Waterfront Whiffs

Trolling Season Starting Next Week —Fleets and Camps Moving Out This Week-End

April 15 approaches and the salmon seining season gets under way as usual. This week-end will see the annual spring exodus of the trolling fleet numbering three hundred boats or so. Also poised to leave are the camps and packing vessels of the three principal buying organizations—John Clausen and son, B.C. Packers and Co-operative. Camps will be located again this year at the usual sites in the centre of the principal trolling grounds. From Wark Canal, where a few boats are already fishing, come reports of some springs running. There are no fishing reports from the other trolling areas as no boats have been in them yet pending the setting up of the camp and packing services.

Union steamer Cassiar, Capt. Lorne Godfrey, which arrived in port at 4 o'clock yesterday morning from Vancouver via south end of Queen Charlotte Islands, brought in a full crowd of 58 passengers, among them being a considerable number of delegates who visited Skidegate after attending the annual convention of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia which was held at Massett last week.

Veteran northern cannery official Howard W. Chambers, for many years at Inverness and later manager at Klemtu, having retired from the service of J. H. Todd & Sons in 1941, has returned to the Skeena River for active work. He was in the city this morning aboard the steamer Catala, bound for Sunnyside where he is entering the service of the B. C. Packers. He will receive a hearty welcome back in the north from many old friends.

Delayed by heavy freight for Rivers Inlet cannery points and other calls on the lower coast, Union steamer Catala, Capt. Ernest Sheppard, arrived in port at 9:30 this morning from Vancouver, Ocean Falls and other waypoints, sailing at 11 a.m. on her return south. The Catala had already been in the Skeena River before arriving here but called there again on the way south this afternoon.

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Side track's empty—a building stilled—a city passing by,
A world en-hungered for lack of bread (ever as you and I).
"Bread for China," the plea goes out, and bread we can surely give,
It is only fair, and just, and square, that we should live, and let live.

We hear to the south, there are elevators, bulging with golden grain,
And ships of every nation—bucking the stormy main.
Sailing ships, and water ships, and ships that are driven by steam,
Arrive in the port of Vancouver (and anchor for weeks in the stream).

But here in the port of Prince Rupert—across from the Orient shore,
A port which has proven its value—its only wish to do more.
We long for the day, when we gaze o'er the bay, watching grain ships arrive,
And see Prince Rupert's elevator, (not a grave yard for rats), but alive.

A. McEWAN.

GARDEN NOTEBOOK

As all gardeners know, a well-tended, well-fed vegetable plot is a thing of beauty, with its straight rows of upright plants, in varying tones of green. It delights the heart of its possessor to look upon it.

But in the eyes of the visiting friend it may be even more beautiful, if among the vegetable plants and along the paths and boundaries, flowers have been skillfuly placed.

Flowers like to grow in a vegetable garden. They like the sunshine, the regular watering, abundant room, the clean cultivation. These are conditions rarely found in crowded borders, too often over-shaded. This is so true that many flower specialists, who start out growing their favorites in decorative borders, for landscape effect, soon abandon this method in favor of straight rows, which are so easy to keep clear of weeds, to water and fertilize, and which insure each plant an abundance of root-room.

Instead of seeking landscape effect, they find their pleasure in perfect plants, and ideal flowers which are usually cut and carried into the house to enjoy. Much the same attitude should govern the amateur who selects flowers to grow in vegetable garden rows. They should be the kind that make fine cut flowers, growing upright on strong, long stems. These will keep their proper place, and will not interfere with cultivating.

On the boundaries of the garden, and bordering the paths, sprawling plants can be grown,

Floral Borders for the Vegetable Garden.

but keep them out of the row section. The plan which accompanies this discussion shows an attractive way to lay out the vegetable plot. Alyssum and petunias are used for border planting; bachelor buttons, calliopsis and giant zinnias for row planting. These are all excellent subjects for the purpose, and should be included in any planting, but there are many other annual flowers from which you may choose, in order to adapt the same idea to your own garden.

HEAVY TRAM TRAFFIC

During 1946, Toronto's bus and street car surface lines carried a new all-time high of 310,000 revenue passengers, more than double any pre-war year.

Smuts To Be Opposed

By A. P. STANFORD
Canadian Press Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG, S.A., (AP)—There are signs that General Smuts' United Party will face serious opposition at the general election next year for already a pact has been agreed between Dr. D. F. Malan, leader of the Nationalist (opposition) party, and N. C. Havenga, leader of the Afrikaner party.

South Africa's protagonists of totalitarianism — the Ossewabrandwag and the Greyshirts—have also indicated that they will support the Nationalists in the forthcoming elections.

Dr. J. F. J. van Rensburg, leader of the Ossewabrandwag, said he was particularly thankful that Malan and Havenga had come to an understanding. As far as it lay within his power, he would do nothing whatsoever to disturb any step towards rapprochement between the two groups.

The Greyshirts at their recent Pretoria congress decided to give the Nationalists their unconditional support. Their leader, L. T. Weichardt, said the Nationalist party alone possessed the qualifications for destroying the present government and, in his opinion, the coming general election would be the last chance South Africa would have to see that the country remained white. If they did not make use of this opportunity it would mean that South Africa would fall into a "Communistic-Bolshevistic jumble."

Although these three parties do not individually present any serious threat to the government—they have no seats in the House Assembly—it is their combination with the Nationalists that constitutes the danger.

The pact between the Nationalist party and the Afrikaner party has caused the most comment throughout the country.

In terms of their agreement the two parties, although maintaining their identities, will cooperate in the next general election.

NO GREAT IMPORTANCE

Commenting on the agreement, the Rand Daily Mail's political correspondent in Capetown says that no great importance is attached to it in well informed political circles there.

The political correspondent of the Johannesburg Star, says the pact means that the two leaders have, for the time being, agreed not to disagree. "Dr. Malam, whose party desperately needs support, has apparently decided to pay a big price for rapprochement of minor political value," he adds.

It was recalled that in the 1943 general election the Afrikaner party polled only 14,759 votes throughout the whole of the Union and failed to win a single seat. It polled only 381 votes on the Witwatersrand, 500 in Pretoria and district, 3,109 in the Transvaal rural areas and 10,769 in the Orange Free State. It is doubtful whether the Afrikaner party would command even this total of votes today.

Die Transvaler (now Nationalist party and Afrikaner party organ in the Transvaal) welcomes the fact that the differences which have estranged the two parties, are beginning to disappear. "The struggle now is against the Smuts government and everything it stands for," said the paper.

Die Transvaler says it is the first time that the United Party has been confronted with a united opposition, and for them it is the worst political news they have had for a long time.

ENTERTAINING FILMS COMING

"Club Havana," a thrilling mystery set to rhumba rhythm, and "Song of Old Wyoming," an all color outdoor film, comprise a double bill program coming to the Capitol Theatre here this Sunday and Monday.

"Club Havana" portrays hopes, dreams, tragedies and love affairs of a group of individuals whom fate brings together in a single evening. Margaret Lindsay plays the part of a sophisticated lady who attempts suicide when Don Douglas, her romantic leading man, tells her he loves a younger girl. Tom Neal, as a doctor, and Dorothy Morris, as the girl he loves, become involved when the doctor steps into the emergency and saves Margaret's life. Further complications involve Renie Riano, as a rich woman with whom Paul Cavanaugh is trying to promote a business deal; Isabelita, new Spanish dancing sensation, and Marc Lawrence as a gangster.

"Song of Old Wyoming" is the exciting story of a battle between progressive and reactionary forces when unscrupulous elements run wild without law and order and become rich at the expense of honest settlers. Featuring the singing of Eddie Dean, radio star, the cast also includes Gene Autrey, Judy Canova and Jennifer Holt, the daughter of Jack Holt.

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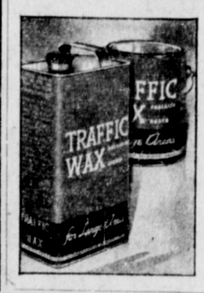

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