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## Waterfront Whiffs

Halibut Landings This Year Still Outstripping 1938—Cape Beale Has Brought in Most Fish So Far This Year

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the 1939 season up to and including yesterday had reached a total of 5,752,700 pounds as compared with 4,453,150 pounds at a corresponding date last year. Canadian landings for this season aggregate 2,554,900 pounds in comparison with 2,175,750 pounds last season while the American total is 3,197,700 pounds as three trips, and Tongass third, against 2,376,400 pounds. The fact that so many additional smaller boats have been fishing for halibut this year both in the Canadian and American fleets is to large extent responsible for the increased landings. With the salmon season about to open, it is expected a considerable number of these boats would be withdrawing from the halibut fishery.

For the week ending yesterday halibut landings at Prince Rupert were a little over average at a total of 692,500 pounds of which 310,000 was from Canadian vessels and 382,500 pounds from American. Prices during the week were about average and there was little fluctuation. For Canadian fish the high price of the week was 6.5c and 5c paid the Alken for 14,000 pounds and for American 7c and 5.5c which the Baltic received for 18,000 pounds. Low Canadian price was 6c and 5c which a number of boats were paid while the lowest bid of the week for American fish was 7c and 5.5c which the National received for 20,000 pounds.

So far this season the Cape Beale, Capt. Edgar Arnet, as it was last year, has been the heaviest lander of halibut at Prince Rupert for the 1939 season, having brought in 78,000 pounds in two trips. Next was the Takla, Capt. Chris Parkvold, with 76,000 pounds in two trips and third the Joan W. II with 75,000 pounds in two trips. For the American fleet the greatest amount of fish has been brought in by the Yukon—75,000 pounds in two trips with the Explorer second, 73,300 pounds in

Seven is the greatest number of catches to be landed by an individual boat of the Canadian fleet, the little Tugwell having made this number of trips for a total of 18,700 pounds. Completing four trips have been the following boats: Congo, 7,300 pounds; Dickie Boy, 4,000 pounds; Essential, 30,500 pounds; Gony, 46,500 pounds; Kaen, 43,000 pounds; Relief, 45,500 pounds; Rose Spit, 49,500 pounds; Skeena M., 25,500 pounds; Signal, 65,000 pounds; Toodie, 38,500 pounds; Thrasher, 18,600 pounds; Viking, 48,000 pounds. For the American fleet the Visitor has landed the greatest number of catches—four for a total of 23,000 pounds. American boats having landed three trips are as follows: Augusta, 56,500 pounds; Betty, 46,000; Explorer, 73,500; Edgcombe, 37,000; Eleanor, 30,000; Frisco, 31,000; Galveston, 64,000; Judith, 28,500; Lorelei, 44,500; Middleton, 68,000; National, 33,000; Onah, 47,000; Oceanic, 50,500; Pierce, 34,500; Rainier II, 26,900; Star, 39,000; Sherman, 64,000; Teddy J., 43,500; Yukon, 75,000; Zarembo, 47,000.

**NEW UNIT**  
CHARLOTTETOWN, June 10: (CP)—A new three-storey science building is being constructed here for St. Dunstan's University.

**CHILD ARTISTS**  
WOLFVILLE, N. S., June 10: (CP)—Evidence of the increasing part art is playing in education, an exhibition of paintings by children under 15 years was held at Acadia University here.

### Australia Has These Real Live Teddy Bears



"Cute" is a trite but altogether fitting word for this picture, showing a koala bear, native Australia "teddy bear," giving Junior a pick-a-back ride. Though many of the tiny bears abounded in Australia years ago, the government has been forced, lately, to prohibit their exportation in an effort to prevent their becoming extinct.

### DOINGS AROUND

#### OTTAWA HOUSE

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is the use of the national credit in adjusting the mortgage burden and in providing facilities for refinancing mortgages in the future. The bill offers to the farmer mortgage debtor and the home mortgage debtor below \$7,000 in principal amount a reduction in the load which was assumed in many cases years ago under more favorable circumstances than now prevail. The companies which become members of the bank will be obliged to write off all arrears of interest with respect to such mortgages in excess of two years.

Secondly, the debtor will be relieved in cases where the mortgage debt exceeds eighty per cent of the value of the mortgaged property by the writing off of the excess over eighty per cent.

Thirdly, the debtor will be relieved of the adjustment of the future rate of interest on his mortgage in the two classes just mentioned, the rate of interest to be five per cent per annum and an adjustment in the length of the term of the mortgage.

This bill is far-reaching and will, I believe, be generally welcomed throughout the country.

#### Wheat Situation

For days on end during May the House listened to speech after speech after speech on the wheat situation. This came about by the introduction of four bills in connection with wheat, the most contentious one being that dealing with the wheat bonus. Most of the speeches were made by the Opposition members to the bill guaranteeing the bushel and limiting the guarantee to only one individual grower of not more than 5,000 bushels. The arguments put up by the Social Credit members from Alberta and the C.C.F. from Saskatchewan were truly amazing and one could not help but come to the conclusion that if the guarantee had been a \$1 per bushel the same arguments against the measure and of course the government would still have been made.

Later the House witnessed the spectacle of a Social Credit member, who had argued very strenuously for more bonus for the wheat farmers rising in his place and objecting to a bonus being paid to the fishermen on the Atlantic coast when a bill introduced by the Minister of Fisheries was being debated. All of which is truly amazing and likewise confusing.

The measure introduced by Mr. Dunning to raise 750 million dollars by way of a conversion loan to meet maturing obligations was opposed by practically all Social Credit members from Alberta who on every occasion when the measure came before the House took time to air their theories on monetary reform.

It was rather interesting to watch the moves of the Social Credit party and the C.C.F. group who seemed to be competing with each other

for prominence when this bill was before the House. When the Social Credit party moved an amendment to the bill asking that at least a portion of the 750 millions to be raised be free of interest but limiting the issue of such amount to 200 million dollars, the C.C.F. group then moved a sub-amendment. They were willing that the government issue 100 million dollars free of interest, such sum to be used this year for certain classes of public works but were unwilling to go as far as the Social Crediters 200 million. When the matter came to be voted on the sub-amendment of the C.C.F. was defeated on division.

The C.C.F., apparently, were not willing that a recorded vote be taken on this. Later on in the day the amendment offered by the Social Credit group was voted on and defeated 127 to 113, the C.C.F. and Conservatives voting with the government and against the Social Credit party amendment.

#### War Veterans Allowances

Since the amendments to the War Veteran's Allowance Act have gone into effect in April 1 of last year 7,717 ex-servicemen have been taken off the relief rolls. Under the act as it now stands the moment they suffer some physical disability, be it due to war service or to any other circumstances whatsoever which precludes them from following their ordinary employment, they become a charge on the Dominion government and receive \$20 if single and \$40 a month if married. The total now receiving war veteran's allowance number 20,910. This year the amount for war veteran's allowance is \$7,100,000 as compared with only some \$3,000,000 some three or four years ago. The minister estimated that some 500 ex-servicemen are being added every month to the numbers of those receiving war veteran's allowance. Under the new hospital arrangements whereby non-pensioners with meritorious service are given free hospital treatment the total number of applications since January of this year amounted to 2,636 of which number some 1,700 have received free hospitalization. After July 1 of this year the Appeal Court will be abolished. All final appeals will then be adjusted through the Canadian Pension Commission.

The visit to Parliament of Their Majesties, the King and Queen rounded out a session of historical significance.

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### They're Bushed In Africa, Too

But They Have Another Term For Loneliness of Hinterlands

CAPE TOWN, June 10: (CP)—Isolated farmers of Damaraaland in South West Africa suffer from "bush balminess,"—"bushed" is the term in Canada's northland—according to former Bishop C. C. Watts, whose diocese, one of the largest in the world, is three-quarters the size of the Union. Dr. Watts said many of the farmers see no white people for years on end. "Bush balminess," therefore, is common. Affected persons manifest the condition by becoming depressed and sometimes violent. The bishop declared it is his custom while travelling, to take a long sleep as soon as he sights a lonely farm, because he knows the farmer will keep him talking all night when he arrives.

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### Card Party And Dance At Anyox

ANYOX, June 10.—A very successful card party and dance was held on Saturday evening by the Anyox Social Club. A good crowd was in attendance including sixteen visitors from Alice Arm. The hall was appropriately decorated in red, white and blue. The winners at bridge were: ladies' first, Mrs. T. W. Falconer; consolation, Mrs. W. F. Eve; men's first, W. R. Selby; consolation, W. Rudland. After supper, served by the committee, dancing took place with music supplied by Ward's Orchestra. The dance ended at 2:30 a.m. with the singing of God Save The King.

### Flavors Justice With Wit In C.B.

GLACE BAY, N. S., June 30: (CP)—It's close on half a century since the first "Good Morning, Judge" was directed at a tall man with a twinkle in his eye on the Glace Bay magistrate's bench, but A. B. McGillivray is still dispensing hearty justice from that same rostrum. As he heads towards his 81st birthday, "A. B."—his Christian names lie unused in some dim registry office—is perhaps the oldest active magistrate in the Dominion. He has been on the bench 45 years, and rarely has he missed a day in court in that time. The years have mellowed the sharp wit that often crackled like a whip across the ego of some unruly prisoner, but the legends of his judicial humor are still enough to bulge the covers of a sizeable tome. Never a gathering of Cape Bretoners is at the story-telling stage long before someone pulls out a new "A. B." anecdote. Here's a typical one:— A prisoner had just been found guilty of selling liquor. "Fifty dollars and costs," said "A. B." The prisoner reached behind him: "That's easy. I have it in my hip pocket." "..... and 30 days in jail." His Honor resumed. "Have you got that in your hip pocket?"

### TORY VOTE IS LARGER

Conservatives Did Better In Prince Edward Island This Year

CHARLOTTETOWN, June 10: (CP)—Declaration day figures revealed that more votes were cast for councillors in the Prince Edward Island general elections of 1935 than in the 1939 elections while this year assemblymen polled a slight increase. The aggregates showed that the total Liberal vote had fallen off from that of four years ago when they won all 30 seats in the legislature and the Conservatives polled an increase of more than 2,000 to gain their three seats this year. Because of the Island's unique voting system it was impossible to ascertain how many electors had marked ballots in the elections. In this province it was possible for one man and his wife to have cast 30 votes apiece if the man owned real estate of a certain established value in each of the 15 ridings in the province. Both he and his wife could deposit ballots for a councillor and an assemblyman in each district. An elector who owned no real estate could vote for the assemblyman only in his home district.

Total vote for councillors in the province was 29,616 as compared with 39,423 in the 1935 contest. But assemblymen polled 46,518 against the 46,199 figures of 1935. Liberals polled 15,779 against 13,837 for councillors. Four years ago the Liberal margin was greater, the count being 17,626 to 12,807. The Liberal vote fell off and the Conservatives gained also in the voting for assemblymen. This year it was 24,585 for the Liberals and 21,933 for the Conservatives as compared with 26,736 and 19,463.

Mrs. Stan Saville and child returned to the city on the Princess Adelaide yesterday afternoon from a visit in Vancouver.

### Aged Gardener On Digby Island Is Still Thriving

Oscar Anderson, aged truck gardener and beach comber, one of the colorful figures hereabouts, is still going strong on his place alongside the beach of Digby Island just beyond the marine station. Despite the lateness of the season, his potato, rhubarb and berry patches are flourishing and he looks for a good crop. Anderson was attracted to the spot twenty-nine years ago when he worked on the construction of the marine station and has lived there ever since.

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