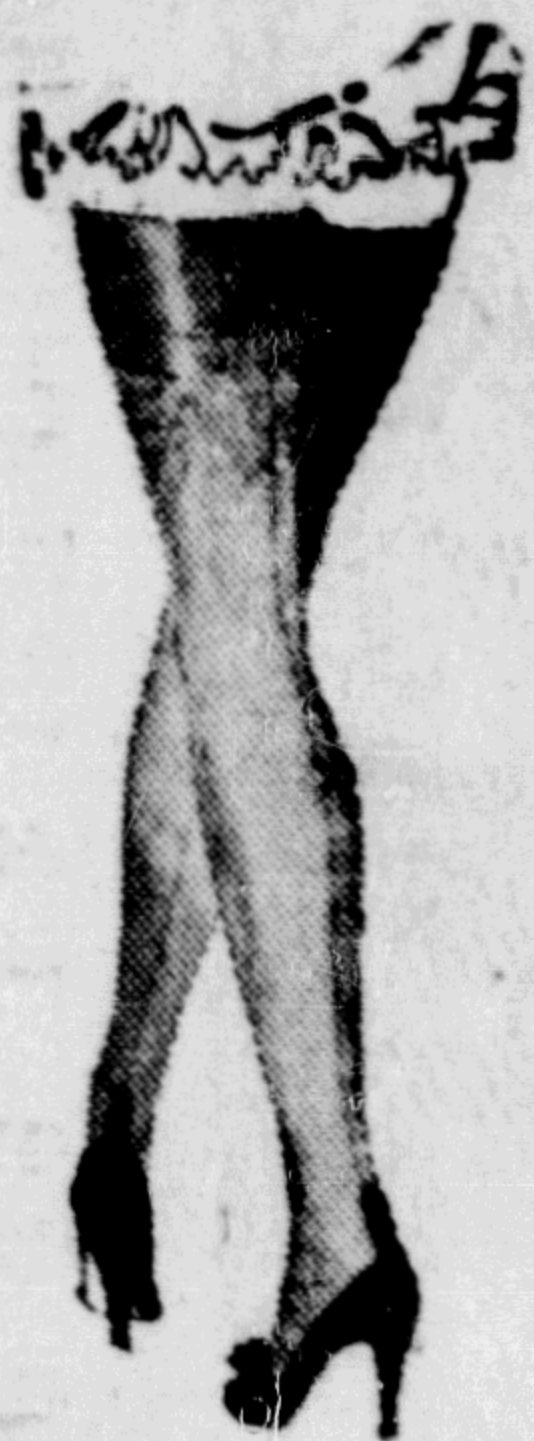




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Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. If one is talking with two persons, isn't it rude to invite one of them to call without extending the same invitation to the other?

A. Yes; a person who is well-bred will not do so. One can always wait an opportunity to see the favored person alone.

Q. Whom should a bride give preference as a maid-of-honor at her wedding?

A. Her sister should be given preference; otherwise, her most intimate friend.

Q. Should one always introduce a doctor or a judge by his title?

A. Yes, certainly; "Doctor Smith" or "Judge Brown."

Waterfront Whiffs

**Sockeye Season Opening Tomorrow
Night—Trolling Looking Up—
Nearly Ten Million Pounds
of Halibut**

Opening of the sockeye fishing season in the Prince Rupert fisheries district will see hundreds of vessels put out into the currents of the Naas and Skeena rivers after 6 p.m. Sunday night. Salmon canning should soon thereafter be in full swing in plants around Prince Rupert. To date almost 500 gillnet licenses have been issued for the Skeena River alone.

Apparently both operators and fishermen feel confident that the joint negotiating committee representing the United Fisher-

men and Allied Workers Union and the Native Brotherhood of B.C., which has been dealing with the Salmon Canners Operating Committee will accept the latest offer by the canners.

The union and the Native Brotherhood representatives have been asking 20 cents a pound for sockeye, while the canners have reportedly countered with a proposal for 18 cents. Feeling along the waterfront is that the offer will be accepted.

Latest offer by the canners is 18 cents a pound for sockeye in all areas and 14 cents a pound for coho in all areas. For pinks, the canners have offered 7 1/4 cents a pound in Johnstone Strait, 7 cents in the central-northern area and 6 3/4 cents in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Price offered for chums is 6 1/2 cents in Johnstone Strait, 6 1/4 cents in the central-north and 6 cents on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

This offer is substantially above last year's prices for all types. Price for sockeye last year was 15 cents a pound and 10 1/2 cents for coho. Pinks and chums brought 3 1/2, 3 1/2 and 3 1/4 cents respectively in the above mentioned areas.

Only areas open in this district for seining after Sunday night will be the Butedale and Lowe Inlet regions. Not many seine licenses have been taken out so far but it is expected that things will pick up as the season advances.

Prospects for a good sockeye catch on the Skeena seem promising. Early indications show a good run of sockeye and a surprisingly heavy run of coho. No reports have been obtained for prospects on the Naas nor is the number of boats which will operate there known.

In getting ready for the season, and movement of employees there was some inconvenience caused by the floods but aircraft brought some of the native workers from the interior and others arrived by train with regularity.

sumption of rail service this week.

In southeast Alaska, fishing for pink salmon will not get under way until August 9. The closing date will be September 13. Fishermen will be expected to register boat catches daily.

Trolling is reported to be good off North Island in the Queen Charlottes. Trollers operating there are said to be bringing in between 300 and 500 pounds of spring salmon daily. Crab fishing also is good. The two or three large boats fishing off Massett are reported to be delivering about 12,000 crabs a week to the cannery.

The Royal Canadian Navy will be unable to send a warship to Prince Rupert on Port Day, next August 26, the Port Day committee has been advised, but that is not discouraging them from trying to get a British ship to come here to add naval atmosphere to the annual water carnival.

Reason given by the Royal Canadian Navy for being unable to send a ship is that the floods in the Fraser Valley, in which the navy played a big part in rescue work, have disrupted training and sailing schedules. Last year, the Port Day committee's request was put in about the same date and resulted in the frigate Antigonish being present. The British cruiser Kenya also was here.

Although a Canadian ship cannot come, the committee will try to have the British cruiser H.M.S. Sheffield of the West Indies squadron stop here. Sheffield is scheduled to stop in Vancouver from August 16 to August 21 on a cruise to Alaska.

Prince Rupert is not to be a port of call but the Port Day committee plans to send a request that the sailing schedule be revised to permit the cruiser to visit here on August 26.

Halibut landings for the week ending Friday totalled 836,500 pounds, bringing total landings since May 1 at Prince Rupert to 9,706,500 pounds, very close to the 10,000,000 mark.

Thirty-two Canadian boats brought in 719,500 pounds and three American boats 117,000 pounds. In addition, two boats, the Atli and Tramp, landed 31,000 pounds of black cod.

The fishing vessel Cheechako, while off Baird Island, in Slocum Arm, Alaska, struck a rock recently and was given aid by the United States coastguard cutter Wachusett. Before the boat could be floated off, it was necessary to put a patch on the hull.

The steamer Prince George will arrive this evening from Alaska southbound on the first of her regular scheduled round trips for the tourist season. The next voyage is reported sold out. The current Canadian National Railways magazine features the new vessel with illustrations and numerous descriptive articles.

The 12,000 ton cruiser U.S.S. Duluth is due to berth at the Esquimalt naval base the morning of June 30 where she will

remain until July 6. On her arrival the Duluth will fire a 21-gun national salute which will be returned by the Canadian Army from the battery at Macaulay Point. The Duluth is making the first visit of an American cruiser to Esquimalt since the end of the war. She has a complement of 50 officers and 765 men. The cruiser flies the flag of Rear-Admiral Francis X. McInerney.

Union steamer Catala, Capt. Ernest Sheppard, is due in port at 5 o'clock this afternoon from the south and will sail later in the evening on her return to Vancouver and waypoints. Next week the Catala will be operating on a faster schedule which will bring her in here on Fridays, sailing that night for the south.

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Judge of the Supreme Court of British
Columbia, I was on the 17th day of
June, A.D. 1948, appointed Administrator
of the Estate of Charles Birtwhistle, formerly of Prince Rupert,
British Columbia, who died on or about
the 1st day of April, 1948, at Haney, British Columbia. All persons
indebted to the said estate are required
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all persons having claims against the
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before the 31st day of July, 1948, failing
which distribution will be made having regard only to such
claims of which I shall have been notified.
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The Social Security and Municipal Aid Act has been
proclaimed to come into effect on July 1, 1948.

Its advent makes every seller, described in the Act as a
"vendor at retail," an agent of the Crown, responsible for
the collection of a three per cent tax on every taxable sale,
whether on a cash, credit or instalment plan basis.

Close to 30,000 retail sales agents have been placed on
the mailing list of the Commissioner under the Social
Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act.

Anyone transacting a retail business of any kind on any
occasion is obligated to register under the Act.

If he has not been placed on the Commissioner's list, he
will not receive the application form for registration and
other information helpful in collection of the tax.

If he is not on the Commissioner's list, he is obligated
to take steps to register.

He must write immediately to the Commissioner at this
address:

The Commissioner,
Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act,
Victoria.

or to the nearest district office or Government agency. He
must ask for the necessary forms to secure registration.

Retail vendors should watch the mails for application
forms and other data pertinent to collection of the tax.

They should not fail to notify the Commissioner at once
if this material has not been received.

EXEMPTIONS EASE THE BURDEN ON LOW INCOME GROUPS

The levy of 3 per cent on retail sales is payable by the
purchaser, but because care has been taken that persons
in lower earning brackets shall not find the burden too
irksome there are wide exemptions allowed, including:

Rent;
Foodstuffs;
Farm implements and machinery, horses, livestock,
poultry, farm fencing;
Agricultural feed, seeds, fertilizers;
Insecticides, fungicides and disinfectants;
Commercial fishing equipment, including Boats and
Engines when used in production of a food catch;
Ice;
Gasoline;
Coal, coke, fuel oil and wood fuels;
Doctors' prescriptions, invalids' equipment, dental and
optical appliances, artificial limbs and other aids;
Restaurant meals under 51 cents;
Any one purchase priced at less than 15 cents.

FURTHER EXEMPTIONS.

For the Manufacturer.—Where tangible personal
property becomes part of a product which later will be
sold retail, it is tax free. But machinery and tools, etc.,
used in manufacturing processes are taxable.

For the Wholesaler and Jobber.—Transactions between
manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer are not subject to
the tax if the products of the exchange are to be resold
at retail. It is the consumer or user who is responsible
for payment.

AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE TAX.

The Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax is designed
to raise an annual estimated income of \$12,000,000.

It is laid down in the Act that two-thirds of the net
amount of its revenues will be paid into the Social Security
Fund to protect persons in receipt of social services of
all kinds, such as:

	In 1939	In 1948
Old Age Pensioners	12,810	22,401
Social Allowance Beneficiaries	10,755	12,591
Child Welfare Beneficiaries	958	1,402

Actually, the Social Security cost to British Columbia
is many millions more than the tax is expected to yield,
as the following table shows:

Social Security Costs in	1926	1930	1940	(Estimated) 1948
	\$2,643,000	\$4,110,000	\$5,604,000	\$21,000,000

The remaining one-third of this tax revenue will go to
Municipalities proportionately for the express purpose of
easing the tax burden on real property.

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(Price range appears in the left hand of each column
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\$0.00-\$0.14	0c	\$5.17-\$5.49	16c
.15-.49	1c	5.50-5.83	17c
.50-.83	2c	5.84-6.16	18c
.84-1.16	3c	6.17-6.49	19c
1.17-1.49	4c	6.50-6.83	20c
1.50-1.83	5c	6.84-7.16	21c
1.84-2.16	6c	7.17-7.49	22c
2.17-2.49	7c	7.50-7.83	23c
2.50-2.83	8c	7.84-8.16	24c
2.84-3.16	9c	8.17-8.49	25c
3.17-3.49	10c	8.50-8.83	26c
3.50-3.83	11c	8.84-9.16	27c
3.84-4.16	12c	9.17-9.49	28c
4.17-4.49	13c	9.50-9.83	29c
4.50-4.83	14c	9.84-10.16	30c
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