweepers Built in Rupert**

The possibility of securing a contract from the Dominion government to build one of two proposed mine sweepers was suggested at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last evening. It was reported that the local dry dock would be tendering on the work and the chamber will ask the government to give serious consideration to the possibility of having the work done at Prince Rupert.

**LAW LORDS JUDGE AMAZING VARIETY OF APPEAL CASES**

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provinces can agree on a new distribution of legislative power between themselves, or some clarification of the existing distribution, it is most unlikely they will meet with any opposition from Whitehall or Westminster and this should satisfy them."

Such a move now is under consideration—the calling of a convention of Dominion, provincial and other interests in Canada to draft amendments to the constitution. Meanwhile the judicial committee continues in an unobtrusive corner of a weather-beaten sandstone building on famous Downing Street.

The room where the judges sit has none of the atmosphere of a court room. It is large, book-lined, has open grate fires and the judges sit at desks, not at a bench. Something of the judicial committee's unique character as a tribunal is evidenced by its reference to itself as a "board" instead of an appeal court in the decisions.

Although it is undoubtedly the premier judicial tribunal in the world, it is the only court of high authority in the Empire where the judges appear in ordinary street dress. Lawyers are expected, however, to wear wig and gown and conduct themselves with severest decorum.

Canadian lawyers don't wear wigs at home and must buy or rent them when they appear before the committee. Said a Canadian lawyer: "Surprising is the readiness with which the firm renting wigs can fit you. They merely ask you your hat size and immediately supply you with a wig that fits well. Rental is 15 shillings whether you use the wig a day or a month. The firm has been in existence since the reign of William and Mary."

Appeals may be brought before the committee in the form of a petition to the Crown. Provision is made for the remission of fees in appeals in forma pauperis, so that access to the King-in-Council may be open to the humblest of his subjects.

**Appeal to King**  
Every appeal is addressed to "the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council." The judicial committee pronounces no decrees but confines itself to "humbly advising his Majesty" on what course should be adopted in disposing of the appeals which have been referred to it.

The report of the committee furthermore does not disclose whether the advice represents the unanimous opinion of the committee or of the majority. This ancient rule, originally prescribed in 1627 says: "When the business is carried according to the most voices, no publication is afterwards made, by any man, how the particular voices and opinions went."

An attendance of three privy councillors constitutes a committee quorum although the number varies according to the ramifications and importance of the appeal.

The list of persons qualified to sit in the hearing of appeals has been expanded down through the years and now includes: Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, present and past Lord residents of the Council and Lords Chancellor, all members of the Privy Council who hold or have held high judicial office in England, Scotland Northern Ireland or in the Dominions, privy councillors who hold or have held the office of Chief Justice or judge of any High Court in India, and two specially qualified persons appointed by letters patent.

Chief burden of the judicial committee's work falls upon the seven Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, members in virtue of their high office. Each receives an annual stipend of \$30,000.

Members of this august body, with the age of each and the year of his appointment are: Lord Atkin, 69 (1928); Lord

Thankerton, 63, (1929); Lord Russell of Killowen, 69 (1929); Lord MacMillan, 63 (1930); Lord Maugham, 70 (1935); Lord Roche, 66 (1935); Lord Wright, 54 (1937).

Lord Wright, former Master of the Rolls, succeeded the senior member, Lord Blanesburgh, who resigned in April, 1937, at the age of 75 after serving 14 years.

Sir George Claus Rankin and Sir Shadi Lal, appointed under the Appellate Jurisdiction Act of 1929, are the only members of the committee subject to superannuation. They are required to retire at 72. Their salary is \$20,000 a year.

**Canadians May Sit**  
Three distinguished Canadians are qualified to sit on the committee. They are Sir Lyman Poore Duff, 72, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, 84, whose appointment in 1908 ranks him as the senior member in point of service and Sir William Mulock, 93, Canada's "grand old man," the veteran of the Privy Council.

Previous to 1933, when Rt. Hon. F. A. Anglin was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, he and the then Mr. Justice Duff alternated sitting on the judicial committee, one going to England each summer. Since Mr. Anglin's death, Sir Lyman has been the only member of the Supreme Court of Canada on the committee. He has sat on it so often as he could arrange to be in England. He was there last year and contemplates visiting England again this summer.

The functions of the committee are not confined to appeals originating outside the United Kingdom. Its duty is also to advise upon any matter which his Majesty may think fit to submit to it.

Among such questions were the reference in 1927 to determine Newfoundland's territorial claims to Labrador. Another important question in this category related to the composition of the arbitration commission for the settlement of the boundary between northern and southern Ireland.

The judicial committee also has jurisdiction by way of appeal from ecclesiastical courts in the United Kingdom.

It is the court of appeal from all prize courts at home and abroad; from the Court of Admiralty of the Cinque Ports and all the Admiralty Courts outside the United Kingdom.

**MISSION REPORTS**

OTTAWA, June 5: (CP)—Rev. W. D. Grant Hollingworth of Prince Rupert, reporting to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada on mission survey activities in British Columbia by plane, bus, ship, train and tractor, said he saw great opportunities for development.

Mr. Hollingworth said that on the main line of the Canadian National Railways one Anglican minister came to many communities not visited by a Protestant minister for two years. He suggested travelling missionaries to meet the situation.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce will make no attempt to entertain the members of the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles on the occasion of their visit to the city on Monday. However, a number of the members of the Chamber will meet them and extend them every possible courtesy. They will be in the city only from 8 to 11 but will return on the following Sunday and will be here from 9 to 3. Most of the members of the party are ladies.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, with President J. J. Little in the chair, held its monthly dinner meeting last night in the Knox Hotel. There was an attendance of 27 members.

**Celebration With Co-operation Of Natives Success**

At the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting held at the Knox Hotel last evening, F. A. MacCallum reported on behalf of the Coronation Day Celebration Committee. He said that the native peoples of the district had joined wholeheartedly in the event and had expressed appreciation of the treatment they had received. A financial statement would be prepared and filed in the City Hall where it would be open to inspection.

On motion of City Commissioner W. J. Alder the thanks of the chamber was extended to the committee. He said he knew of no better celebration put on in the city. He reminded the chamber that it was practically the same committee that had carried out the Silver Jubilee celebration.

Harry Cooper, new director of the Gyro Club's supervised playground activities and of the local recreational and physical education centre, arrived in the city on the Princess Adelaide last evening from Vancouver.

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