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Waterfront Whiffs

Cold Weather Slows Up Everything On Waterfront Including Herring Fishing and Processing

The Arctic attitude of the weatherman during the last week has resulted in all fishing vessels seeking shelter against the cold in some port with a consequent drop in activity in the packing sheds and canneries. Most of the scrap fishers and many of the seiners are in port here waiting for the weatherman to relent.

Zero weather is considerably less comfortable for men at sea than it is ashore and none care to face the icy weather, particularly when there is practically nothing in it. Seines and dragging gear freeze up making it practically impossible to work. Among the vessels tied up are about a dozen seiners which have been fishing herring off Goshen Island. Their seine nets, frozen solid, either dangle like boards from the mast booms or lie in frozen lumps on the afterdecks of the vessels.

Closed also because of the cold are the Nelson Brothers cannery and B.C. Packers' reduction plant at Port Edward. Both have been processing the herring catch which began coming in two weeks ago. Other places along the waterfront at Port Edward and Prince Rupert have their water pipes frozen and workmen are struggling to get them thawed out.

The United States Maritime Commission transport Lucidor of Seattle has been in port for the last couple of days unloading boxes of Alaskan fish for rail shipment to the eastern United States. The 8,000-ton vessel carried more than 30 carloads of fish for transhipment.

Union Steamships islands vessel Cassiar, Capt. Lorne Godfrey, arrived in port here Friday morning from Vancouver via Queen Charlotte City, reporting a relatively calm voyage, despite the great storm that swept the southern coast while she was at sea. The Cassiar sailed last night on her regular bi-weekly trip to Massett Inlet whence she will return tomorrow on her way back by way of the south end of the islands.

Sub-zero weather on Thursday night caused the upper observation room of the steamer Prince Rupert to be closed off during her southbound voyage this week. The passengers found the lower parts of the ship warmer than the glass-fronted observation room and were quite content to stay below.

Outside workers at the Prince Rupert dry dock laid off work Thursday morning because of the intense cold, and several other wooden boat shops were forced to close down completely or partially because of the cold.

Hotel... arrivals

Prince Rupert

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RESPONSE GOOD TO HOOP SCHOOL

At the Civic Centre gym this morning, 65 enthusiastic boys between the ages of eight and 14 turned out to the first session of the basketball "school" organized by Rup Rec Director Neil Ross and Civic Centre Managing Secretary Don Forward. During the two-hour session, the boys received instruction in the rudiments of the game. They showed a keen willingness to learn. Both instructors expressed gratification at the turnout, predicting that if present interest continues, the city will soon have some highly skilled players in the younger age group.

Royal Commission Report

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rank; some 31 per cent of medium volatile rank; 17 per cent of high volatile bituminous rank; nine per cent of sub-bituminous rank, and 28 per cent of lignite rank.

Of Nova Scotia, the commission said: "It is apparent that the Sydney field will be increasingly the centre of production in the province." It agreed with a statement by of provincial official that "although the remaining reserves are very much less than those formerly estimated, there is no immediate shortage of coal substance. . . . The limits of production will be set not by lack of coal but by economic factors of mining costs, coal quality and ways of mining it."

Of New Brunswick's Minto field, figures suggested that "the reserves are sufficient to last for at least 75 years on the basis of maximum annual production to date."

Its summary of Alberta: "It is clear that Alberta has very extensive reserves of bituminous and sub-bituminous coals. . . . Markets, rather than reserves, are the fundamental problem."

Minority Report

(By Angus J. Morrison, Secretary-Treasurer of District 18, United Mine Workers of America).

Transportation subventions should be reorganized and extended.

Local adjustments should be made to help in marketing coal from specific areas and to minimize such factors as seasonal fluctuations.

Customs duties on mining machinery and supplies should be reduced.

Retirement pension plans for miners should be instituted.

Companies receiving government aid should be required to adopt standard accounting practices.

Provincial governments should take immediate action to eliminate "closed camps"—company communities in western Canada in which operators control affairs tightly.

Subsidies

In separate reports, Mr. Justice Carroll and Mr. Morrison agreed special wartime financial assistance to the Nova Scotia industry should be continued for a limited time by the federal government, if the companies will rehabilitate their operations.

General

Construction of the St. Lawrence waterway would have both good and bad repercussions on the coal industry.

Little expectations exist of developing large-scale synthetics and chemicals manufacture from coal in Canada.

Average return to Canadian operators from coal mining in the last 15 years has been 10 cents a short ton.

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