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Doings of the Mosquito Fleet which is the chief source of Prince Rupert's prosperity

The Admiral of the Mosquito Fleet reports that waterfront business during the week has lived up to expectations.

Early in the week the fish arrivals were on the light side owing to so many of the smaller boats coming in a bunch last week end. Incoming skippers report that the weather on the high spots was of a pretty thick nature until Wednesday when the weather man switched on the sun and gave the boys ideal fishing conditions. It is anticipated there will be some big fish deliveries over the week end.

Some excellent fur arrivals are reported during the week. Although to date the majority of the trappers have not come in with their catches, those trappers who have returned have certainly been getting "the goods" as far as quality is concerned.

Activity is already noticed among the members of the Prince Rupert Yacht Club and every day sees one or more of the ardent water sports looking the little "old joy boat" over in readiness for the balmy summer evenings when pa, ma and the kids can enjoy their leisure on the deep blue sea.

Great Excitement

The home crews of the mosquito fleet were suddenly brought to life at an early hour on Thursday morning when it was discovered by the secret service that the old warehouse of the Calgary Export Company at Cow Bay was conspicuous by its absence, the old landmark having left its moorings. The shout of "all hands on deck" was quickly responded to. The Admiral had just got his hands on deck when some fool tried to "em. Amid yells and curses the old boy, armed with an empty bottle and surrounded by his trusty men, made a dash for the scene of trouble only to fall back in dismay. Yes sir, only too true, the home of the joy liquor was no more. The Admiral ordered all boats out to assist in the search as it was feared a full case was still aboard, and the old man thought chances might be good to get his empty bottle filled. After a thorough search the missing joy house was sighted heading for Lookout Point, the home of Paddy Raymond's Irish colony. This set the boys thinking, but upon closer investigation it was proved that the old warehouse had been sold to one of the Seal Cove crab magnates to be used as an office.

Engine Deal

A 12-14 h.p. Buffalo marine engine was sold during the week by Capt. Khort, skipper of the power boat Just R. to M. T. J. Rose, who will install it in a pleasure cruiser which is now under construction. It is understood that definite plans for

the new pleasure boat have not yet been decided upon by Mr. Rose.

Gardner Canal Arrives

The launch "Oh Boy," Capt. John McFadden, and the launch Ymer, Capt. John Walgreen, arrived in port last Tuesday evening from Gardner Canal with the finest fur catch that has been landed at this port to date. The catch consisted of 26 martens, 2 otter, 6 wolves, 7 weasels, and 69 mink. The entire catch was sold by auction at Cow Bay and was knocked down to a local buyer.

Eve Trouble Developed

Capt. John Warner arrived in port last Tuesday evening on the bridge of the launch Lois, from his logging camp near Captain's Cove, Pitt Island. Cap. has been suffering for some time with eye trouble and came into Rupert to get his optics fixed up. He will leave again for the logging camp as soon as repairs have been made.

One of the Ketchum scows was hauled out of the water yesterday at the Seal Cove Marine Ways to receive its last finishing touches. It is probable that the two Ketchum scows will go south to be used in the paper making industries when final repairs are made.

Freeman Located

Skipper Holmes K. Freeman, of the launch Narbethong, who left port some two weeks ago for southern points to supply mush to the mush savages, has been located at Bartley Bay. Cap. is reported to be going strong both from a mechanical and business standpoint. Contrary to previous reports it has been finally ascertained that Cap did not take the Admiral's corkscrew with him. The skipper will not return home for some two weeks.

Ketchum Prepares

The tug Wagwan, flagship of the Ketchum fleet, is being given the once over by the eminent

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Capt. Geo. Bryant's pleasure cruiser Haria is being given the once over at the Hazelton ways preparatory to engaging in the forthcoming season's pleasure trips.

The night was dark

The soup was thick.
The galley cook
Lay very sick.
The Captain yelled
"It serves him right.
He's mixed the skippers
With the tripe."

Elida Visits Us

On Wednesday morning last the fleet coastguards sighted the troller "Elida" heading into port at a merry clip. Capt. Jack Oland was on the bridge and had journeyed from Lois Island to pick up a cargo of provisions. The cargo being safely stored Cap. hit out for the return voyage on Thursday afternoon.

Hospital Life

(By Walt Mason, Jr.)

"You talk about a life of ease, I'll tell a yarn so listen, please. Being on the bum with a gammy leg, 'Hospital for you,' the doctor said, I'll tell the world they're teaching me, what this life of ours should really be. The Doc, he may induce a scream, but the nurses, boys, they're quite a dream. I'm lying in a spotless bed with no alarm to wake the dead. At morn, the night nurse wakes you up, brings water, towel and shaving cup. When washing's through, you take a rest, then breakfast in your little nest. The day nurse then comes on the scene and takes your temp. with joy it seems. When this is done, another rest till nurse returns to rub your chest. Then matron, knocks, asks how you feel, why you feel so good you good, almost squeal. Next comes the Doc off with a smile, says 'think he'll last a little while.' Look out for squeals he's touched the spot, it's the only kick all-day you've got. The dressing done, Doc smiles farewell, when 'ting-a-ling,' the dinner bell. You eat your lunch and feel so fat, that you drop to sleep like the old home cat. If you're lucky then, friends come around and wake you up with mirthful sound. You chat awhile, they go away, then nurse come in with the supper tray. At 8 p.m. you think that's all, but in comes nurse with alcohol. It's not to drink I'll tell you that, its rubbed into the patient's back. The night nurse then will have her way and drops around with another tray. A nice hot glass of steaming milk, why the world just seems a bed of silk. Now you know the schedule for the day in the hospital across the way. But I'll tell you boys when you're on the bum, you'd give a lot to be back on the run."

Boat Falls Over

On Wednesday night the half-bur chaser N. & S., Capt. H. Lear, had the misfortune to fall over at low tide in the vicinity of Cow Bay ways, while she was awaiting her annual overhaul. However, the boat was quickly righted and the damage will soon be rectified.

Another Inventor

It has long been the dream of inventors to harness the ocean's tides for the benefit of mankind. A member of our local intelligentsia has come forward with a scheme to use these rhythmic pulsations for the betterment of Prince Rupert's pleasure fleet. It is understood that Bob Blance of Seal Cove has prepared plans for a tremendous improvement to the comfort and beauty of the local fleet. The scheme is to take the boat to the Prince Rupert Cannery late on a Sunday night, wait for the tide to go out and the boat go around. Then let her capsize. When the tide rises let the boat fill up with salt chuck. When the water has been batted out it will be found that the interior is beautifully decorated in a marbled effect by the oil and distillate floating around. A tryout has been made with Bob's palatial craft the Florence B. All who have seen it vote the result an unqualified success.

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Sport Chat

Very general sympathy is being expressed in local sport circles for Bud Barrie, the popular member of the Grotto Athletic Club, who sustained the loss of his right arm as a result of the accident in the Little & Giggey sawmill at Terrace this week. One of the valued members of the Grotto football, baseball and basketball teams, Bud, through the accident, will likely be no longer able to participate in any of the outdoor sports. The loss to the Athletic Club is a distinct one but his team mates and supporters have not been thinking much of that in their feeling for him in his unfortunate loss. His many friends here are hoping to see him back in the city at an early date as fully recovered from his injury as possible.

Lily Lake, at St. John, N.B., will next week be again the scene of competition among the racing kings of Canada and the United States for the highest honors in the amateur skating game on the continent. The Canadian National Outdoor Ice Skating Championships, the crowning events of the skating season, opens in that city today and will continue for a week. Not only will great skating races be carried on but a big carnival will be staged. The skating races are scheduled to take place next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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gue is still going strong. All three teams are playing a good game and each is striving for the championship honor when the season closes. Last week there were three games resulting as follows:

Cougars, 5; Bears, 3.
Wild Cats, 3; Bears, 2.
Cougars, 7; Bears, 3.

The Cougars now have a comfortable lead over the two other teams in the standing. They have five victories and two losses while the Bears have two wins, four losses and a draw and the Wild Cats, two wins, three losses and a draw.

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