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Community of Norwegian fishermen lived in scow-houses in New Westminster, down river from Pattullo bridge - 8 to 10 scow--houses in row on river bank, jacked up out of the water. Two English-speaking families there also - Pete Hudson and Art Gibson. Water came from rain barrel under eavestrough, outhouse for toilet facilities.

He moved to Wood Street, Lulu Island in 1924. Scow-houses were occupied for some time after that - one still stands on Annacis - along Dyke Road - besides some houses built on pilings. That particular house belonged to his uncle, Olaf Olsen, who now lives in Surrey - aged 96. He came from Europe at turn of century.

Six o'clock gun situated at Fishery Department floats at foot of 16th Street in ^{New} Westminster - a bomb affair in a pipe which shot up and exploded in the air. If caught out fishing after 6 a.m. Saturday, you were in trouble. Fisheries Department had several boats on river to impose controls.

1933 - had boat built for \$700. Two to four years later, had drum installed on gillnetter. Prior to that used a nigger-head. In the stern, there was a shaft with a small drum on it, you gave the drum a turn and pulled in the slack - nigger-head took the hard work out of it - you worked with your back to the nets, facing the nigger-head - came into use in 1934/35.

In early days, price for fish fixed by canning companies. Not much bargaining possibilities, despite early union attempts to improve conditions. Talks of earlier union called British

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Columbia Fishermen's Protective Association - their sign was
a fish with the letters PCFPA under it.

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