

B. C. TOURNAMENT IS OFF ENTIRELY

Committee Decides to Drop the Affair—Local Boxers Are Dissatisfied

charge of the British Columbia boxing tournament, which was to have been held in this city on March 6, was held Thursday in the J. B. A. A. rooms, and it was decided that the bouts would be called off entirely.

OFF BIG MATCH

Tommy Burns Thinking About
Bringing His Protege
to Nanaimo

Tommy Burns and Con. Jones have been moating around Nansaimo the last day or so and naturally the question arises as to what Tommy could be doing in this little city. The question is not hard to answer, either for the chances are that any business the former champion may be mixed up in will always have something to do with the prize ring. And Tommy did not get out of the ring until he was 35.

He has been trying to arrange a fight in Nansaimo, and a bigger fight than has been seen in British Columbia for quite a while. The principals were to be Tommy Burns, who is touted as the coming champion, and Lester Martin, a colored fighter of ability. However, as Lester leaves San Francisco for Australia on March 3, it was found impossible to stage the bout to quite a site at least.

Burns, in talking about his protégé, expressed himself as being thoroughly satisfied with Lester. He does not say that the Cle Elum boy is clever, but that he has a tremendous wallop and is improving.

Iron frame and the heart of a lion. O'Connor Lester has never been tried out against a good man, and that is why Burns is anxious to match him with Martin. The latter is one of the cleverest fighters in the ring, and it is said of him that at one time he even made Johnson look like a novice. He has all the weight and anxious to catch him about with him would be just the thing for Lester.

HERRING SEASON CLOSES.

Nanaimo Firm Loses Money—Fish Appear Late and at Great Depth.

Nanaimo, B. C., March 8.—So poor have been the catches of those engaged in the herring fishing industry here this season that many fishers will be glad to take the bait for the barest of made expenses. No year in the history of the herring industry has been so disastrous as the season that has just closed.

Approximately 7,000 tons of herring were caught and cured here this season against 28,000 tons last year and the season was almost six weeks behind that of last year. Although appearing

near Departure Bay more than a month ago, the fish did not enter the harbor until two weeks later and then only small catches were reported.

Fishermen attributed the lack of success to the fact that at which the herring were schooled. When the fish finally entered Departure Bay and Pender Harbor from the Gulf of Georgia, they swam beneath the nets. One fisherman, who was engaged in the herring industry, said that the fish "swim under the poor run and the depth at which the fish were found to the increasing number of gasoline launches continually cruising on Departure Bay and Pender Harbor. These noisy little boats, it was said, frightened the fish and drove them beyond the reach of the seines. Others attribute the small catch to the decrease in the number of whales

Whales feed upon herring and during the fishing season, it is said, drive large schools of the little fish into the shallow harbors, where the big Leviathans will not venture.

Prices ranged from \$1.50 to \$1.65 for herring brought to the curing establishments this season. This is a slight increase over last year's market figures.

QUATSINO NOTES.

Quatsino, Feb. 26.—Henrik Peterson

The local physician has recently secured a new launch and is now able to serve all the district, including the people of Holberg.

The Winter Harbor Canning Company is shipping clams regularly, and this year intends to go into the salmon canning and mild curing of spring salmon. For this purpose it will be necessary to enlarge the plant.

Boring is still continuing at Quatomo but the results of the work are not made known. It is supposed, however, that as the work is being continued some success has been attained. The copper property at Peter river is being developed, and the ore body is said to be steadily improving.