Waterfront Whiffs

Opening of Salmon Canning Season Set For Week From Tomorrow Evening —Halibut Landings For Past Week Fairly Heavy— Future of Grain Shipping Uncertain

Preparations are being completed for the opening of the 1938 salmon canning season in Prince Rupert district with the commencement on the evening of June 26, a week from tomorrow of fishing with sockeye nets in the various areas. There has been no settlement announced between the canners and the fishermen on the question of sockeye price for the season but, notwithstanding, the expectation seems to be that there will be no interruption on this account with the commencement of operations. Signs pointed to at least a fair run of sockeye, the fish having already put in an appearance. One less cannery on the mainland, Haysport in the Skeena River, will be operating this year.

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the week ending yesterday totalled 677,100 pounds of which 362,600 pounds was from Canadian vessels and 314,500 pounds from American. This brings the season's total to date up to 5,230,250 pounds as compared with 6,043,750 pounds at a corresponding date last year. This year's aggregate of Canadian fish to date is 2,539,350 pounds in comparison with 3,203,550 pounds a year ago while American total is 2,690,250 pounds as against 2,840,200 pounds in 1937 at a corresponding date. The price range for the past week was little different than that for the preceding week. For Canadian fish the high bid of the week was 7.3c and 5c received by the Ingrid H. and Margalice for catches of 19,500 pounds and 8,400 pounds respectively while the low price was 5c and 4c paid the Domino II., Northland and Torberg A. for catches of 8,700, 8,500 and 8,000 pounds respectively. The top price of the week for American fish was 7.5c and 5c which the Cascade and Pierce received for 9,500 and 18,000 pounds respectively and the low 7c and 5c which was the bid most boats landing during the week were offered. Yesterday's landings at Prince Rupert included 82,000 pounds of American for which 7c and 5c was paid and 42,000 pounds of Canadian which sold at 6.4c and 5c to 6.9c and 5c.

With the sailing of the Norwegian motorship Villanger for the United Kingdom and Continent on Wednesday evening of this week, the Alberta Wheat Pool's local elevator is now empty of grain and the future for the plant is quite uncertain. The Pool's lease on the house expires this summer and whether or not it will be renewed is not known. Joseph Bennett, Pacific Coast superintendent of Alberta Wheat Pool elevators, could give no information on being questioned this week as to possibilities of the future. Much, he suggested, would depend on what kind of a crop there was on the prairies this season. Mr. Bennett pointed out that grain shipping from British Columbia ports was at a low ebb now. No wheat whatever was being shipped to the Orient, this having been the case ever since the start of the Sino-Japanese war a year ago. The great bulk of the shipping of Canadian wheat to the United Kingdom and Europe during the past year had been from Atlantic ports. Summed up, the future of grain shipping from this coast seems quite an uncertain quantity. Indeed, little as it may have been, Prince Rupert seems to have had its share of grain shipping this year when compared with other coast ports.

Terrace Wedding Pretty Affair

Miss Letty Cardinal Becomes Bride of Omar Levesque

TERRACE, June 18.—A wedding of much interest to Terrace residents took place on Tuesday at 8 o'clock when Miss Letty Cardinal became the bride of Omar Levesque.

Given in marriage by Gordon Temple, the bride was lovely in a gown of pink satin with a wreath of orange blossoms encircling her hair and carried a bouquet of long spurred columbine and fern tied with white tulle. She was attended by Miss Enid Waite who looked charming in a gown of pale green silk with a bandeau of gold leaves in her hair.

The setting for the ceremony was the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stout. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Adam Crisp.

Following the ceremony a wedding luncheon was served to the guests and a four-tier wedding cake, made by the friends of the bride, centred the bride's table.

Mr. and Mrs. Levesque are to reside in Terrace.

BURNS LAKE

Miss Cecilia Radley and Norman Radley of Prince George were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Radley of Burns Lake.

Miss Swanhild Hougen of Tatalrose has been visiting friends here for the past week.

About fifty guests, including many from Burns Lake, were entertained by Tyson Radley of Colleymount at a house warming party on Friday. The Harris Bros Orchestra supplied the music for dancing. A huge bonfire in front of the house added a note of cheer to the occasion.

Smithers Is Thriving Centre Of Important Bulkley Valley; Has Great Future Possibilities

By H. F. PULLEN

SMITHERS, June 18.—The town of Smithers is the centre of everything in the Bulkley Valley. It has the government buildings, the railway shops, most of the retail business, the hotels, the high school, the Chamber of Mines, the moving picture house. Its future is tied up with the development of agriculture and mining of the whole valley. Hazelton has the scenery, the fur business, the native trade and Telkwa has the coal mine but it is impossible to think of the Bulkley Valley without thinking of Smithers. The federal member makes his home near here at Lake Kathlyn, the holiday centre for the valley.

In view of the town's importance the people of Smithers are bound to feel that the future of Smithers depends upon each and every one of them. They are bound to reflect the dignity of being an important centre by making the place look the part and by throwing off the village ways and acting in a dignified manner. Unfortunately, it has among its inhabitants men who do not hesitate to belittle the place, the people and the country. In that it resembles Prince Rupert and many other places. Civic pride is sometimes lacking and, as in other places, moderate and truthful speaking is not always considered a virtue.

Smithers has great possibilities. Farming is as yet in its infancy and, as it develops, the agricultural population will learn to co-operate for their own protection and to forget policies not in the interests of the whole community.

There is one question on which Smithers is almost a unit. It wants the Alaska highway built by way of Hazelton. Just a few are scoffers, mostly for political reasons but I judge, from their expressions, that the large majority of the people are anxious to have the highway and they express themselves in no uncertain terms. They are anxious that Prince Rupert shall pull strongly for the highway and the Hazelton route and the Associated Boards, at the meeting in August, will be asked to express that feeling by resolution.

I spent a Sunday in Smithers and the town was almost wholly deserted on that day. While a few spent at least a part of the day on the golf links, the majority seemed to have gone fishing to the various lakes and streams of the district and on Monday trout proved a delicious dish on the dinner tables of local residents.

Mining is Quiet

There is not much to be said just now about mining. There is still plenty of ore at the Duthie mine but the price of silver is not sufficiently attractive to the owners to make operation attractive. There are other very good prospects on Hudson Bay Mountain but there is a lack of confidence on the part of the investing public which makes it difficult to raise money for development. There are also good prospects in the Babine Mountains but little or nothing is being done. Some day there will be a mining boom in the Smithers district.

On of the most interesting experiments in the district is that being carried out by A. L. Evitt. He has a little country estate about three miles north of town on the other side of the Bulkley River. There he has erected a large greenhouse, approximately 70 feet long by 34 feet wide, with a heating plant sufficiently efficient to keep a temperature of 70 above when outside the thermometer registers 40 below zero. He started early in the season with a crop of radishes and onions, the surplus of which he marketed in Prince Rupert and which were quickly absorbed by that market. This was to fill in while the tomato plants were growing. Today those tomato plants are hung with fruit and, if there is no setback it is hoped to market at least three tons of ripe tomatoes this summer.

When the tomatoes come off, their places will be taken by chrysanthemums and carnations. Next year there will be some variation from this program to suit the market to the local conditions. Lettuce is also being grown in cold frames and is now about ready for shipment but not yet in very large quantities. Next year the quantities are to be increased and the glass house enlarged.

Mr. Evitt's son, Leonard, is in charge of the work and is proving to be a clever horticulturist, even though he is but eighteen years of age. He lives at the farm and it is planned to build a better house for him there soon.

In spite of the dry season, Smithers has some very good gardens this year. Some of the perennials which usually winter well were killed by the frost in the early spring and the lawn grass has also been killed in many lawns and may have to be resown. However, flowers and vegetables are growing and there will be a good show of color pretty soon.

Farewell Services At Kitsegukla As Residents Depart

KITSEGUKLA, June 18:—As all the people were leaving for the canneries this week farewell church services were held on Sunday. In the morning Rev. Bishop Black preached in the United Church and in the afternoon a community open air service was held in the cemetery. Those taking part were Adjutant and Mrs. Halvorsen of Hazelton, Captain Johnson, Tom Campbell of Hazelton and others.

The program was as follows:

Opening address by Acting Chief Councillor Bert Russell.

Band selection.

Address, Peter Wale, on behalf of the late Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

Prayer by Peter Mark.

Band selection and tribute to the late Mrs. A. McDames.

Band selection and tribute to the late Mrs. M. Jones.

Band selection and tributes paid to the late Ed. Brown and Kenneth Wesley.

Scripture lesson, Rev. Bishop Black.

Sermon by Adjutant O. Halvorson of Hazelton.

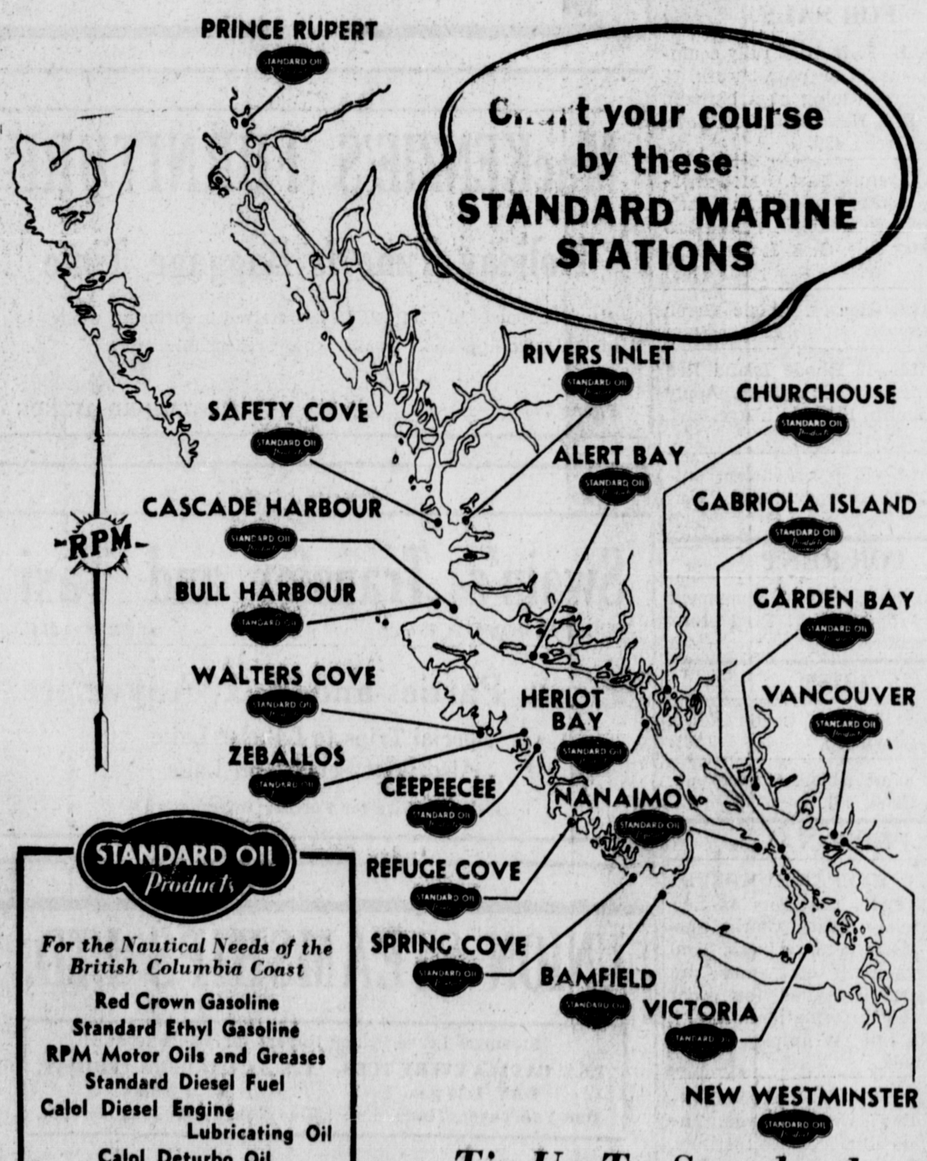
Closing song "Yield Not to Temptation" accompanied by the band.

Benediction.

KITSEGUKLA

Mathias Wesley was admitted to the Hazelton Hospital last Friday. Dr. Kirkpatrick and Dr. Irish operated upon him. They report that he is doing well and will be discharged in about a week's time.

All the logs are ready for the new Community Hall which is to be built after the fishing next fall. The logs will be sawn at the local mill by Joseph Wesley and his sons.



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R. S. C. 1927, Chapter 140

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And take notice that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, the British Columbia Packers Limited, will under Section 7 of the said Act apply to the Minister of Public Works at his office in the city of Ottawa, for approval of the said site and plan, and for leave to construct the said wharf, approach, Fish Elevator, Reduction Plant and Cannery buildings.

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