



Whifflets
From The Waterfront

Local Fishing Vessels Off To Esquimalt—Joan W. H. Continues Voyage to Vancouver

Within the next few days all twenty local fishing vessels which have been selected to take twenty-eight days' courses of training at Esquimalt naval barracks under the new fishermen's reserve defence plan will have left for the south. In fact the most of them are already away. Yesterday the Johanna, Arctic I, Oslo, Capella, Tramp, Morris H. and Pair of Jacks left and this morning the Helen II, Teeny Milly and Relief departed. Over the coming week-end the W. R. Lord, Chief Tapeet, Phippen and Signal will be leaving. The Embia, C. H. Beale, Viner, Finella, Vera Beatrice and Sea Maid left some time ago. Mail for those on board these boats should be addressed to "Reserve Office, H. M. C. Dockyard, Esquimalt," giving name of person and boat.

The Vancouver halibut boat Joan W. H. Capt. Al Woe, which was towed into port last week-end by the Oldfield, Capt. Paul Rosang, after having burned a bearing out near the upper end of Grenville Channel while on the way to Vancouver with a catch of 30,000 pounds of black cod, had repairs made here and left on Monday night of this week in continuation of the voyage to Vancouver.

CPR steamer Princess Adelaide, Capt. Henry Anderson, arrived in port at 2:45 this afternoon from the south and will sail at 10 p.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Dybhavn sailed last night on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver.

TELLS OF NAVY DUTY

Chief Petty Officer A. G. Bird Reminiscences on Days Following Great War in Black Sea

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club yesterday afternoon, W. L. Coates presiding, Chief Petty Officer A. G. Bird of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve gave an interesting account of life aboard a destroyer of the British Navy after the close of the Great War in helping to evacuate white Russian troops from Crimea and in other activities.

Telling of Constantinople Mr. Bird mentioned seeing the harem of the Sultan which impressed him as a sordid looking place and terribly dirty. There seemed to be filth everywhere.

Something else that interested him in the Constantinople of that day was the small men who acted as porters. With a kind of saddle on the shoulders they were able to carry tremendous weights, even up and down the many steps of the old Turkish capital. For instance one of these little men would carry a grand piano on his back up or down the stairs.

From Constantinople the Chief Petty Officer left for Crimea but owing to the death of a British sailor at Constantinople, was recalled to conduct the funeral. His description of the funeral could come only from a British sailor.

The account of the embarking of Russian white troops at Sebastopol was a treat and also his account of meeting "The White Devil of South Russia," one of the male members of a family who had been taken prisoners and who were forced to watch the desecration of the female members of his family by the Reds. He had taken an oath to kill at sight any Red he might meet. He became a terror to the Russian rebels and later an account of his doings was put into book form by British officers. Part of Mr. Bird's duty at one time was to provide shooting practice for this man who was attached to the British intelligence department.

The speaker also told of seeing men ill-treated by Russian officers, one of which events caused a mutiny in the Russian navy.

At the close Mr. Bird was thanked for his interesting address by President Coates.

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LOCALS

FOR SALE—8-10 h.p. semi-diesel. May be seen at Standard Oil. (16)

Mrs. H. S. Parker sailed last night on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver and elsewhere in the south.

Gus Nelson, for drunkenness, was fined \$25, with option of five days' imprisonment, in city police court, yesterday afternoon. He had already been five days in the lock-up.

Mothers!

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R. C. St. Clair, district forester, sailed last night on the Prince George for a trip to the Ocean Falls district on official business.

Peter Lakie, C.N.R. divisional freight and passenger agent, sailed last night on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver on official business.

Robert Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Youngman, after a serious illness in the Prince Rupert Hospital, was able to leave the institution yesterday for his home.

F. W. Somerton, well known Canadian National Telegraphs relief operator, arrived in the city from Smithers on last night's train and sailed on the Prince George for Vancouver.

Canadian National Telegraphs will be moving on Sunday to their new temporary location in the Bessner Block on Third Street, vacating for the meantime their present location where Dybhavn & Hanson are to erect a new block.

Victoria Women Prepare For War

Women's Service Club There Hopes To Be Auxiliary To Canada's Military Forces

VICTORIA, Jan. 20: (CP)—One hundred women, members of the Victoria Women's Service Club, are preparing themselves in air raid precautions. They are hoping to form a nucleus of an auxiliary military service which would be ready to assist the country in various ways in the event of war.

Announcements

All advertisements in this column will be charged for a full month at 25c a word.

Dance Seal Cove Hall January 20.

Presbyterian Burn's Banquet January 25.

Eagles' Bridge January 25.

Anglican Tea Miss R. M. Davies January 26.

Junior Chamber of Commerce Snowball Frolic, Moose Hall, January 27.

Hospital Ball, February 3.

Toc H. Valentine Dance February 10.

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BARNs ARE BURSTING WITH CROP

1938 Was Great Year for Grain in Canada Though Prices Low

OTTAWA, Jan. 20: (CP)—Opportune rains and fertile lands combined to make 1938 a year of good crops across Canada. The biggest wheat crop since 1932 was harvested, the estimate being 348,100,000 bushels, almost twice the production of 1937.

It was a good year for coarse grains. The estimates in bushels with the figures for 1937 in brackets follow: oats 377,315,000 (268,442,000); barley 162,731,000 (83,124,000); flax 1,358,500 (697,600); rye 1,115,000 (5,711,000).

Had the prices held up farmers would have been able to smile at the returns their crops brought them. However, the prices have shown sharp declines from a year ago and many farmers have received less for larger crops than in 1937.

Bureau of Statistics returns show the grain yields per acre this year exceeded last year with minor exceptions in every province except Manitoba where they were slightly below 1937 due to a splendid crop in that province in 1937. For all Canada yields per acre showed increases compared with 1937 for wheat, oats, barley, rye, peas, beans, mixed grains, flax seed and corn for husking. Buckwheat was down, the average yield in 1938 being 18.7 bushels an acre as compared with 19.6 in 1937.

Nineteen-thirty-eight was a record for milk production. It has been estimated that the 3,873,800 cows in 1937 produced 17,188,617,700 pounds of milk, an all-time record, but in 1938 the production based comparatively will be substantially higher. The increase in consumption of raw milk, ice cream and condensed milk affects the butter and cheese production but the butter production will be around 12,000,000 pounds less. It takes approximately twice as much milk to produce a pound of butter as a pound of cheese.

Reports collected by the experimental farms indicate the pastures were better in 1938 than the year before and the open fall made it possible to leave the cattle outdoors later than in many years. In addition, there was an increase in hay production and in fodder corn stored in silos and in many parts of Canada this is the principal source of food for milch herds during the winter. Roots were also plentiful and were fed to increase the milk flow in the fall months.

It was a big year for tobacco production. Ontario had a crop of 85,000,000 pounds in 1938 compared with 63,000,000 in 1937 and the total production for Canada is estimated at 96,000,000 as against 72,000,000 the year before. The increase in crop was due more to the jump in acreage under tobacco than to increased yield. The bulk of the crop is harvested in western Ontario.

Contrary to the general trend of greater production, there was a marked falling off in the potato crop which Bureau of Statistics figures show was 35,774,000 hundred weight in 1938 and 42,547,000 hundred weight in 1937. The average yield per acre for all Canada dropped from 80 hundred weight in 1937 to 69 hundred weight in 1938. Prices, however, are substantially higher than a year ago.

Official sources say the cause of the lower production was a blight which caused rot in many parts of the country. Prince Edward Island, with 112 hundred weight per acre this year as compared with 97 hundred weight last year, and Saskatchewan, which had 65 hundred weight per acre this year and 27 hundred weight last year, were the only provinces where the 1938 crops were above the year before in potatoes.

Nova Scotia potatoes dropped from 86 hundred weight per acre to 72 hundred weight; New Brunswick from 115 hundred weight to 80; Quebec from 87 to 70; Ontario 67 to 51; Manitoba 80 to 60; Alberta 90 to 74; British Columbia 121 to 96.

Fruit Crops
Canada's apple crop was estimated at 5,175,000 barrels as compared with 5,149,100 barrels in 1937. Nova Scotia's crop jumped from 2,250,000 barrels last year to 2,400,000 this year and British Columbia reported a loss from 5,798,300 boxes last year to 5,352,000 boxes this year. Crops were lower in New Brunswick and Quebec and up in Ontario. Hopper damage reduced the production of grapes in Ontario and,

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert—Overcast, calm; barometer, 30.12 (falling); temperature, 34; sea smooth.

Triple Island—Cloudy, west light swell.

Langara Island—Overcast, west-northwest wind, ten miles per hour; barometer, 30.17; temperature, 29; light swell.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast, calm; barometer, 30.13; temperature, 31; sea smooth.

Bull Harbor—Broken clouds, northwest wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.20; temperature, 41; sea rough.

Alert Bay—Cloudy, southwest wind, 25 miles per hour; barometer, 30.33; temperature, 38; sea moderately rough.

Estevan—Clear, calm; barometer, 30.14.

Vancouver—Cloudy, northwest wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.19.

Victoria—Clear, northeast wind, eight miles per hour; barometer, 30.18.

Prince George—Clear, southerly wind, six miles per hour; barometer 29.92.

Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 29.

Smithers—Clear, calm, 18.

Burns Lake—Clear, calm, 16 below.

Terrace—Cloudy, calm, 24.

Aiyansh—Cloudy, calm, 33.

Alice Arm—Light snow, calm, 33.

Anyox—Cloudy, calm, 29.

Stewart—Part cloudy, calm, 27.

although the quality was good, the crop was 45 per cent less than the year before. Other small fruits showed gains.
Canada's tomato crop in 1938 was unsatisfactory. Raising of tomatoes has become a big industry in this country and officials of horticultural associations estimate the crop brought in \$5,000,000. It was a big crop but the dry hot weather injured the quality in many gardens. The prices were also so low that officials estimate hundreds of acres of tomatoes were never harvested.

Turnip growing, which has become an important industry in Canada, was successful in 1938 with a crop of 37,970,000 hundred weight as compared with 36,300,000 in 1937. Canadian turnips are becoming increasingly popular in the United States and final figures will indicate a good export business.

Hay, fodder corn and sugar beets had better crops in 1938 than in 1937 while there was a slight reduction in alfalfa.

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British Columbia Fitness Campaign Leads All Canada

OTTAWA, Jan. 20: (CP)—At a youth conference being held here Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of

labor, told of youth training projects which are under way in various parts of Canada. For enrolment, the British Columbia fitness campaign, with its 21,000, topped the list, said Mr. Rogers.

The desirability of a program of vocational guidance was suggested by a Quebec delegate.

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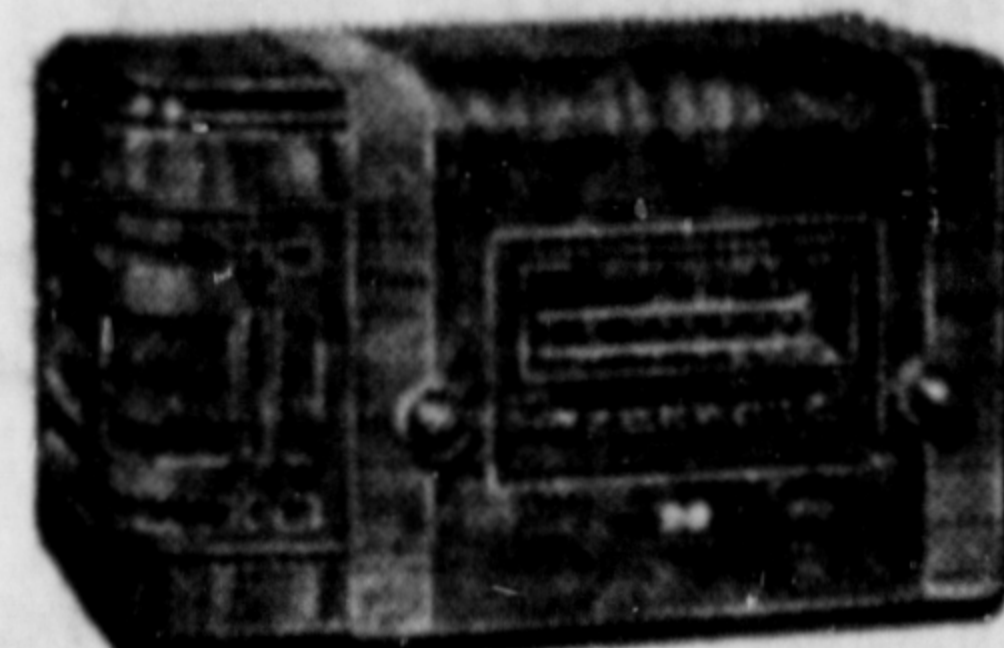


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