

B.C. Herring Fishermen Reap Second Big Harvest

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VANCOUVER (CP)—In a centennial year of records, British Columbia's herring fishermen are drawing the final curtain on the big birthday with the biggest bonanza in their history.

Following the pace set by Pacific salmon fishermen this year, herring men expect to catch at least 175,000 tons of the silver fish by year's end.

The biggest hauls this year have been made on the west coast of Vancouver Island, in the deep

coastal indentations carved by the Pacific.

The size of the catch this fall, which began May 1, can be understood in terms of seasonal averages, rather than bare past records.

EQUALS 10-YEAR CATCH

By the year's end, fish economists say, the catch for the fall season alone will equal the average catch for the entire spring and fall seasons of the last 10 years.

The last fall record catch was set in 1953 when 138,000 tons of

herring were caught.

But without the 60,000 ton catches to date on the west coast of the island, the season might have been just another average for the six or seven herring companies and their 1,000 men employed in fishing and packing in B.C.

One of the largest catches of the season was made off the sheltered coves of Esperanza Inlet, where Capt. Olaf Andersen, aboard the Cape James, reaped almost a million fish in a few hours' hectic work.

He said he had all but given up hope of finding any fish on that trip and was preparing to return to Vancouver, when he saw a flock of seagulls circling in the inlet.

Expert 3,000 Claims Staked In Chibougamau By Year End

QUEBEC (CP)—The Quebec mines department said Thursday about 600 mining licences will have been issued by the end of the year in connection with the nickel-copper rush near Chibougamau, 260 miles northwest of Quebec City.

Each licence permits a prospector to stake five 40-acre claims directly, and in the Chibougamau area, additional proxy claims for a maximum 400 acres.

The department said that by the end of the month about 3,000 claims are expected to be registered.

Main prospecting areas are at Lac Regnault and Lac Frotet, about 60 miles northwest of Chibougamau.

A department spokesman said it is too early to determine the value of the ore and that concrete information probably will not be available until next spring.

The rush was touched off when the federal department of mines and technical surveys issued a geological survey of the Chibougamau area last summer. The survey suggested geological formations that could be interpreted as favorable.

Last September John Brosnan of Rosemere, Que., prospecting in the region, reported copper and nickel-bearing floats and optioned his claims to the Chibougamau Mining and Smelting Company.

Other prospectors began working the region and about 10 companies have shown interest in the ore deposits.

Present investigations are in the form of geological surveys—the area is surveyed either by land or aircraft to determine magnetic strength of the ground below.

The heavy snow cover and general lack of water will prohibit other tests, such as drilling, until late spring. And it probably will not be until then, the spokesman said, that the true extent or value of the ore bodies is determined.

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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

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CANADIAN ENGINEERS ARRIVE IN SEATTLE

A group of engineers from Canada, their wives and children, wait for luggage after arriving at Seattle, Wash., from Vancouver, B.C., to begin an engineering talent sharing program between the U.S. and Canada. The Canadians will work at Boeing Airplane Co.'s pilot-

less aircraft division in Seattle "to assist in engineering of the Bomarc weapons system," a Boeing official said. Canada recently announced plans to use Bomarc interceptor missiles as the country's principal defensive weapon.

Christmas Tree Trade Hit By Insects And Weather

WINNIPEG SHIVERS
WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg recorded its lowest temperature of the winter early Friday as the mercury plunged to 27 degrees below zero.

LEGER RETURNS
MONTREAL (CP)—Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger arrived in Montreal Friday by plane from Rome where he attended the convocation of the College of Cardinals which gathered last October to elect a new pope.

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Canada's growing Christmas tree industry—a \$9,000,000 business last year—has run into a few snags as a result of the weather and insect blight.

However, only the Prairie provinces face a shortage and it is expected to be temporary. A Canadian Press survey shows weather was a factor both on the Prairies and in New Brunswick. Trees dried out too quickly after the hot, dry prairie summer and now snow has blocked side roads that provide access to tree stands. Trees are being shipped in from other parts of the country to take up the slack but prices are higher.

SNOW HAMPERS CUTTING
In New Brunswick early snows and storms hampered cutting. Almost all the 4,000,000 trees cut last year were shipped to the United States. New grading standards set by the U.S. agricultural department for import trees are cutting shipments, resulting in shortages in some parts of the northeastern United States.

In Nova Scotia, which shipped \$2,200,000 worth of trees last year, insect blight from the needle midge has cut supplies. The province's export is expected to be down 25 per cent.

In Quebec the lands and forests department estimates 4,000,000 trees will be cut this season, three-quarters going to the U.S. Prices range between \$2 and \$3 a tree.

The future of the industry in Ontario is not bright. The forestry department says quality is poor and there may be serious overproduction within five years. Export sales are down this year because of quality.

In both Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland the tree industry is small but both provinces have enough to fill their own needs.

Heavy snow on the Prairies—in some places up to 30 inches—has brought the industry to a virtual standstill.

By Dec. 4 there were only 2,000 trees offered for sale in Winnipeg. At the same time last year there were 100,000. Exports are expected to be considerably down from last year's total of 109,000.

Alberta, which exports no Christmas trees, expects to draw virtually all its stock from British Columbia, where sales bring about a \$1,000,000 income annually.

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Two Ont. Clergymen Suggest Changing Name Of Christmas

TORONTO (CP)—Two Ontario clergymen, a Baptist and a Unitarian, have suggested that Christmas be called by some other name and celebrated by everyone—not just by Christians.

Rev. Ernest Nullmeyer of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Barrie, said in a radio sermon that Christmas has become so commercial it should be called by a different name.

Both ministers say Christmas is really a pagan feast and originally had nothing to do with Christianity.

Mr. Nullmeyer said: "Christmas was the counterpart to the pagan solar feast of the god Mithras. It started pagan and it has never changed."

"Christmas should be called a different name such as The Festive Season—complete with festive commercials."

He said there is no record in the gospel of one word to celebrate the birth of Christ, nor was there any record of early churches celebrating Christmas.

Mr. Chidsey said "If we cele-

brate Christmas as a happy holiday instead of a Christian feast, people of every religion would be able to enjoy it together."

"Christians make other people feel like intruders. Let's not exclude people in Christ's name. We should let everybody celebrate Christmas—or not celebrate it at all."

WHEN SHADOWS MEET
I've never been to far off places
I've never had the urge to go;
Yet I have filled my heart with beauty
For I've seen rosebuds in the snow.

I've never been to Rome or Paris
I've never cared for the mad whirl;
Yet I have known a lot of pleasure
For I have rocked a little girl.

I've never heard the kind of music
I've never known the warmth of ermine
But I have heard the pitter patter
As rain fell down on autumn trees.

I've never known the warmth of ermine
Can't say it matters much to me;
While there is someone kind and loving
Whose warm arms reach to comfort me.

I've never yearned to be somebody
To see my name in dazzling lights
For I have walked and talked with God
His tender love my soul delights.

And when I walk where leaves are falling
Or snowflakes glisten at my feet
I whisper thanks for my great blessing
Someone to love, when shadows meet.

—Cecil B. Smith

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