

WHALING IN THE ARCTIC.

James B. Connolly Is Having a Wide and Varied Experience

Mr. James B. Connolly, formerly instructor at the Gloucester Athletic Club, who is at present studying the fishery conditions in Norway and Sweden, in writing to a friend in this city, from Hammerfest, Norway, under date of July 28, the most northerly fishing port in the world, says:—

"I have just returned from a whaling trip in the Arctic. We left from a small place on the north coast of Norway, a little to the eastward of here. Our outfit was a whaling steamer armed with a Svend Foyn gun. She was 80 feet long, but with no free board to speak of, and could steam nine knots. With her was a big tug 127 feet long, which acted as tender to tow the whales to port.

"The skipper of the whaler was Morten Ingebydtsen, who is said to be the greatest whaler in the world. He does his own shooting, pilots his own vessel, and manages his own whale oil factory ashore. He is a 'corker.' One might call him the 'Sol Jacobs' of the Arctic. He made, between his whale killing and his factory, about \$40,000 last year for himself. One day this month he killed eight blue whales, worth \$9000 gross, and netting him between \$7000 and \$7500.

"On our trip Ingebydtsen got three blue, one fin and three knoll whales, stocking \$5000. We went half way to the Spitzbergen for them in 75 north latitude and about 25 east longitude. We came home in a gale of wind, 25 hours of hard driving before we made land at midnight, which is as bright as can be here at this time of the year. As I write this, about 11 p. m., the sun is still above the hills to the north. It will not go below the horizon at all tonight.

"This is a great harbor for Russian traders. They come mostly from Archangel up on the White Sea on the Siberian coast, and are the gayest looking vessels you ever saw, blue, green, yellow, red, black, white—all colors, with fancy figure heads and sterns. The custom officers here, when they get one with a very hard name, simply take no notice of the name, but chalk a number on her and call her by the number, which is a good scheme.

"You can see some dories up here that look like trawlers' dories out of Gloucester; to the eastward further up on the Arctic coast they have dories exactly like the Gloucester dories.

"It has been gray and rainy during most of the time we have been in Norway, but today was beautiful. Tomorrow we charter a steamer and go up to the captain's whaling station to get our luggage, which was aboard the whaler's tow boat when we left for home. We hope she is in by this time, but we do not know, seven whales are a heavy tow in a gale. On Wednesday we start south."

SCH. NOTICE SEIZED.

Former Gloucester Fishing Vessel Will Be Sold by the Government.

Anton L. Costa of Provincetown, owner of the Cape de Verde packet schooner Notice, formerly a fishing vessel from this port, recently towed into New York in distress, has been notified that the government has seized his vessel for violation of certain regulations governing the transportation of passengers, and will sell the schooner at public auction next Tuesday.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Theodore Roosevelt sold to the New England Fish Co. at 7 cents per pound for white and 5 cents for gray.

FISH SOUNDS FREE FROM DUTY.

Important Decision Handed Down Affecting Isinglass Manufacture.

The board of classification of the United States general appraisers has handed down an important decision of interest to importers of fish sounds and manufacturers and dealers in isinglass, that fish sounds are free from duty.

The board's ruling sustains the contention made by the importers in the case, L. M. Haskins & Co. of Boston. The points involved in the protest are of general interest to persons in the isinglass trade.

The decision is the result of an instance where Mr. Leander M. Haskins of Rockport was called upon by the collector of customs at Boston to pay about \$2000 as duty on a lot of imported sounds. It was paid under protest and a hearing asked for before the board of general appraisers. The hearing was in New York and Mr. Haskins personally conducted his case before the board.

Mr. Haskins called as witnesses every manufacturer of isinglass, every dealer and every broker in sounds. The decision not only caused the amount to be refunded but also to reverse the previous decisions of the board made last spring and winter. Had a duty been permanently put upon sounds it would have enabled the German manufacturers to place isinglass in the market below the present market price.

Thursday, Sept. 4

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Horace B. Parker, Sable Island Bank, 95,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Sch. Louisa Polleys, Georges, 40,000 lbs. cod.
- Sch. Vesta, Georges, 60,000 lbs. cod.
- Sch. Mertie and Delmar, seining.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade splitting prices of fresh fish.—All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward: large, \$1.70, medium \$1.25. All cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank, large, \$1.70; medium, \$1.10; cusk, \$1.20; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 50 cts.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3.50 per cwt., medium do., \$2.50; large trawl Georges, \$3.25; medium do., \$2.25; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable \$3.25; medium do., \$2.25; large trawl bank cod, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.7-8; large dory handline cod, \$2.50; medium do., \$2.12 1-2.

Hake sounds, 9 cts. per lb.
Fresh mackerel, 11 cts. apiece.
Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white, 6 cts. per lb. for small gray and 3 1-2 cts per lb.

Large rimmed salt mackerel, \$16.50 per bbl.
Salt tinker mackerel, \$18.50 per bbl.
Georges halibut, 6 1-4 cts. per lb. for white and gray.

Boats

- Sch. Flora L. Nickerson, 10,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Mattakesett, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Mary G. Powers.
- Sch. Philomena Manta, 3000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Mary Cabral, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
- Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. William A. Morse, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 2500 haddock, 14,000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Edward A. Rich, 1500 haddock, 11,000 cod, 800 pollock.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.25; large cod \$2.30; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.50; hake, \$1.50.

Mackerel Notes.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe was at Portland on Tuesday.

Schs. Effie M. Morrissey and Lewis H. Giles arrived at Liverpool on August 30.

The druggers are finding a few fish off here and landed 500 fresh mackerel at the Fort this morning.

Friday, Sept. 5

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Funks, 5000 lbs. cod, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. fletched halibut.
- Sch. Smuggler, Maine coast, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Golden Hope, Maine Coast, 172 bbls. salt mackerel, 30 bbls. fresh mackerel.

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Fresh mackerel, 10 1-2 cts. apiece.
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Georges halibut, 6 1-4 cts. per lb. for white and gray.

Boats

- Sloop Helena, shore, netting, 255 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 1600 cod, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Two Sisters, 500 cod, 500 pollock.
- Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1200 cod, 400 pollock.
- Sch. Frank Foster, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 800 hake, 1200 pollock.
- Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Haddock, \$5; cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1 to \$1.50.

Mackerel Notes.

Sch. Mary E. Harty was at Portland yesterday with 40 barrels fresh mackerel. Steamer Alice M. Jacobs was at Boothbay yesterday with 40 barrels fresh mackerel.

Schs. Agnes E. Downes, Mertis H. Perry, Marguerite Haskins, Saladin and Georgie Willard were at Boothbay Tuesday.

The fare of sch. Olympia sold to Wm. H. Jordan at 16 75 per barrel.

The fare of sch. Mertie and Delmar sold to George Perkins & Son at \$18.50.

About 15 sail of seiners were at Boothbay Harbor yesterday.

Sch. Golden Hope, Capt. Douglass McLean, has a fine trip this morning, 172 barrels of salt mackerel and 30 barrels of fresh mackerel, the latter being sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

Sch. Golden Hope landed 30 barrels of fresh mackerel at Portland recently.

Late mackerel news reports small schools 25 miles southeast of Isle au Haut. A fleet of 28 sail were on them a few nights ago and almost every vessel got a small haul.