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Salmon Pack A Low One

Catch of Provincial Canneries Smaller Than For Many Years.

Fraser River Pack Very Small—Northern Canneries Equal Last Year.

Steamer Princess Louise, which arrived yesterday morning from Skagway via the canneries and ports of northern British Columbia, brought down about 7,500 cases of salmon. There were 2,000 from the Inverness cannery, 1,120 from Windermere, 1,850 from Alert Bay, 500 from Wallace Bros., and 200 from the United Canneries of British Columbia.

The canneries had all nearly all, for they were fishing for cohoes for freezing and salting, finished their season's pack when the steamer left, and approximate figures of the season's pack were received by the steamer. Coupled with the reports from the Fraser, they go to show that the pack of this year will be not more than half of that which was put up at the British Columbia canneries last year. In fact, it is the worst pack that has been taken for several years past.

From the figures which have been based on reliable reports, the pack is estimated at 377,000 cases, which is 355,000 below that of last year, when it is estimated to have been 732,437 cases. It is estimated that the pack of this year will be not more than half of that which was put up at the British Columbia canneries last year. In fact, it is the worst pack that has been taken for several years past.

On the Fraser the pack is very low. The pack has been the poorest for many seasons. The total pack there is much less than a third of what it was last year. The figures given are 108,029 cases, as against 383,482 cases in 1898. In 1898 the pack was 383,482 cases, as against 108,029 cases in 1899. In 1899 the pack was 108,029 cases, as against 383,482 cases in 1898.

It is the smallest of the Fraser river pack that brings down the total for the season so much, for elsewhere in the province the catch was equalled. On the Skeena and slightly on Rivers Inlet. On the Skeena, the pack was 2,000 cases, or about a thousand cases ahead of last year, when the pack showed 17,070 cases, the Skeena pack was 17,070 cases, as against 1,900 cases in 1898. On the Rivers Inlet, the pack was 1,900 cases, as against 17,070 cases in 1898.

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Great Britain last year and of several governments this year, are putting into the hands of many shipowners the means of modernizing their fleets. Not a few vessels out of date have been sold to one government or another; or chartered for more than the vessel was worth at a sale, and the owners have found themselves in a position to replace them with those of modern construction, greater power and more economical machinery.

COMPLIMENTS BY WIRE. United States President and German Emperor Exchange Good Wishes.

New York, Aug. 30.—Direct telegraphic communication between the United States and Germany was opened to-day through the new German cable in conjunction with the commercial cable. Communication with the United States, Germany, the Emperor sent the following message to President McKinley:

"At to-day's opening of the new cable, which brings Germany in closer telegraphic communication with the United States, I express to Your Excellency my satisfaction at the accomplishment of this significant work of peace and friendship. I sincerely hope that the general prosperity and the friendly relations between the two nations."

President McKinley responded as follows: "I have with great pleasure received your Majesty's message of congratulations upon completing the chain of closer communication between this country and the German Empire. In this age of progress, every day that brings nations nearer in the commercial relations and friendly intercourse works their common good and promotes their mutual advancement in the paths of peace."

LOCOMOTIVE FIREBOXES. Improvement in Engines of the Chicago and Northwestern Road.

From the Chicago Times-Herald. The mammoth one-hundred-thirty-five ton passenger locomotives which are being built for the Chicago and Northwestern railway by the Schenectady Locomotive Works—two of which are in service—embody certain ideas in construction which are interesting as marking a most important period in the evolution of the American locomotive.

The object in locomotive construction has been, of course, to secure the greatest increase of speed with the least consumption of coal per mile. To do this the adhesive power of the drivers on the rails has been increased by increasing the weight of the engine. This has been done by increasing the weight of the engine, but this has been done by increasing the weight of the engine, but this has been done by increasing the weight of the engine.

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Kid McCoy Easily Beaten

Corbett Knocks Him Out in the Fifth Round With Shower of Blows.

New York, Aug. 30.—Kid McCoy was knocked out by James J. Corbett in the fifth round at Madison Square Gardens to-night. There were 6,000 people present, but the fight was a tame one, and though there was some very clever work by both men, McCoy was no match for his opponent.

When he entered the ring Corbett extended his hand to McCoy, who refused to take it. Corbett was in splendid fettle and smiled contemptuously, while McCoy's face wore a very serious look.

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should kind of like to carry it home with me. "I'll give you a dollar and seventy-five cents for it," offered the man after looking it over.

Matthew knew that he could buy a new one for that sum, and decided to close with the offer. The money was paid him and the cooper turned to go back into his shop, but stopped and said to the man who had offered him the cooper: "You don't mind carrying a peevy on your shoulder, I've got one I should like to send to a customer of mine, over on your side of the boundary. I'll pay you a dollar for your trouble," he added.

Matthew expressed his willingness to earn a dollar in that way.

"You'll find the man at a little shanty on the left-hand side of the railway. Just before you get into Kingham," explained the cooper. "He is a queer old fellow, but makes a good man."

His name is Plant, and 'tween you and me and the gate-post, I think he's a little cracked. But that's nothing to me. He's got on getting the particular kind of peevy, with hornbeam lever bars, that I make. So I send them to him, one at a time. He's got a list