

Waterfront Whiffs

Canadian Halibut Landings Down With American Up — Halibut Boats and Fishermen Now Being Organized Under Coast Defence Plan

A number of the smaller vessels landing their final catches of the season from Area No. 2 while a few of the larger western boats were also in, halibut landings at Prince Rupert during the past week were quite heavy, totalling 604,500 pounds of which 437,800 pounds was from Canadian boats and 166,500 pounds from American. This brought the season's total to date up to 8,870,550 pounds including 4,469,150 pounds from Canadian vessels and 4,401,400 pounds from American. Last year up to a corresponding date the landings at Prince Rupert had reached a total of 9,360,750 pounds comprised of 5,176,750 pounds Canadian and 4,184,000 pounds American, the Canadian fish thus showing a considerable decrease this year while American landings are ahead. The high price of the week for Canadian fish was 7.5 cents and 5 cents received by the Cape Beale for 40,000 pounds while the low was 6.5 cents and 4.5 cents which a number of boats received. For American fish the high bid of the week was 8.4 cents and 6 cents paid the Visitor for 9,000 pounds and the low 7.5 cents and 6 cents which several boats were paid.

American and Canadian North Pacific halibut fleets landed 34,800,514 pounds of fish between

April 1 and July 31 this year, the International Fisheries Commission reported yesterday. With the season fifteen days earlier last year, both fleets brought in 36,174,166 pounds up to the end of July.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Adelaide, Capt. Henry Anderson, arrived in port at 3:15 yesterday afternoon from the south and sailed at 10 p.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints. The vessel had a good-sized list of sixty-six round trip passengers on board.

With the arrival at Prince Rupert this week of Lieut. Commander Donald, R.C.N., and his boat H.M.C.S. Skidegate, organization of halibut boats and fishermen of the port under the coastal defence program of the Department of National Defence got actively under way. Under the plan, boats and crews signing up will go to Esquimalt for

twenty-eight days' training under pay. The boats would be available and ready for service in the event of being needed. Filling in the month of February which is an idle one in the depth of the close season, the plan is proving of interest and Lieut. Commander Donald is meeting with good response. The Skidegate, which Lieut. Commander Donald has moored at the Digby Island ferry float here, is a trim 54-foot vessel with gas engine. It was originally built as a halibut fishing boat but was never commissioned in that occupation, being used instead for a while as a yacht. Recently she came into possession of the Department of National Defence and is now a unit of the Canadian Navy. Lieut. Commander Donald is no stranger to Prince Rupert, having been here in 1933 as second in command of H.M.C.S. Skeena.

The B. C. Packers packer Irene May arrived in port last night from Mill Bay, Naas River, and proceeded to North Pacific cannery on the Skeena River, having on board the Kincolith Concert Band of thirty-six pieces which will stage a concert tonight at North Pacific. The Kincolith Band, of which Simon McKay is conductor, has just been equipped with new uniforms which arrived a few weeks ago and the bandmen present a very smart appearance.

With sockeye fishing petering out in this district, seining for pink continues poor. Weather conditions, of course, have been against good fishing during the past week or so and an improvement would probably be attended with better fishing. Trolling, generally speaking, still seems to be meeting with quite good results.

Mining Editor Is In Smithers

Howard T. Mitchell of Vancouver Shows Pictures in Interior Town

SMITHERS, Aug. 6.—Howard T. Mitchell, editor of the Financial News of Vancouver, visited Smithers this week and on Tuesday evening he showed his films of mining and milling operations in British Columbia entitled "Behind the Chalk Marks." The showing was given on very short notice but the Reo Theatre was well filled and the pictures were very much appreciated by all of those who were fortunate enough to know about it and attended.

It was an education in mining for most of those who saw the show and many expressions of appreciation were heard and praise for Mr. Mitchell who is devoting his time and travelling throughout British Columbia at his own expense to bring before the people of the province the importance of the mining industry to British Columbia.

Mr. Mitchell is spending several days in Smithers visiting some of the local properties to obtain more pictures to add to his collection. He leaves here today and will visit the Manson Creek, Germanson Creek, Barkerville and Bridge River areas before returning to Vancouver.

Old Time Scenes Are On Display

Appropriate Atmosphere in Smithers For Three-day Celebration

SMITHERS, Aug. 6.—The streets and store windows of Smithers are "all dolled up" for the three day anniversary celebration. Many windows are filled with pictures of old time scenes of the town and district and groups of people who were here 25 years ago and many of whom are still here. These pictures are creating a great deal of interest and merriment for those who had forgotten all about the "snapshots" that had been taken at that time.

One picture on display is that of the Olof Hanson and John Dybhavn families taken when the children were very small.

Sons of Norway Meeting-Dance

Social Affair Followed Business Session in Oddfellows' Hall Thursday Night

Following a business meeting Thursday night, at which the president, Oscar Sather, was in the chair, members of the Sons of Norway Lodge and their friends enjoyed a dance in the Oddfellows' Hall. Music was by the Serenaders' Orchestra and Pete Peterson was master of ceremonies. Dancing kept up from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. and refreshments were served at midnight. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. John Storseth, Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Knut Slatta, Mrs. Harold Helland, R. Hnuideide and Nels Vaseng.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Louise, Capt. S. K. Gray, is due in port at 3:30 this afternoon from Skagway and other Alaska points and will sail at 5 p.m. for Vancouver.

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North Indians Good Patients

Although Taciturn Attitude Makes Diagnosis Difficult

EDMONTON, August 6: (CP) — Jenny Balcourt, nurse at the Fort Vermillion hospital 320 miles northwest of here, thinks northern Indians are "pretty good" patients although their taciturn attitude often makes diagnosis of their ailments difficult.

"Besides, you can't tell when they are pale," Miss Balcourt said.

Nurse Balcourt flew with three patients from Fort Vermillion to Edmonton. One of her charges, Peter Beachmas, 28, making his first trip to the outside world, was literally "dumfounded" by his first glimpse of the city.

"He is down in the mouth about having to stay in bed and wants to be up and around," the nurse added.

Miss Balcourt, whose ability to speak Cree language has been a great help in her work, said practically all her patients at Fort Vermillion are Indians.

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