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## Waterfront Whiffs

Halibut Landings This Year Substantially in Excess of Year Ago—New Slate of Officers on Adelaide—Good Sockeye Run Expected

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the 1940 season up to and including yesterday totalled 2,850,669 pounds as compared with 2,537,200 pounds at a corresponding date last year. This year's Canadian landings stand at 1,218,869 pounds as compared with 1,075,800 pounds a year ago while the American total is 1,631,800 pounds in comparison with 1,465,400 pounds. For the week ending yesterday the landings totalled 792,400 pounds made up of 374,400 pounds Canadian and 418,000 pounds American fish. Prices during the week held steady with the high bid for American fish 9.9c and 7c paid the Edgcombe for 11,500 pounds and the low 8.9c and 7c paid the McKinley and the Levian for catches of 40,000 and 30,000 pounds respectively. For Canadian fish the high price of the week was 9.6c and 6c received by the A.K. for 2800 pounds and the low 8.8c and 6c paid the Collison for 25000 pounds.

With the regulars now being on vacation prior to the opening up of the summer season, an almost entirely new slate of relief officers is now manning the steamer Princess Adelaide which was in port yesterday afternoon and evening on her regular weekly voyage. Capt. John Williams is in command, Gus Sullivan is chief engineer, Charles Young is purser and John Douglas, chief steward. All are regularly aboard boats of southern runs.

A good run of sockeye salmon is expected in the Skeena River this year. An active market is expected both for sockeye and other varieties of canned salmon. All sal-

mon canners in Prince Rupert district which operated last year will run again this summer and, in addition, Shannon Bay in Massett Inlet. Ten vessels sold halibut catches totalling 157,000 pounds at Seattle yesterday as follows: Polaris, 40,000 pounds, Whiz, 9.9c and 9.5c; Mariner, 17,000, New England, 9.9c and 9c; Shirley J., 11,000, Washington, 10c and 9c; Summit, 10,000, Sebastian, 9.9c and 9c; Recovery, 17,000, San Juan, 10.5c and 9c; Norman E., 13,000, San Juan, 10c and 9c; Bertha, 11,000, Sebastian, 9.9c and 9c; Swift II., 10,000, Booth, 9.9c and 9c; Mermaid, 9,500, Whiz, 9.9c and 9c; Spray, 18,000, Booth, 10.5c and 9c. Sable was sold at 5c, red cod at 4c and mixed cod at 3c.

### Canada At War 25 Years Ago

May 4, 1915.—Italy denounced Germany and Austria, co-members of the Triple Alliance. Most of 1st Canadian Division withdrawn to reserve lines for rest after suffering severe losses at Battle of Ypres. Britain requisitioned Australian New Zealand meat supplies.

### BRITAIN FACED WITH RAISING CONTINENTAL ARMY

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as far more orderly. The expansion of our Citizen Armies is being made upon the machinery that exists in the Territorial Army and it is a year since that Territorial Army was doubled, and it is nearly a year since the Militia Act, now the National Service Act, became law. This Act, enables the registration of men between certain ages and their calling up as and when required. This does not mean that all the volunteers necessary are not forthcoming by any means, but it does mean that the army can be formed and carried on with the least possible dislocation to industry and that the civil life of the country can go on as uninterrupted as other circumstances allow. Already an orderly flow of troops has begun from this country to overseas.

I want to say a few words about the question of supply. By supply I mean the provision and the actual delivery of weapons, guns, of shells, of tanks, and vehicles, of hutting, of signalling equipment, of engineering stores, and the whole of the paraphernalia which is necessary for a modern army.

In 1914 it never had been contemplated that we should send to the Continent more than the original Expeditionary Force and it was very soon clear that the scales on which equipment had been calculated were inadequate even for that force. Again, a hasty improvisation had to be made, but it is common knowledge how short the old army was in these difficult days, of guns, and of shells, and how hard put to it was on that account. It was not until June of 1915 that the Ministry of Munitions was begun—after ten months of war.

Again it was formed on very little and it was not for another year that its output became really effective. Today, we have had in existence the Ministry of Supply for some time, but, as it has not started from nothing, but with a lot of good spade work done for it, before it came into existence, it has at its disposal men whose names are very well-known in the industry of this country. Industry itself, both as regards the management or the work people has inherited experience of its predecessors in the last war and the whole science of Munition making is no new thing as it was in 1915. On the other hand the equipment of an army is a very much more complicated business than it was twenty-five years ago. There are too, in comparison with the last war very much heavier burdens in the claims of anti-aircraft defence and of an enormously expanded Air Force. But in spite of these additional burdens we must surely be many months ahead of our last experience—I hope so, for it is upon supply that depends as much as anything else firstly the rate of our expansion and secondly the fighting power of our armies.

#### The Men Themselves

Now about the men themselves. The new young entry to the army,

the militiamen. Well, they are just the young men of our race. They will sing when it rains like many generations of British soldiers before them. I don't think I need say more. And the young officers? Here a new system is already in practice and to my mind it is, an admirable system. The future young officer goes with all the other militia boys to the depot where they are trained and at the end of two months a certain quota of young militiamen are nominated to be trained as officers, and they are picked on a system of marking, without favor or affection, and quite regardless of what they were before. Boys look very much alike in battle dress. The particular quality to which weight is given is that of leadership. The results I am told are very interesting—in one training unit the boy who was the first choice had been a farm laborer and in another the first choice was the son of a small contractor who employed five. I do not know whether this is what is called the Demoralisation of the army, but I am quite sure as an old soldier that it is a very sound way of discovering leaders.

I come to the class of officer, that which is called "The Middle Piece," that is Regimental Subalterns, Captains and Majors. The Middle piece in every army is a difficult thing to get really level, and it is no use blinking at the fact that in a Citizen Army, as in all other armies, you will have inevitable inequalities, there will be weaknesses and there will be misfits. There is only one thing for that, and that is a rigid selection for promotion and a system of infiltration from units that are efficient, of officers into units of those that are not quite so good. The whole question is delicate, it is difficult and sometimes it is unpleasant, but surely these things must be accepted, for it may be a question of lives; and personal preferences must give way.

#### Good Officers

As to the higher commanders, and staffs, I am full of hope; some comparisons are odious, and I am not going to make comparisons between the higher commanders that we have today and those under whom we had the honor to serve many years ago, but not one of the later will I am sure grudge my saying this, that their successors today have one enormous advantage which was denied to them in 1914. The higher commanders of today were so to speak bred and born on the theories and practice of Continental warfare, of warfare on the grand scale, they know their Boche already. That is the only comparison that I am going to make, but I am going to say something more.

In the commanders and higher staff officers of today we have a body of men brought up in the same school of thought, they have worked together for years, they have held since war responsibilities all over the world, and they are physically fit and mentally alive. They live simply and they live hard. They are quite young enough. And to those who like to

talk about "Brass Hats" I will just say that, almost without exception, these men have in their youth, been decorated for Gallantry in the Field. Some of these twice, three or even four times. They have been well shot over.

There is just one more comparison that I want to make between 1940 and 1914, and this is in regard to our relations with our Allies—the French. You will remember that in the last war it was not until three and a half years had passed that unity of command was conceded and that Marshal Foch was appointed "Generalissimo." We have started this war with unity of command, and we have started this war with great confidence in the French High Command.

Relations that exist between our commanders and their French comrades in France are so close, that when one recalls the misunderstandings and disagreements which occurred in the last war, these seem almost unbelievable. I think that any French General will tell you the same thing. There is more to it than that. The sentiment of belonging to one army goes right down to the rank and file of the army, and to the people of France with whom they lodge. The army has gone back to France not as foreigners, but as friends.

## UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Miss Elizabeth Chandler Becomes Bride of James Cowgill of Fortress Signals

A quiet but interesting wedding took place at 7:30 last night at the deanery, Very Rev. James B. Gibson D.D., dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral, officiating, when Miss Elizabeth Ruth Chandler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Chandler of this city, became the bride of James Cowgill of the Fortress Signals Corps here. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Eva Chandler was bridesmaid and Sergeant R. S. McNeil was groomsmen. Only relatives and immediate friends attended the ceremony.

The bride was born and raised in Prince Rupert. The groom has been here for the past seven or eight months since Prince Rupert was made a garrison centre. Congratulations and best wishes of many friends of the couple will be extended.

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## MYSTERY IN FILM

"Cat and Canary" and "Llano Kid" Are Showing at Capitol Theatre Here

A mysterious, foreboding atmosphere of dire events to come keynotes the picture "The Cat and the Canary" which is featured on the screen of the Capitol Theatre tonight with Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard co-starred. The story starts with Hope, Miss Goddard and four other potential heirs going to a deserted and lonely mansion in the Louisiana bayous for the reading of a will. Dimming lights, mysterious tolling of a bell and the prediction by the housekeeper that one of the eight persons present will be dead by morning accompany the reading of the will. Miss Goddard is named heiress with the provision that a second heir will get the estate should she die or become insane within a month. Then "The Cat," the murderous escaped patient of an insane asylum, enters the picture. A blood-chilling climax ensues. Other outstanding players in the supporting cast include John Beale, Douglass Montgomery, Gale Sondergaard, Elizabeth Patterson and George Zucco.

Companion picture to "Cat and Canary" on a double bill is "The Llano Kid," story of a young man who poses as the son of a rich Mexican family in hope of obtaining a fortune of jewels. Tito Guizar and Gale Sondergaard head the cast. A fifty cent classified ad often make you many dollars

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