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**MERRY MAY FINE MONTH**

Sunshine Plentiful and Rainfall Not So Heavy  
May was a characteristically fine month from the weather standpoint in Prince Rupert. Sunshine beamed for 141.3 full hours on twenty-six days and the rain held off to 3.2 inches on thirteen days. The thermometer ranged between 68 and 32 above.

So far this year the sunshine has totalled 362.7 hours compared with 502.5 hours in the corresponding period of last year. The precipitation this year to date has been 32.33 inches compared with 31.89 inches.

The official weather summary for May:

Maximum temperature, 68 on May 8.

Minimum, 32 on May 3.

Mean temperature, 48.8°.

Maximum barometer, 30.25 on May 16.

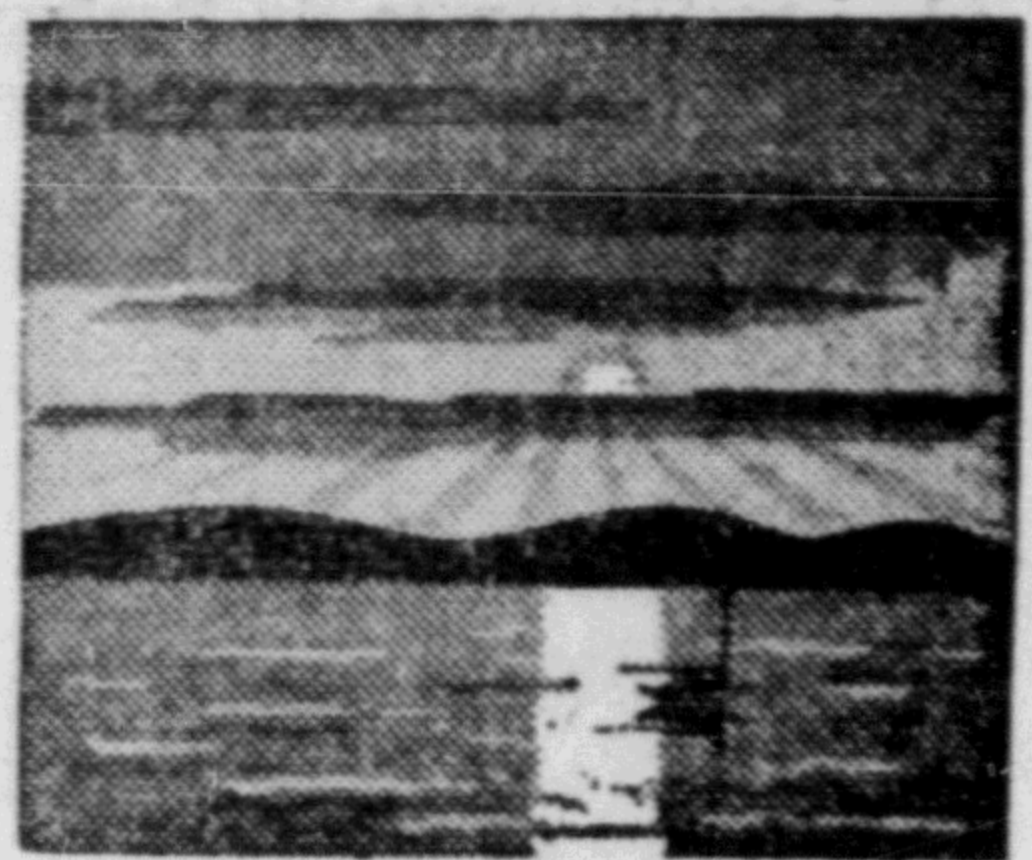
Minimum temperature, 29.20 on May 1.

Rainfall, 3.2 inches on thirteen days.

Sunshine, 141.3 hours on 26 days.

Maximum wind velocity, 48 miles per hour from southeast on May 5.

It's getting around to the salmon fishing season and a pack, larger than last year's is looked for. Numerous natives were in town during the latter part of May, partly by reason of Victoria Day celebration, but by this time most of them have gone. There is preliminary work to be done before the canneries settle down to the regular business of a season.



**Waterfront -- Whiffs**

**Minister Admits Prince Rupert's Leadership As Fishing Port— Urges More Orderly Fishing— Experimental Shipments Here**

"It will be a long time before Prince Rupert will be taking second place to any port in Canada for fish handling facilities," commented Hon. R. W. Mayhew, federal minister of fisheries, as he took a few minutes off yesterday to talk to a newspaperman in the course of a busy day in Prince Rupert. The minister had just

returned from a waterfront tour which included visits to all the local fish handling plants from the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. at Seal Cove to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative at Fairview Bay including calls at the Fish Exchange, central halibut row and the Canadian Fishing Co. establishment. Undoubtedly, the minister had been much impressed with the commodiousness and modernity of these local plants.

Speaking of the fishing picture generally in Canada, Mr. Mayhew remarked that he did not think the people of Canada as a whole realize the future there is for the industry—a future that is not dependent upon export of fish either but could be vastly developed by the greater use of fish and fishery products in the domestic markets of Canada and the United States. He pointed out that Canada's fish catch in one year had been 1,400,000,000 pounds and United States, 940,000,000—an average of only eleven pounds per person per year. That was not a very large fish consumption and appeared to leave lots of room for domestic merchandizing and market expansion. He believed that consumption of fish in Canada would increase as better marketing and distribution methods were effected.

Mr. Mayhew expressed the opinion that Canada would always have plenty of high quality fish providing reasonable conservation and fishing methods were followed. He saw the sound economic future for the fisheries of Canada not in the putting of more gear into the water but rather in the spreading out of the fishing time, not only that too intensive and destructive fishing might be eliminated but that there might be a more orderly and regular flow of fresh fish. He saw danger in the trend to competition to catch a lot of fish in a few weeks. Here was something that he would like to see rationalized, the minister said.

Mr. Mayhew made two interesting announcements for the fishing industry in Prince Rupert. One was in regard to the tuna hunt and investigation which is to be carried out this summer in Queen Charlotte Island offshore waters. The other announcement was that experimental shipments of fish will be made from Prince Rupert to Halifax this June in a new re-

frigerator car which has been designed by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. There will be a similar experimental shipment from Halifax to Prince Rupert. Such experimental shipments have already been made from Vancouver to the prairies but these will be the first trans-continental shipments. Otto C. Young, formerly of Prince Rupert, chief mechanical and refrigeration engineer for the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, will be here in connection with the shipments.

**BREAKWATER AND ROAD**

At Fairview Bay Mr. Mayhew inspected the new fishermen's floats and said that, immediately on his return to Ottawa, he would take all steps possible to expedite the construction of the breakwater for which a large Parliamentary appropriation has been made. He also noted the importance of the government building its part of the road to connect the city with the floats. He could see some engineering problems in the level crossing and the building of a road on the railway right-of-way but felt that some satisfactory solution would be worked out.

It is only early June but tourists are already becoming frequent along the Prince Rupert streets. Canadian Pacific Steamships already have two of their vessels—Princess Louise and Princess Norah—on the summer Alaska run and the Princess Kathleen, not seen here in many a year, will be arriving June 17 on her first voyage northbound. The Princess Louise, Capt. P. I. Leslie, was here from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. yesterday northbound. The Princess Norah, Capt. Graham Hughes, is here this afternoon southbound.

Friday evening, as usual, saw two vessels of the Union Steamships in port. The Coquitlam, Capt. William McCombe, arrived on time at 1 p.m. from Vancouver, sailing at 10 p.m. for south Queen Charlotte Islands points whence she will return here tomorrow afternoon to sail south at 10 p.m. The steamer Catala, with Capt. Ernest Sheppard back in command after an extended vacation ashore, arrived at 7 p.m. from the south, sailing at midnight on her return to Vancouver and way-points.

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