RESTORING OF SALMON

International Co - operation To Bring Back Fraser River Fishery

VANCOUVER, June 11: (CP)—Unproductive for 25 years, the 90,000-mile basin of the Fraser River with its 16 lakes and mighty tributaries is potentially the greatest sockeye salmon "plant" in the world, A. L. Hager, chairman of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission, said here.

The great task of putting this back into operation has been shouldered by the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission, brought into being by ratification last year of an international treaty signed in 1930.

Mr. Hager summarized the problem:

"In 1913 the pack of Fraser River sockeyes was 2,400,000 cases. In 1937 it was 160,000 cases or about six percent."

He recounted the railway construction of 1913 and how it resulted in making conditions impossible for fish to get through the Fraser Canyon to the great spawning beds of the interior. A slide the following year made bad conditions worse. Result: The sockeye was virtually exterminated.

During the years obstructions have been removed until today the river is in as good condition as it ever was.

"Now your commissioners are starting forth on a great enterprise. We start with a non-existent sockeye fishery. We hope to create the most important of all assets—a food asset—and, instead of harvesting one crop, to make it recurring or perpetual. It is something for future generations—something worth while."

Mr. Hager explained that under the treaty the commission's jurisdiction and task was confined to the sockeye of the Fraser. The powers of regulation will not be exercised for eight years, allowing a study of two four-year sockeye cycles.

These powers of regulation, he added, are restricted to determining the time that sockeye fishing may be carried on, total quantity that may be taken during the year and that fishermen on each side of the international boundary shall share equally in the catch

Waterfront Whiffs

Halibut Landings About Million Pounds Less Than Last Year Owing To Lateness in Starting—Trolling Shows Improvement This Week

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the season up to yesterday had reached a total of 4,453,150 pounds as compared with 5,538,750 pounds at a corresponding date last year. Canadian landings for this season aggregate 2,176,750 pounds in comparison with last year's 3,016,050 pounds while the American total is 2,376,400 pounds as against 2,522,700 pounds. The fact that the fishing season opened two weeks earlier last year than it did this year is still accountable for the smalled catch in 1938 to date.

For the week ending yesterday landings at Prince Rupert amounted to 465,900 pounds consisting of 136,900 pounds American and 229,000 pounds Canadian fish. Prices during the week were not high although running a little better than the week previous. For Canadian fish the top bid of the week was 8c and 4c received by the Unome for 6,700 pounds and the low 5.5c and 4c which the Jennie Bay was paid for 5,500 pounds. For American fish the top bid of the week was 8.5c and 5c paid the 'Frisco for 9,000 pounds and the low 6.4c and 5c which the Betty received for 18,000 pounds.

So far this season the Cape Beale, Capt. Edgar Arnet, and the Dovre B., Capt. Tony Martinusen are leading the Canadian halibut fleet in volume of fish landed at Prince Rupert, each having brought in 78,000 pounds, the former in two trips and the latter in four. The Takla, Capt. Chris Parkvold, has landed 73,000 pounds in two trips. Heaviest lander in the American fleet for 1938 to date is the Foremost with 115,000 pounds in three trips, the Coolidge next with 80,000 pounds in three trips and the Yukon third with 75,000 pounds in three trips.

Five is the greatest number of catches to be landed by individual vessels of the Canadian fleet so far this year, boats making this number of trips having been as follows: Cape Spencer, 56,400 pounds; Gony 52,000 pounds; Jenney Bay, 40,000 pounds. Four is the greatest number of trips landed so far by single units of the American fleet, the Visitor having returned that often with an aggregate of 24,000 pounds. Boats in three times with fares have been Betty, 47,000 pounds; Coolidge, 80,000 pounds; 'Frisco, 26,400 pounds; Foremost, 115,000 pounds; Howard B., 43,000 pounds; Middleton, 62,000 pounds; Onah, 48,000 pounds; Reliance I, 45,000 pounds. Rainier II, 23,000 pounds; Sherman, 54,000 pounds; Yukon, 75,000 pounds; Zarembo, 48,500 pounds.

With weather more favorable there has been an improvement in fishing on the trolling ground during the past week, according to reports brought in by the packers. A few cohoes are now beginning to show up with the springs. Around the mouth of the Skeena River a few sockeyes are now being caught in the spring nets.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Louise, Capt. S. K. Gray, southbound from Skagway to Vancouver after her first voyage of the season to Alaska on tourist schedule, is due in port at 3:30 this afternoon and will sail a couple of hours later for the south.

Ready For Sunday's Race

Capt. J. R. Elfert, Harbor Master, has all arrangements ready for the model yacht race on the harbor tomorrow for the Prince George Cup and other trophies and even the Weather Man today gives promise of smiling on the event. Buoys are being laid for a triangular course off the Canadian National dock. This will be in full view of the tourist steamer Prince Robert which will be in port and the position is such that the race can easily be followed from vantage points along the waterfront. The entries are:

No. 1—Vagrant (cutter), J. Gibson.

No. 2—Saracen (Bermuda sloop) A. J. Croxford (W. L., Sandison skipper).

No. 3— Saucy Lass (sloop), D Todd (T. Dudley, skipper).

No. 4—Talisman (sloop), A. J. Croxford.

No. 5—Sheila (cutter, Ian McRae.

No. 6—Jeep (cutter), David Todd (Malcolm Lamb, skipper).

No. 7—Maple (cutter), C. Sather (R. Adcock, skipper).

No. 8—Britannia, J. McGreish.

Besides the Prince George Cup for the winner, there will be other prizes as follows: first, half a ton of coal, donated by Albert & McCaffery and Philpott & Evitt; second Shamrock ham, P. Burns & Co. third, hat, Fraser & Payne; short board prize, Capitol Theatre tickets; consolation, ten gallons of gas, Home Oil Distributors Ltd.

PRIZE FOR SNAPS

LONDON, Ont., June 11: (CP)—For photographs taken during a coronation tour of England, Kingsley Vogan of Central Collegiate will receive a special Overseas Education League prize from Viscount Willingdon, former governor-general of Canada.

PREPARING FOR KING

French Capital Will Give British Monarchs Regal Welcome But Papers Ring With Criticism of Program

By GLADYS M. ARNOLD

PARIS, June 11: (CP)—Say what you like, nothing puts Republicans into a dither like the approach of royalty. The French are no exception and there's great excitement in Paris these days.

Last year's official grief was that the International Exposition would not be finished in time and visitors would be received into a city of scaffolding. True to schedule, it opened in May and was finished in August. This year's worry is to get the buildings pulled down before the arrival of King George and Queen Elizabeth June 28 or else the view from the front windows of Quai d'Orsay palace will be anything but a joy to the eye.

Another trouble is the official program; the chief reproach being just that—it's too official. Certain events, of course, must remain a part of traditional custom and diplomacy. The unavoidables include the reception and dinner at the "Elysees" palace of the president and Madame Albert Lebrun, visit to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, reception at the Hotel de Ville, dinner at the British embassy and the inauguration of the Australian monument at Villers-Bretonneux.

But it's the other half, the semi-official part, which, according to a barrage of newspaper criticism, is stereotyped and shows an appalling lack of originality. "It might have been copied from the programs arranged for the visits of Nicholas II of Russia or Edward VII some 30 years ago," complains one critic. "What's the use of a quarter of a century of progress if something more interesting cannot be produced?"

Advise Moderation

With the example of Hitler and Mussolini in the art of glamorous reception, French pride is a little ruffled. At the same time warnings are issued against the grandiose scale favored by the dictators. "No welcome accompanied by orchestras, massed choirs in Greek tunics, or torchlight parades such as certain countries abuse; no enormous photographs and synthetic enthusiasm. It isn't necessary to cry Franco-British friendship from the housetops in order to convince the King and Queen of a sincere and cordial reception."

So far the program includes a visit to the Exposition of English Art in the Louvre, the garden party at Bagatelle, dinner in the Gallery of Glass at Versailles (scene of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles) followed by coffee for the 200 guests in the Queen's apartments and a gala at the Opera.

Critics of the program are calling for night symphonies of light, colored fountains and music on the Seine—just in front of d'Orsay Palace; they suggest an all-French evening at the Opera, Debussy, perhaps "l'Anglon" and a purely French ballet. Somebody remembered the English love of roses and the Avenue de l'Opera, as a consequence, will be transformed with garlands of evergreen and 80,000 roses.

Want The Princesses

School children have their own ideas about the visit and are calling for the little Princesses. It all began when Annie and Richard Valabregue, 10 and 13 years old respectively, wrote a letter saying "we want to see the Princess Elizabeth and Margaret-Rose. France is pretty now and we would give them a good time this once and not make them too tired." A newspaper printed it and now thousands are pouring in, promising a fine headache for the British ambassador who is obliged to wrestle with them.

A general tightening up of the regulations governing strangers is another indication of the visit. There are nearly 4,000,000 of them. It hasn't been forgotten, either, that not many years ago King Alexander of Serbia was assassinated at Marseilles while paying a friendly visit to France. No chances will be taken this time.

Had Bet With Queen

The little pavilion of Bagatelle in the Bois de Bologne, which is to be the scene of the royal garden party has an amusing history. It was built by the Comte d'Artois to win a bet with Marie-Antoinette. He wagered her that he could build it in two months and the court watched breathlessly while one hazard after another was put in his way. But he won and afterwards presented it to her. It must represent something the same picture today that it did in 1780 for once more it is covered with scaffolding and workmen are busy polishing and scouring, restoring paint and cleaning the picture frames.

HAS MANNISH HEN

GALT, Ont., June 11: (CP)—It's either an egg-laying rooster or a crowing hen, thinks Fred Misener who is getting three eggs a day from a coop with three leghorn fowl, one of which crows.

LAND ACT

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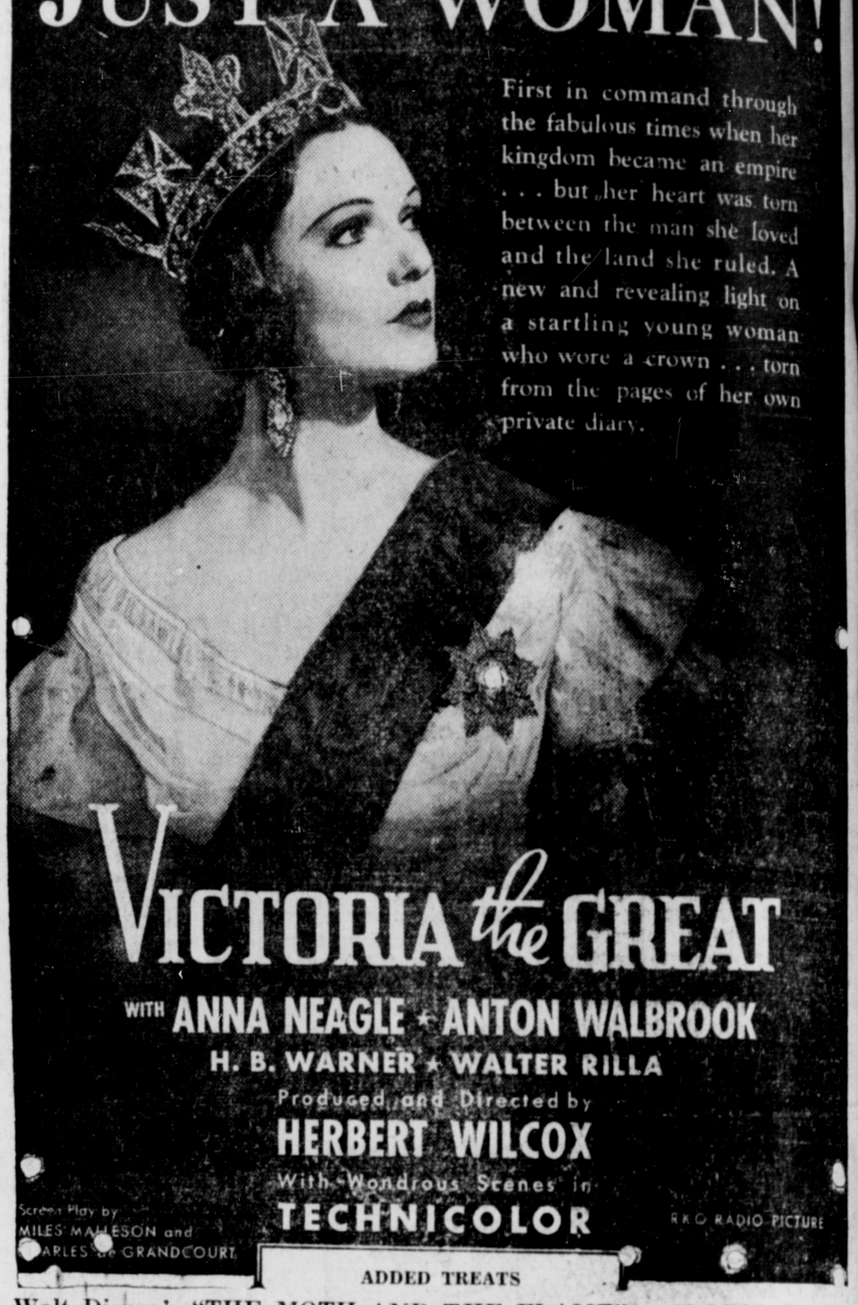
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