

Waterfront Whiffs

Halibut Landings Show Falling off After Light Week—New Fishing Boats Leave for Their Work—P.R.B.H. Sale

Due to light landings during the short week preceding Easter Friday, the record of halibut fares at Prince Rupert for this season had fallen behind that of 1927 yesterday. The total landings for the season to that date stood at 3,658,800 pounds as compared with 3,779,200 pounds on the corresponding date in 1927. There are a number of large boats due to land their catches during the coming week, however, and the chances are that the falling back for this season will be but temporary.

During the week of Saturday to Friday inclusive landings here totalled 420,000 pounds—75,500 pounds Canadian and 344,500 pounds American—as compared with a total of 829,900 pounds during the corresponding week last year.

The total of 3,658,800 pounds for the season up to yesterday was made up of 835,000 pounds Canadian and 2,823,800 American as compared with respective figures of 841,500 and 2,937,300 last year. The decrease is thus in American fish, Canadian being slightly ahead. Had it not been for low prices here early in March when many American boats refused to sell and went elsewhere, the 1928 total would, no doubt, be larger than the 1927.

The highest American price of the week 14.3c and 6c which the schooner Sherman received for 22,000 pounds, the lowest bid being 10.1c and 6c. The high price for Canadian fish was 12.1c and 5c paid the following boats: Imperuse, 6,500 pounds; Rose Spit, 7,000 and Verna, 5,000.

On Thursday only 8c and 4c was offered for Canadian halibut and nine boats refused to sell, preferring, instead, to take a chance and wait over until after Good Friday.

The Lundquist brothers landed their fourth catch of the season from the Ingrid H. during the week while Capt. Dave Ritchie offered the Unome's fourth catch today, having held over from Thursday.

The fine new fish packer Taplow II, built at the McLean Yard at Seal Cove, left on Wednesday for Warke Channel to enter the service of her owners, Fiewin & Brown, in packing salmon to the city and to such other points as it may be assigned from the Victory Cove trolling camp.

Bob Hanna figures that he has just about broken even on this sweepstake business. After having bought tickets for the last twenty-five years, Bob finally came into the money last week when he drew a non starter in the Salmon Sweep on the Grand National Steeplechase as a result of which he is richer by the sum of \$105. While Bob has it doped out that he has amply earned his reward, it nevertheless comes in handy on these dog days and for that he is truly thankful. As far as is known, Bob is the only Prince Rupert winner this time. His horse was Golden Street.

Her rudder broken, the halibut boat Olympia III, of Vancouver, belonging to the Canadian Fishing Co., arrived in port on Wednesday morning, having been towed in from Frederick Island by the Cape Spencer. The vessel had a catch of 8,000 pounds which was sold at market price to the owners. Arrangements are being made to make the necessary repairs here.

ZANARDI CHARTERED

To take care of the ever increasing volume of work the concern is being called upon to handle, the B.C. Towing & Lightage Co. has chartered for one year the powerful seineboat Zanardi from Gammon & Watt. The vessel will be used in the towing and general work of the company. Meantime, until the Zanardi gets off the herring run, the seineboat Bertha G. is taking her place on the charter.

A pioneer and well known concern goes off the local waterfront map as a result of the purchase this week of the interests of the Prince Rupert Boat House by the B.C. Towing & Lightage Co. Capt. Alfred Swanson, head of the Prince Rupert Boat House, has

been one of the real old timers in the local towing and pleasure boat business, building up during the past seventeen years from a humble beginning to a position of considerable importance and prominence. Capt. Swanson, who has retained from the fleet of the Prince Rupert Boat House the powerboat Mylsway, will still have plenty of business to engage his attention in the form of the Kinahan Island fur farm and the Central Hotel. In any of his future ventures, he will have the best wishes of his many friends who have long known his good and dependable service.

NEW BOATS AWAY

Capt. John Ivarson, with the Melville, and Capt. Hans Underdahl, with the Covenant, put to sea on Thursday afternoon for their maiden trips to the banks with their fine new vessels built during the past winter at the Prince Rupert dry dock. Both boats were working in fine shape before the departure and, in about two weeks' time, they are expected back with their initial catches.

Capt. O. P. Smith, returning to Prince Rupert on Wednesday with his well known fish packer Eilly B., was welcomed back by his many local friends. "O.P." as is his custom, spent the winter at Vancouver and is back well in advance of the opening of the salmon season. He was chartered last season to Claxton Cannery and may take up duty there again this year. Meantime, the Billy Boy is tied up at Lipsett's wharf.

After twenty-five years as an executive of the British Columbia Fishing & Packing company, one of the oldest and largest concerns in the British Columbia salmon industry, J. M. Whitehead has resigned the position of general manager of the company, which he has held since the retirement of W. H. Barker. He will, however, continue to be associated with the company, being a member of the directorate and of the advisory committee, and will also be actively engaged in the work of certain departments.

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First Baptist Church Beautifully Decorated and Well Filled Yesterday Morning

Baptist, Presbyterian, United Church and Salvation Army pastors and congregations were represented at a beautiful and largely attended Good Friday service held yesterday morning in First Baptist Church. The edifice was handsomely decorated with seasonal flowers and foliage in keeping with the day. Rev. W. F. Price of First Baptist Church presided; Rev. J. R. Friesell of First Presbyterian Church gave the address; Rev. A. Wilson of First United Church read the lesson and Capt. J. Stobart of the Salvation Army led in prayer. Appropriate hymns were sung and W. Vaughan Davies, at the organ, rendered selections from the cantata "Olivet to Calvary."

WINNERS OF CONTEST HELD BY VANCOUVER SUN HERE NEXT WEEK

Four boys and two girls from the south, winners in the recent "Good English Bee," held by the Vancouver Sun, will be in Prince Rupert next Wednesday making the round trip north aboard the steamer Prince George, this educational tour being the grand prize for their efforts. The party, which will be duly entertained here and at other points on the itinerary, will consist of Miss Constance Baird, aged 11; Isabel Mulgrew, 13; Willie Mulgrew, 11, and Marjorie Wilson, 13, all of Vancouver; Marjorie Lague, 13, of Nanaimo, and Frank Boyd, 14, of Blaine, on the Kettle Valley Railway.

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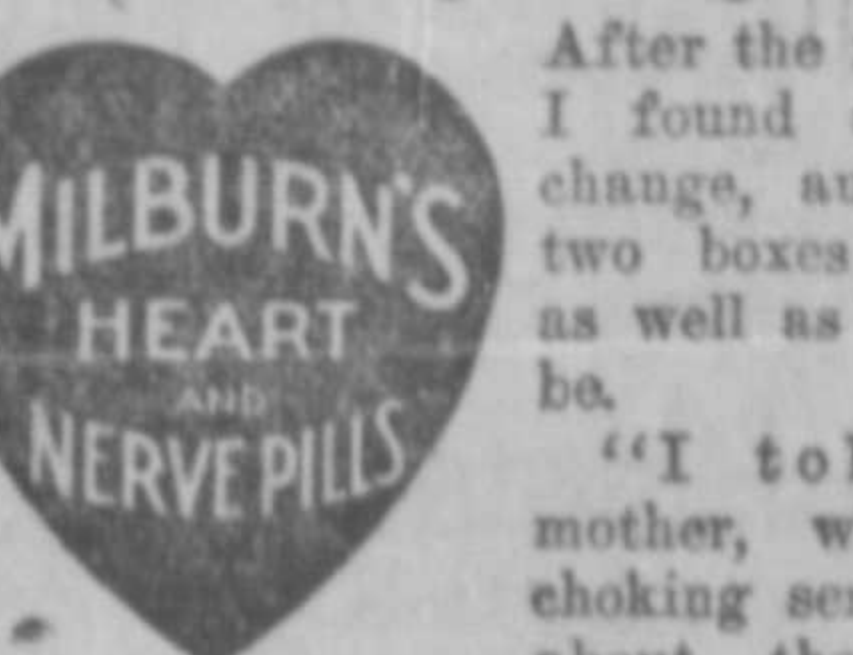
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