

COLD WEATHER CONTINUES

I suppose folks are used by it by now--cold, ice, snow, no wood, no coal, no oil, fires out and frozen pipes are now ordinary features in our daily lives. Meeting a man carrying a blow torch or a water bucket is a common occurrence. Seeing glimpses of pajamas under slacks, great swathings of sweaters and red ears is as usual as Mr. Hanson's daily excursion.

Seriously, though, it is cold. Hecate Straits is reported to be full of floating ice, Ice is nearly solid around Dead Tree Buoy, and even Skidegate Inlet is gradually becoming iced in. In truth we could say, water water everywhere, and not a drop will flow!

It is reported that the cold even has our well known citizen, George Rasmussen up in arms. "Some life," he has been heard to mutter. "Cold? You said it! Women, bah! They couldn't even keep a small newt warm." So poor George was forced to take a decisive step. Down to Fred LaSette's he went, and two suits of Stanfield's, he bought. "Lovely," he chuckles now, "lovely!"

LOCAL CHATTER

Well founded rumours have it that a pool hall and cigarette stand will soon start up in Charlotte.

Agnes Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young, is now teaching school in the Village. She started on the 23rd.

We regret to announce that Mr. Jack Scott is at present in the Prince Rupert General Hospital undergoing an operation.

We heartily welcome to our community Dr. and Mrs. Sutton. Lucky indeed are we to have such good citizens join us, and to have the services of such an excellent dentist.

WeialBocwaldoma Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Mr. Williams recently replaced Herb Holt at Dead Tree Point. It appears that Mrs. Williams is an excellent fisherwoman. Recently she succeeded in pulling from the cold waters of Tlell River a large shining steelhead.

Eric Richardson, our local magistrate and man about town, has purchased Mrs. H. Husband's house (Mike Anderson's old house), and intends to live there when his lovely bride returns from business in Vancouver.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Hill has been and still is, in hospital in Vancouver. We understand that she has been in since before Christmas.

Eleanor Bernard has had a busy week in Davies store, as Mr. Davies has been suffering from a bad cold.

Unfortunately, Delby Kendall's new station wagon was damaged slightly when it skidded on the icy Alliford Bay-Sandspit road.

Eric loves cows. The other day he put a fine cardboard shield in front of his truck radiator. Took pains, too. But alas, some time later, he saw a cow moving down the road lazily chewing on the remains of the cardboard. Yes, Eric loves cows, so much so that now he carried hay in the back of the truck for them.

Mrs. Delby Kendall, RN, and Mrs. Jack Secord, RN, were recently seen in Prince Rupert.

Others from Charlotte who are now in Rupert are: Jack Robillard,

Red Morrison and Wiley Brillon.

It is rumoured that the Forestry Service will erect a new building for an office in Queen Charlotte City.

As reported by one of our Skidegate reporters, and of particular interest to the Native Brotherhood, is this item of news. The men of Skidegate Mission village gave Mr. Findlay, the Indian Agent, their consent for the Indian Department to give Royalite Oil Company the exploratory rights on the Skidegate reserve. The also gave the Department permission to accept bids on 12,000,000 feet of reserve timber.

It was reported that unfortunately, the Elva M. No. 2's engine froze up.

Mrs. Price, recent bride of W. Price, Skidegate Mission, is now nursing at the Queen Charlotte City hospital.

Fred Atkins believes he will have the new wharf at Sandspit ready for the Coquitlam to dock by January 28th.

SHOPPING NEWS

Here are a few of the many bargains that shoppers will find at William J. Davies':

Pacific Milk	\$7.39 a case
Nabob Coffee	79¢ a lb.
(Limit: two to a customer)	
Jello	3 for 27¢
Flour	49 lbs. for \$3.69

HOSPITAL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Blair Davidson (nee Pauline Brown, Skidegate Mission) a son. The twins, I'm-sure, will welcome their little brother.

January 24th--A party, comprising the staff of the hospital, celebrated Maud's birthday. She, demure as ever, was delighted with the present the staff gave her, and gave vent to her feelings in a small touching dance.

Do you need a cat? George has them--any sex, any type.

FISHING NEWS

Nylon herring trawl tested in Norway

A herring trawl of nylon gave catches four to five times as large as those with a comparable trawl of cotton, according to the Norwegian Fishing newspaper, "Fiskets Gang", reporting on tests made by Norwegian fishermen. The trawls were identical in construction and used alternately with the cotton ones in the same area. Despite the smaller thread in the nylon trawls, they had a high breaking strength and were otherwise easy to handle.

Here is a little poem illustrating the advisability of advertising:

The codfish lays a million eggs,
The hen lays only one.
But the codfish doesn't cackle
When the little stunt is done.
And so we praise the artful hen,
The codfish we despise--
Which makes it plain to thinking men
IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE!

Thought for the moment:

One cannot find complete peace in work or in pleasure; in the world or in a convent--only in one's soul.

GOSSIP COLUMN

Will the girl who left her dancing shoes behind, please come and pick them up. Oh yes, please come alone.

Do people get rusty? We wonder. At least one girl hasn't yet--no wedding bells have tolled.

We have learnt from fairly reliable sources that our good girl, that fine nurse, Miss Sheppard, is not yet married. We heard it rumoured that she is suffering from T.B.

Speaking of nurses, Mrs. Gombar is nursing in Prince Rupert, She listens, so we are informed, to Digby Island each night. I wonder why.

Who is the well known Charlotte boy who has fallen desperately in love with a pretty village maiden.

Here is a joke told by a local storekeeper, that seemed rather amusing--

A husband came to register his twelfth child. The clerk idly said, "Say, Mac, that's quite a few, huh?" "Few!" said the husband, "If I have any more, I'll hang myself."

A year passed by, and the husband appeared again, to register his 13th. The clerk looked at him in surprise and said, "I thought you said if you had any more children, you would hang yourself."

"Aye," said the man, "I nearly did. I went down to the basement, fashioned a noose, stood on a chair, put the rope around my neck, and then I suddenly stopped and thought--'Hold on! I might be hanging an innocent man!'"

Mr. Hanson (alias Pot Roast) assures me he is going to start a cafe in Port Clements.

SPORTS NEWS

The local Badminton League games started on January 16th at the Village Community Hall. At this initial tournament, the Village team won 14 games out of 16 played.

On January 19th, the Charlotte Club played host to the Village. This time, the total points won by Charlotte in the two sessions was 22--total by the Village 42. Refreshments were served after both sessions.

Players--Charlotte: Jack Goldrup, Harold Christensen, Ben Kelly, Fred Roberts; Rusty Euval, Ted Bellis, Norm Blanc and Jim Roberts. (Ted Bruce and Mickey Dwyer acted as spares.)

Village: George Brown, Ralph Young, Sid Crosby, Phillip Stevens, Benny Roberts, Alex Wilson, Cecil Wilson and Paul Smith.

Charlotte is hoping to arrange games with Sandspit and Port Clements.

A 'trap shoot' was held on Sunday January 22nd with Eli Bernard taking the "pigeon killers", in the South Wind, over to Lina Island, site of the trap.

Jim Neesen won the first prize of \$6.00, and Don Wright the booby prize of \$2.00.

Deer hunting should be good now, as the cold is driving the moose to the beaches. Fifteen were seen in the Narrows the other day.

Brant hunting is only fair. Hunters have bagged only the odd brace.

LATE NEWS FLASHES !!

Depth of oil well is now 2,795 feet. The drill has been penetrating a hard green sandstone speckled with iron pyrites. As yet there has been no indication of gas or oil.

Queen Charlotte Rod and Gun Club elected new officers as follows: President-Art Barber, Vice-President-Serg DeBucy, Secretary-Eric Richardson.

Jan. 25th Snow is falling, and the wind has changed to Southeast.