

Waterfront Whiffs

Halibut Fishery Up For Annual Review—Government Wharf May Get Elevator—C.P.R. Augmenting Alaska Run

At Seattle next Wednesday, the International Fisheries Commission and representatives of the Canadian and American fishing industries will meet in annual conference to discuss methods of increasing the efficiency of the industry and, at the same time, protecting and advancing the conservation measures that are already in force.

It is a complicated matter, in which business and diplomatic interests are involved, as veteran delegates to the annual meetings can attest. It is a well known verity to them that, while things move slowly enough when only one government is involved, when two are concerned progress is practically non-existent.

They cite the apparent disappearance of the new International Fisheries treaty which was drawn up two years ago, apparently to the satisfaction of both the American and Canadian gov-

ernments. Despite the clamorings of fishermen and other members of the industry, the treaty has been shelved without explanation.

Prior to the conference, delegates will meet in Vancouver and Seattle to co-ordinate their briefs to the Commission—a wise move, because it permits them to present a solid front to officialdom rather than sectional clamorings that are often confusing because they conflict in petty ways.

At Prince Rupert, the co-ordinating process began before the delegates went south. At a recent meeting, the united fishermen and members of the Halibut Boat Owners' Association drew up a brief which their two delegates—George Anderson for the Deep Sea Fishermen and Emil Petersen for boat owners—can present as endorsed by their two groups.

Contents of the brief are not new nor are they particularly original. But they have the greater virtues of being tested by the experience of both groups and, therefore, have become perennial demands on their part.

Most important of these is a suggestion that the authority of the International Fisheries Commission be expanded beyond its present control over halibut alone. The fishermen, and many representatives of the shore side of the industry, believe that there is a definite relationship between one type of fishery and another and to make conservation work, the powers of the Commission must be expanded.

Their particular interest is in seeing that the otter trawl fishery is drawn under the authority of the commission. Most halibut men vow that dragging in halibut nurseries kills large numbers of young fish and they want trawling controlled, even as they themselves are controlled.

Another request in their brief



ETHIOPIA BOUND—No more winter blizzards for the Steinmans of Winnipeg. Stanley A. Steinman, shown here with his wife and two children, has been appointed supervisor of teacher training for the Ethiopian Ministry of Education. A veteran of the R.C.A.F. Mr. Steinman and his family plan to fly to Addis Ababa, Ethiopian capital, early in January. (CP Photo)

is that curtailment be controlled by the Commission. Voluntary curtailment programs tried in the pre-war years failed because they were voluntary. Agreements would be made for prescribed lay-over periods between trips during the season but, always, there were a few boats that failed to abide by the pact. Thus, a scramble began and the well-intentioned principle was defeated.

There is another factor involved in the cry for compulsory curtailment. It is the fact that, since the war, literally hundreds of new boats, both Canadian and American, are in the annual race for the halibut quota, some of them only part time halibut boats. This is causing the season to shrink to such an extent that the Area Two quota was caught in a month last year.

A necessary step to a curtailment program, they argue, would be the licensing of all boats, not only those, as at present, which are over five tons register. A large part of the annual halibut catch is taken by small vessels—trollers and gillnetters—which deliver to camps and over which the Commission has little direct control.

While there is no unanimity among fishermen in the various American and Canadian ports on the opening date for the season, Prince Rupert fishermen have long favored a later date than the present May 1 opening. June 1, local fishermen and boat owners believe, would be better

for several reasons. Some other reports favor June 1, too, but others favor May 1 or even earlier.

A later date would see less part-time halibut boats on the grounds because these would be at their regular type of fishery. The May 1 opening date finds them unoccupied so they fish halibut until the salmon are ready.

However, there is another reason. Old time fishermen declared that bigger fish are caught in mid-summer than in the spring. They don't attempt to explain why, but they say that their experience in the old days of year-round fishing proved that the big fish did not approach the banks until July and August, whereas, earlier, chicken and medium sizes predominated. They point out that since chicken halibut has lost favor on the market, it would be wise to fish when larger sizes are on the banks.

Another conservation measure is their request that uniform sizes of hooks and dimensions of gear be enforced in halibut fishing. Small fish, they say, will not take large hooks but they will take small ones. If a set size of hook were used on all gear, fish under a certain size would not be caught. Since a halibut is a slow-growing fish destruction of the small ones now is robbing the banks of big ones for years to come.

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lic Works, according to correspondence received by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, is now considering installing more adequate equipment at the government wharf here for the loading and unloading of cars, particularly in view of the fact that the big C.P.R. coastal liner Princess Kathleen is to be added to the Alaska service this season. The Kathleen is a side-loader and, in order that she could conveniently handle automobiles, it would be necessary that an elevator be installed. No such elevator now exists at the government wharf which is leased to the C.P.R. as its mooring

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Smiles and Chuckles

Lady: Why, you naughty boy. I haven't heard such language since the day I was born.

Small boy: "Yes, I guess there was a good bit of cussin' the day you were born."

There never had been any argument about it: Julius was the wisest and shrewdest man in town. One day a youth of the community questioned him on the subject.

"Julius," he said, "to what would you attribute the fact that you know so much?"

"Good judgment," replied Julius readily. "I'd say it was my good judgment."

"And where did you get your good judgment?"

"That I got from experience."

"And where did you get your experience?"

"From my bad judgment."

"I paid a hundred dollars for that dog—part Collie and part bull."

"Which part is bull?"

"The part about the hundred dollars."

Harry: "I always drink milk because my doctor says milk is a great bone builder."

Carrie: "I'm afraid your drinks are going to your head."

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Tuesday—ss. Camosun, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert, 11:15 p.m.
Feb. 5 and 20—ss. Princess Norah, a.m.
From Vancouver
Sunday—ss. Camosun, 11 p.m.
Wednesday—ss. Prince George, 10 a.m.
Friday—ss. Coquitlam, 1 p.m.
January 15 and 29—ss. Princess Norah, a.m.
For Alice Arm and Stewart
Sunday—ss. Cardena, 11 p.m.
From Alice Arm and Stewart
Tuesday—ss. Camosun, a.m.
From Ocean Falls
Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert, 10 a.m.
Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert, January 15 and 29—ss. Princess Norah, a.m.
For Ocean Falls
Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert, 11:15 p.m.
January 5 and 20—ss. Princess Norah, p.m.
For Alaska
Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert, midnight.
January 15 and 29—ss. Princess Norah, a.m.
From Alaska
Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert, p.m.

Their cars having collided, Jock and Pat were surveying the situation. Jock offered Pat a drink from his bottle. Pat drank and Jock returned the bottle to his pocket.

"Thank ye," said Pat, "but aren't ye going to have a bit of a nip yourself?"

"Aye," replied Jock, "but not until the police have been here."

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To the Royal Prince

(On the occasion of the birth of Prince Charles to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, bright 12-year old Shirley Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Webster Pierce of Prince Rupert, wrote a little poem of best wishes and congratulations which she presented to Buckingham Palace. Now an acknowledgment has been received from the lady-in-waiting of Princess Elizabeth in appreciation is expressed. Naturally the missive is much prized by the local girl.)

The poem was as follows:
Oh welcome, welcome royal Prince,
Oh welcome to this world!
Oh welcome to this heavenly place!
For you the flag unfurled.

Oh welcome to this world, oh Prince,
And someday you'll be king,
And the day that you are crowned,
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