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WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Strike Situations Ended and Boats Go Back to Work —Canneries in Operation—Halibut Landings

The important event in waterfront affairs during the past week has, of course, been the decision of both halibut boat owners and salmon trollers to call off the "strike" situation and permit all those who wish to go ahead with fishing operations. Whether or not individual boats shall fish is now a straight business proposition. The boats which have been making good financially will continue operations without interruption, while, doubtless, many of those which have been operating at a loss will remain tied up. Despite what has been heard to the contrary, there are, no doubt, quite a number of boats, both salmon and halibut, which have been operating quite profitably so far this year. This applies more particularly to the larger boats and those equipped with diesel power. Economy of operation rather than retention of high prices for the product is being more and more recognized as the keynote to future successful and profitable operation. Promise of better prices for cohoes, together with an anticipated two cents rebate in the price of gasoline have served to give renewed heart to the salmon trollers more particularly. These were, no doubt, a factor in the decision to call off the "strike." Many halibut boats and trollers have left during the week to resume their work.

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Following is a full list of canneries in operation this year in District No. 2:

Naas River—Arrandale.

Skeena River—Carlisle, Cassiar, Clarion, Inverness, Porcher Island, North Pacific, Skeena Commercial, Sunnyside.

Central Division — Butedale, Klemtu, Namu.

Rivers Inlet—Beaver, Good Hope, Goose Bay, Wadhams.

Smith's Inlet—Le Roy Bay.

Among the canneries which will act as receiving station or camps will be Wales Island and Mill Bay on the Naas River, Port Edward on the Skeena and Margaret Bay, Boswell and Smith Inlet on Smith Inlet.

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Skipper Harry Pullen, long one of Prince Rupert's most enthusiastic yachtsmen, has turned his back on aquatic pursuits for the time being at least. He has just sold his well known gasboat Gwen to Claude Kirkendall and, to complete his renunciation of the deep, disposed of his skiff to Doc Alexander. There is too much doing on land these days to permit Ye Managing Director time for rambling on the briny as was once his wont. The Gwen is a trim little 18-foot craft, equipped with 4 h.p. Easthope engine, and was acquired by Skipper Pullen some years ago from Joe Greer.

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Four men, comprising the crew of the seineboat Delaware, have been picked up at sea by the Fisheries patrol boat Teal, Capt. Cole, after their boat was lost, according to advices received recently at Juneau headquarters of the United States Bureau of Fisheries. The Delaware swamped in a heavy sea near Nushagat Islands, in the Barren Island group southwest of Kenai Peninsula, Capt. Cole reported. The crew is believed to have escaped in a small boat and were found by the Teal. The seineboat was owned by the Herring Bay Packing Company and operated out of Seward. It was 54.8 feet long, 14.5 feet in beam and drew 6.3 feet. It was built in Tacoma in 1917.

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Slashed His Knee

Andy McDonald, fish cutter for the Royal Fish Co., is expected back on deck again within the next few days following a recent accident in which his knee was badly slashed. Andy was using a heading knife to trim a piece of lumber when the weapon slipped and cut him. He had to be taken to hospital where three stitches were put in the knee. His friends are suggesting that next time Andy should use a penknife. It might not be so fast but it would be less dangerous.

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Offices Moved

The headquarters of the Chatham Sound Fishing & Packing Co., operating the Humpback Bay cannery on Porcher Island, and the Vancouver office of Brand & Co. Ltd. of London, Eng., have been moved into the Pacific Coast Fire Building in Vancouver. Col. F. H. Cunningham, former chief inspector of fisheries, is a manager of the Chatham Sound concern and also Pacific Coast representative of Brand & Co., prominent English producers and distributors of food products.

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Canning was resumed last month by the British Columbia Fishermen's Co-operative Association at the Vancouver cannery, there having been a busy run on bluebacks. The Port Alberni cannery on the West Coast of Vancouver Island may be operated later. It is planned to establish camps at Smith's Inlet and Rivers Inlet with a system of tenders and collecting boats gathering and transporting the fish. Eugene Rousseau, at one time manager of the B. C. Packers cannery at Lowe Inlet, is now in charge of the co-operative as general manager.

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Keel is Laid

Keel was laid at the Kly Boat Works in Cow Bay this week for a 35-foot pleasure boat or possibly, trawler. The boat building game is very quiet just now, there being no orders for fishing vessels.

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George Roger, second in command at the Star Welding & Machine Works, is due back next week from a three weeks' trip to Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. George went away for the express purpose of meeting his wife who has been on a year's trip to the Old Country.

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Small orders for equipment at the canneries have been received at local machine shops this spring but the volume of business has been much less than usual. In fact, these are rather quiet days for the most of the local machine shops.

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William Drake, manager of the local business of Edward Lipsett Ltd., is expected back next week from Vancouver where he was called last week owing to a serious accident having befallen his young son. The lad fell down the basement stairs of his home and sustained very serious fractures of his left arm. Most expert surgical attendants had to be secured in the effort to save the member. While he has been in Vancouver, Mr. Drake's mother-in-law, Mrs. Langley, died.

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May Be Jam Again

Since the decision was taken this week to resume fishing operations, a large number of the halibut boats have cleared again for the fishing grounds. Indeed, it would seem quite possible that, when the boats start coming back, there will be another glut of fish on the local market. There are several boats, however, remaining in port for painting, etc. and the withholding of these may help some. Towards the end of this week, there were only three boats—Cape Spencer, Relief and Southend—immediately due in from the fishing grounds.

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There are at present 45 men on the payroll at the local dry dock. In order to spin out such work as is available, a six-hour day for all men working by the day has been instituted. There is some repair work and other small activity going on at the yard. Fishing boats come and go from the pontoons, as usual. Work is at about as low an ebb at the yard as it has been for many years.

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Buys Rhona

Capt. Paul Armour, local manager of the Pacific Salvage Co., has purchased the power cruiser Rhona, which for so many years ran as a ferry between here and Digby Island for the marine department. The Rhona is now moored at the floats of the Salvage company.

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The new snagboat Essington, built at the local dry dock recently to replace the old Bobolink, was moved across to Digby Island last night to be tied up pending its being placed in commission. Apparently, the vessel is not to be put into operation this season, despite the protests of cannery and other interests at its being tied up. Reasons of economy are given by the government for its failure to commission the vessel.

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Halibut Landings

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the present season up to and including June 26 totalled 6,997,740 pounds, consisting of 4,302,340 pounds American and 2,895,400 pounds Canadian fish. Landings for the week of June 20-26 inclusive amounted to 613,200 pounds of which 517,000 pounds was from American boats while Canadian boats, most of which by that time were tied up, contributed but 91,200 pounds. With the fleet deciding to go back to work again, there should soon be landings on a normal scale again.

With landings light, considerably better prices were paid on a number of occasions during the week in question. The top bid of the week for Canadian fish was 9.5c and 4c received by the Eric Roy for 16,000 pounds while the low was 3c and 4c paid the Lyskil for 20,000 pounds. The high price of the week for American fish was 11c and 5c paid the Friendly for 8,000 pounds and the low, 6c and 3c, received by the Pioneer and Thor for catches of 30,000 and 22,000 pounds respectively.

Young People's Picnic Enjoyed

Sixty-Six Persons Take Part in Outing of Presbyterian Church Organization

An enjoyable picnic was held on Digby Island last evening by the Young People's Society of First Presbyterian Church. Some sixty-six members of the organization and friends were in attendance. The John Currie & sons service boat C. S. C. was used to transport the picnickers across the harbor and back again. Beach games and other forms of recreation were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were provided.

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