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**The Late "Tom" Johnson . . .**

Thomas Holmes Johnson, whose death at Qualicum Beach, Vancouver Island, was recorded Saturday was general manager of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. for twenty-two years and, as such, head of Prince Rupert's largest and certainly this port's most permanent and successful industry. There were few, if any, Prince Rupert people who did not know him and many were personally associated with him in one way or another. In business matters he was all business. Outside

of it, he was a kindly host, a staunch friend and a good, public-spirited citizen.

Described once by an autobiographer as "a died-in-the-wool fisherman," he inherited a strong strain of the shrewdness and hard-headed commonsense for which the Yorkshireman is famed but it could be said that was ready to change his opinion if the other fellow could prove his contentions. He was careful and deliberate in making decisions and could not be stampeded into hasty action. It was said Tom Johnson never made a move before he had reviewed all phases of a problem—all of which are desirable qualities in one who is handling big business. Even in trying situations, he kept cool and would inject a humorous observation into his most serious declarations—a trait which dissipated resentment among those opposed to his stand.

"Tom" Johnson's passing is personally regretted by old friends who are still numerous in Prince Rupert.



**Waterfront Whiffs**

**New 10,000-Tonner Runs Trial With Flying Colors — Prosperity For Salmon Fishermen — Progress On New Floats**

Product of a shipyard noted for the construction of good ships, ss Gaspesian Park, last of the 10,000-tonners to be built at the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Shipyard under present war contracts, passed her trials with flying colors on Saturday. The new vessel, ghost-grey from waterline to masthead, came through her excruciating sessions of tests to win the approval of technical men for whom perfection was the lowest standard of acceptance. The tests were conducted off Triple Islands in Chatham Sound in seas which tossed fishing boats like corks but which had little effect on the trim of the giant cargo carrier. Aboard her during the trials were officials of her owners, the Park Steamship Co., two eastern shipping companies, Wartime Shipbuilding Limited, and dry dock executives and workmen, as well as two coast pilots and her crew. Master of the Gaspesian Park is Capt. J. A. T. Llewellyn of Montreal, who will soon take her to Vancouver for loading.

Halibut landings at Prince Rupert since the opening of the season on May 1 are crowding the 10,000 pound mark. Arrival of 533,000 pounds last week has brought the season's total to 9,977,000 pounds. Twelve boats—four of them American—brought in last week's catch from Area Three. The American boats brought in 224,000 pounds, while Canadian landings were 309,000. Total halibut landed from Canadian boats this season is 6,889,500 pounds, while American vessels have arrived with 2,707,500 pounds.

Largest single load brought here last week was in the Seattle boat Eagle R. A. Bergnes skipper, with 75,000 pounds. "Once, while we were in the city working the bombers wrecked our camp, and then a short time later while we were at the camp, they smashed the place where we had been working." The Germans seemed to realize that the war was just about over for them and treated the prisoners fairly decently, he recalled. However, the food was none too good and he lost considerable weight which he has since regained. We got Red Cross parcels at first but later they didn't come through. The Germans said that lack of transportation was the cause," Pte. Sandhals said. As the American Ninth Army advanced toward Leipzig the Germans marched their prisoners eastward until they began to get close to the westward-moving Russians. They hiked along the roads, sleeping in barns at night, the guards growing increasingly indifferent. "They marched us east for about a week, then they were so close to the Russians they didn't know what to do. Finally we could hear the American guns and we just packed up and headed for them." Pte. Sandhals, who returned home two weeks ago and is now spending leave with his parents at Dodge Cove, Digby Island, will go to Vancouver in a couple of weeks to receive his discharge from the army. "Then I guess I'll go fishing," he said.

**LETTERBOX**

**COUNCIL AND WAGES**

Editor, Daily News: After reading with interest the mayor's review of prevailing condition of park grounds and cemetery and his excuse that necessary labor is not available to keep things in a reasonably decent condition, I am forced to point out to His Worship that, as long as the city council persists in maintaining a wage scale in its public works department 18 per-cent below the prevailing rate in the city and district, there never will be labor available for city work.

Throughout the history of city councils in Prince Rupert the basic rate paid to common labor was as a result 20 percent higher than any other employing concerns of the city. It remained for a so-called labor council to depress the scale 18 per cent below the normal level on other jobs. O Labor. Like Liberty, many sins are committed in this name.

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**LONE ADVANCE**  
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he knew a German stood over him, pricking him with a bayonet.

**Prison Camps Across France**

There followed a series of prison camps across France and Luxembourg, ending in a camp near Leipzig. In transit they were carried in boxcars marked "Eight Horses—Forty Men," but the Germans packed 45 men into the car.

"While travelling by train we were attacked several times by Allied aircraft. The train would stop and the guards would run for cover but we had to stay and sweat it out," Pte. Sandhals said.

At Leipzig he was one of a group of 120, mostly Englishmen, detailed to tidy up the debris of the heavily bombed city. The city was undergoing heavy bombings at the time and Pte. Sandhals admits that he was pretty lucky.

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**WARNING!**

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