

# Waterfront Whiffs

More Than 1,000,000 Pounds of Halibut Landed Here Each Week Since Season Opened—Season Closed at Midnight Last Night After Week of Storms On Coast

More than a million pounds of halibut a week were landed at Prince Rupert during the six-week Area Two season which closed at midnight last night, making the season one of the busiest experienced here in years. While a few of the larger boats will continue to fish halibut from more distant Area Three, the bulk of the Prince Rupert fleet will scatter to an assortment of marine tasks, some dog-fishing, black cod fishing, trolling, and a few packing. All will continue busy during the good summer weather.

Total landings at this port for the six-week period were 6,790,500 pounds. Only during two weeks of that period were there arrivals of less than a million pounds. Landings from May 25 to June 1 were 896,500 pounds, and this week's landings were 494,000, the lightest by far of any week of the season. Halibut landings this week came from 29 boats, the smallest number to arrive here in a similar period since the season started. Canadian arrivals totalled 454,000 pounds from 23 boats while one American boat, the Pacific Pride, brought in 60,000.

A large school of halibut which was in Hecate Straits at the beginning of the season was responsible for a feverish scramble in which fishing boats scuttled in and out of Prince Rupert to unload and return in the shortest possible time. Because of this, the more distant ports received far less halibut than in other years, their crews not wanting to take the time to make long runs to port.

On three days during the early part of the season, landings here were well over 400,000 pounds a day and, on the peak day, arrivals totalled 524,000 pounds. This heavy flow of halibut was responsible for the International Commission announcing on May 31 that the season for Area Two would end on June 12.

However, the ideal weather which favored the coast during May, did not hold in the early part of June and the fish which had been so plentiful at that time also began to run short. For this reason, the Commission announced on June 8 that the season would be extended three days to June 15, allowing three extra days to fill the 24,000,000 pound quota.

Extremely bad weather last week tied up fleet operations for three days and Prince Rupert fishermen, feeling that they had been cheated out of the extra period allowed by the commission, made a bid for a further extension. This bid was backed by the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative and



COMING HOME—Petty Officer Ted Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mills, now on his way home after service in the Atlantic with the Royal Canadian Navy. Recently he was in Russia and Norway with H.M.C.S. Iroquois.

the Canadian Fish and Cod Storage company but was turned down by the Commission. The Commission explained that, in spite of bad weather, landings at all coast ports brought the total up to the quota.

The storm which swept the coast last week-end was one of the most violent June outbreaks in years caused the loss of several vessels. Last week a boat known as the Eight Bells was lost in Alaska waters, and Tuesday the Vancouver boat V-196 B foundered off the Percy Islands and two of her crew of four died of exposure. Missing in Hecate Strait is the Prince Rupert boat Awaje with a crew of three.

Spring salmon fishing has been good on both the Naas and Skeena rivers and an increasing number of boats are trolling. Last week there were 46 boats on the Skeena and this week they were augmented by several

## Ted LePage Back After Years In Navy Overseas

Lieut. Commander T. N. Le Page, formerly of this city, is now back in civilian life in Vancouver after having served in the Mediterranean and elsewhere overseas with the Navy for several years. He distinguished himself in directing salvaging work around Naples and won decorations. He is now again engaged in the oil business on Vancouver harbor.

W. M. Watts is leaving tonight on a week's business trip to Vancouver.

more, some of them from the south. The run on the Skeena this week was described as very good although figures will not be available until the inspectors return with their reports on Monday.

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