

Other canneries will be operated in connection with the new fishing companies building here to pack and ship all kinds of fish.

All fishermen are paid a fixed price per fish and the labor in the canneries is let by contract and piece work.

#### **SKEENA RIVER SYNDICATE.**

This company has a cold storage plant and fish packing plant at Haysport on the Skeena, about 25 miles from Prince Rupert. They have just started operations and have a crew of about 20 men at work. Their cold storage plant has a capacity of half a million pounds of fish. At the present time they are putting in 35,000 lbs. of halibut a week. They purpose enlarging this plant and also operating a fish curing and drying plant. A 50,000 foot capacity sawmill will be built immediately. Quarries of fine building stone are being opened there. The syndicate is backed by English capital.

#### **WHALING IS PROFITABLE.**

The breeding grounds of the Pacific whale are off Queen Charlotte Islands. The C. N. P. Fisheries operate two whaling stations with five whaling steamers tributary to Prince Rupert. Each station employs over 150 men. During the eight months of operation the catch will run close to 500 whales, and the profits average about \$500 per whale.

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There is more arable land tributary to the Grand Trunk Pacific in Central British Columbia than in all the remainder of the province.

The Dominion government's financial interest in the big dry dock being built here is reasonable evidence that it is the intention to make Prince Rupert a naval base for the Pacific. Prince Rupert harbor is particularly adapted for the purpose.