TASK WAS HOPELESS.

Cutter Seminole Arrives at Halifax Bound Home.

COULD NOT REACH VESSELS.

Great Danger Threatens Fleet When Ice Floes Break.

A despatch from Halifax dated Sunday, says:

The United States reveuue cutter Seminole, which was sent by the United States government to the Bay of Islands, N. F., to cut out the nine fishing vossels frozen in the ice there, entered the harbor at 11.10 o'clock tonight.

The cutter experienced stormy weather and encountered great fields of ice, and Captain Rogers decided to abandon the attempt at rescue, as his own ship would be in danger of being imprisoned. The ice is three feet thick, and the cutting up of this would not be an easy matter, even with explosives, of which the ship has an abundance.

There was also this danger, says Captain Rogers, that a succession of westerly winds would block the drift ice on the shore and tie up the Seminole in the same plight as the vessels she went to rescue, for neither she nor any other ship afloat could match her strength against the restless pressure of on-coming floes, driven by the power of wind and tide against the surface until it is piled up against the land mountains.

The Seminole in venturing into the gulf would be facing the danger of having her plates stove, losing her propellor and steering gear, and perhaps foundering.

The captain says that even with the best of fortuue in clearing the imprisoned fishermen, there must be extreme difficulty in the vessels themselves getting clear of the gulf. They number nine and are all fully loaded. The cutter could not tow them outside of the bay even if she had reached them, and they would have to make the long run of 120 miles to Cape Ray under their own sail.

This would be a hazardous voyage at this season of the year with the gulf filled with ice and every disadvantage to safe navigation existing in the fullest extent.

The outlook is one of the blackest for all concerned as the vessels may be broken up when the ice goes abroad in the spring and sweeps away everything in its path.

Sold Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon of this port landed 7000 pounds of halibut at Portland on Monday. At this time of the year, this was considered an unusual occurrence in Portland.

February 24".

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day s Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Vidia M. Brigham, via Boston.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, via Boston.
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, via Boston.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, via Boston.
Sch. Yakima, Western Bank, 5000 lbs. cod, 12,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Irving Leslie, Bucksport, 500 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. J. P. Foster, Jr., Provincetown, 800 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.
Sch. Dixie, Ipswich Bay,
Sch. James R. Clark, shore.

Today's Market.

Board of Trade prices: Large handline Georges cod, $4.25 per cwt.; medium do., $3.25; large trawl Georges, $3.75; medium do., $3.25; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, $4.00; medium do., $3.25; large trawl bank cod, $3.25; medium do., $3.00; large dory handline cod, $3.50; medium do., $3.25.

Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish —All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward: Large, $2; medium, $1.40; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank, large, $2; medium, $1.40; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, $1.40; haddock, 85 cts.; hake, $1.10; pollock, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Sylph, 3500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 11,800 cod.
Sch. James S. Steele, 9000 haddock, 1400 cod, 1000 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Mattakeesett, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 10,000 haddock.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 6500 haddock.
Sch. Col. Wm. Austin, 9000 haddock.
Sch. Yankee, 5500 cod.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 25,000 haddock.
Sch. Emerald.
Sch. James Drinan.
Sch. Gloriana, 35,000 haddock, 4500 cod.
Sch. Rose Standish, 500 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Rob Roy, 40,000 haddock, 3300 cod.
Sch. Vesta, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 30,000 haddock.
Sch. Georgie Willard, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, 55,000 haddock, 5500 cod.
Sch. Mary Edith, 6000 haddock, 1400 cod, 800 hake, 700 cusk, 700 pollock.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake. 900 pollock.
Sch. Blanche, 75,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. William A. Morse, 6500 haddock, 600 cod, 300 cusk.
Sch. Flavilla, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 700 hake, 800 pollock.
Sch. Seaconnet.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 55,000 haddock, 3500 cod.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 50,000 haddock, 400 cod.
Sch. Manhassett, 35,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Caviare, 17,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Wennifred, 45,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
From Provincetown, 60 boxes haddock.
From Portland, 90 boxes haddock.

Haddock, $2 to $2.75; large cod, $4 to $5; market cod, $3 to $3.50; pollock, $4; hake, $4.

February 25".

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day s Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Braganza, Cape Shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Market.

Board of Trade prices: Large handline Georges cod, $4.25 per cwt.; medium do., $3.25; large trawl Georges, $3.75; medium do., $3.25; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, $4.00; medium do., $3.25; large trawl bank cod, $3.25; medium do., $3.00; large dory handline cod, $3.50; medium do., $3.25.

Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish —All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward: Large, $2; medium, $1.40; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank, large, $2; medium, $1.40; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, $1.40; haddock, 85 cts.; hake, $1.10; pollock, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 4500 haddock, 2000 cod, 300 pollock.
Sch. Galatea, 1000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Appomattox, 20,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Thomas W. Knight, 9000 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. Livonia, 4000 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 40,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Viida M. Brigham, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 400 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Theresa and Alice, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 600 pollock.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 10,000 haddock, 800 cod, 500 hake, 200 pollock.
Sch. Pythian, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Clara R. Harwood, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Valentinna, 7500 cod.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 9000 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 hake, 300 pollock.
Sch. Samoset, 1000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 40,000 haddock, 800 cod.
Sch. Orinoco, 50,000 haddock.

Haddock $2.25 to $2.60, large cod $5 to $5.50, market cod $2.75 to $3, pollock $4, hake $3.

Western Halibut

The New England Fish Company's two steamers arrived at Vancouver last week with big fares of fresh halibut and seven carloads were shipped east.

The American Halibut Company has two carloads due in Boston this week.

Pacific Halibut.

The American Halibut Co. has four cars of Pacific halibut today from the International Fisheries Co, of Tacoma, two at New York and two at Boston.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Edward A. Perkins sold to the New England Fish Co. at 11 and 8 cents per pound for white and gray.