

March 17

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Vigilant, Georges, 55,000 lbs. fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. haddock. Sch. Olga, Georges, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod, 35,000 lbs. haddock. Sch. Anglo Saxon, Grand Bank, 5000 lbs. cod, 32,000 lbs. halibut. Sch. Navahoe, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh cod, 10,000 lbs. haddock. Sch. Albert Geiger, via Boston.

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, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.30; haddock, 85 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 50 cts.

Georges halibut, 10 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 7 3-4 cts. for gray.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. per lb. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Sea Fox, 30,000 haddock, 36,000 cod. Sch. Phelomina, Manta, 25,000 haddock, 7000 cod. Sch. Frances Whalen, 85,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1000 cusk. Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, 30,000 haddock, 55,000 cod. Sch. Galatea, 1500 haddock, 19,000 cod. Sch. Viola, 7000 cod, 200 hake. Sch. Laura Enos, 5000 cod. Haddock, \$1 to \$3; large cod, \$2 to \$2.25; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$3.

PORTLAND'S VIEW.

Retired Fish Dealer Talks of Newfoundland Treaty.

Mr. Charles A. Dyer of Portland, a retired fish dealer and vessel owner, has the following in a recent issue of the Portland Express in reply to a Boston dispatch, containing arguments in favor of the Hay-Bond treaty, also recently published by the Express:

To the Editor of the Express:

I read with interest the special from Boston, in Thursday's issue of the Express, the arguments of a committee representing the chamber of commerce of Boston, Mass., in favor of the Hay-Bond treaty. As I am a wholesale dealer in fish and am somewhat familiar with the business in Portland, I am sure that the committee did not get correct information relative to the position of the business of our city relating to foreign fisheries.

The dealers here do not buy and sell Newfoundland or Nova Scotia fish only to a small extent, and they are purchased through Boston houses who act as agents and commission houses for the sale of such foreign fish. We have no steamers running direct to the West Indies and South America and are not likely to have in connection with Nova Scotia or Newfoundland fish. The city of Boston has the monopoly of all this business.

The city of Portland and the state of Maine interests are the same as the city of Gloucester and their interests are as producers of fish more than as buyers and sellers, and the ratification of the Hay-Bond treaty would result in great injury to this class of people, and directly and indirectly to many other kinds of business of our city and state. It would be impossible under the present conditions of the tariff to build, and equip and fit vessels depending on material used all protected by a high duty and produce free fish. The result would be to drive the American fleet out of the business, and give the provinces of Canada and Newfoundland a monopoly of the business, and we should have to pay them whatever price they may see fit to put on their fish.

C. A. DYER.

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Boston.

Sch. I. J. Merritt Jr., 5000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 pollock. Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Clara R. Harwood, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 200 pollock. Sch. Flavilla, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod. Sch. M. Madeleine, 25,000 cod. Sch. Uncle Joe, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod. Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2.25; large cod, \$2 to \$2.25; market cod, \$1.60 to \$2; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$3.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Horace B. Pasker and Mabel D. Hines were at Halifax on Saturday.

Capt. Richard Wadding of sch. Atlanta reports speaking sch. Florence E. Stream on Green Bank.

Schs. Lawrence A. Munroe and Harry A. Nickerson baited at Halifax yesterday and cleared for the banks.

PRESERVING THE LOBSTER.

Recommendations Considered by Committee on Fisheries and Game.

The committee on fisheries and game of the Legislature took up yesterday morning the recommendations contained in the annual report of the fish and game commission, Capt. J. W. Collins, chairman of the commission, appearing in favor of the same.

In regard to the stocking of ponds, Capt. Collins said the time limit for the closure of these expired in the fall of 1900. The commission had received many requests to restock and close ponds, but has no authority to do so. This authority he thought, should be given.

On the lobster question Capt. Collins said the most important recommendation of the commission was for the passage of a law to allow it to take small estuaries and use them for the propagation of lobsters. Private persons are doing this and holding lobsters until they are of legal size and then selling them. These persons are compelled to put their names on their lobster cars, but there is no way of compelling them to label the nets with which they inclose these estuaries and ponds.

Capt. Collins also spoke earnestly in favor of passing a law to cover the growing practice of severing the tails of lobsters and selling them uncooked. He said the fishermen evade the law now by scalding the meat enough to preserve it and the tails of the short ones are sold to the restaurants.

HERRING RUNNING EARLY.

Accidental Discovery Off Lynn Harbor Proved a Bonanza.

The oldest fisherman on T wharf, Boston, got a surprise this year, and made a discovery that has netted considerable profit to several young men, who have been quick to take advantage of a streak of good luck. Up to the present spring it has been customary to depend on frozen herring for bait and for supplying customers, and schooner loads are brought all during the winter and spring from the provinces. This has been in all the long years that fishing has been a staple business in Boston the only way to get this herring bait.

Fishermen and owners have tried to overcome this by using other kinds of bait, but it has not always given satisfaction, and they have unwillingly paid the high price for the frozen fish. Today they are buying fresh herring, or, as the men in the business term it, "green herring" caught within a few miles of their own wharf, and have paid within a week as high as \$5 a barrel, and have done so cheerfully.

It is the appearance of these herring in the waters of the inner curve of Massachusetts bay at this season of the year that has given a surprise to the fishermen, and a profit to those who were fortunate enough to stumble on them.

Before the lucky discovery, if anyone had suggested that herring would be found running in the bay, he would have been looked upon as crazy. From the middle to the last of April was considered as early a date as the fish could be expected here, according to past ideas, and up to that time a green herring was seen only when some early fishermen, looking for a dinner of fresh fish, brought one up on his line.

Today the fish are being brought to T wharf in the large dories used by the herring fishers, and are meeting with a ready sale at the price asked by the men. The discovery of the run was made by accident by a couple of young men, who were looking about the inside waters of the bay. When off Lynn harbor they ran across a large school of herring. This was a discovery not to be thrown away, and was like finding a gold mine.

That evening old fishermen in the business were surprised to see out at the entrance of Lynn harbor the torches of a herring boat burning, and some of them were inclined to think that some one had gone crazy, or was trying to "force the season."

The young men were shrewd enough to keep their discovery to themselves, as far as they could, but when before the surprise on the wharf at the arrival of their first load had vanished they returned the next morning with another, and followed that up with daily arrivals the news spread all along the coast, and soon half-a-dozen boats were out, and burning torches became a common sight on the water at night.

The lucky finders of the first herring are said to have reaped a rich reward for their shrewdness, and in less than two weeks men on the wharf say they have taken in \$500 at an expense outside of their personal work of not more than \$25.

They had no difficulty in selling their catches for \$5 a barrel, and could have sold five times the quantity they brought in if they could have loaded it into their boat.

With the quickness that characterizes them, Italian fishermen caught on to the profits the others were making, and several boats manned by them were immediately put into the herring fishing, and now it is a daily sight to find boatloads of herring at either side of the wharf in the early morning with the herring sold as soon as business on the wharf begins.

Further down on the coast another surprise has been given fishermen. In the fish traps at Provincetown and vicinity, pollock have been found in large numbers. They have run into the herring weirs, and this also at a date much earlier than ever before known, and the fishermen in that vicinity are reaping a profit from them.

When asked how it happens that the fish seem to run earlier this year both in the northern and southern sections of the bay, the old fishermen acknowledge themselves unable to tell, and the only reasonable cause was one given by one of the men who has spent nearly all his life on the wharf: "They have always been there at this season, but we clung to old traditions, and did not look for them until the