

DOG FISH EXTERMINATION.

Congress Will be Asked to Take Matter Up.

Maine Fish Dealers Say Pests are Ruining Shore Fishing.

Hon. C. N. Trefethen, ex-mayor of South Portland, and head of the J. W. Trefethen company, said Tuesday that the condition of affairs on the Maine coast because of dogfish has become serious.

"For five months," he said, "the fishing business of this port has been crippled by the vast number of dogfish off shore, and of late they have been found close up among the rocks by the fishermen.

"I think I am keeping within bounds when I say that the loss has been at least \$100,000. The trawlers have been unable to safely fish because of the damage done by the dogfish to their trawls, and of late the hand line fishermen have been practically forced out of business by these savage fish.

"The dogfish generally leave the coast at least a month earlier than the present time, but they show no disposition to leave, and the marketable fish have been driven offshore.

"The schooner Albert W. Black brought in 35,000 pounds of fish Tuesday, and Capt. Harvey Black reported that dogfish ruined his trawls and made it hard to get any fish.

"I think that we shall ask Congressman Allen to take the matter up. A small bounty offered for the taking of dogfish would make it worth while to fit out schooners for their capture. While I do not know of any use to which they could be put, they might prove a good fertilizer and be of some value to the farmers.

"One thing is certain. Unless the dogfish are exterminated, the fisheries will cease to be of any value. We have of late been unable to get fish from the handliners, the report being the same, that the dogfish have slaughtered the food fish and that good marketable fish cannot be had.

"The same state of things exists at Boston and other points, and the extermination of the dogfish is now a matter of absolute necessity if the business of taking fish is to be continued on the Atlantic coast. We shall ask the help of Congressman Allen."

FROM ST. JOHN'S, N. F.

Big Cargo of Codfish On the Way Here.

First Direct Shipment to U. S. Market this Year.

A special to the TIMES, today, from its Halifax, N. S. correspondent states that the sch. Gordon W. Courage has cleared from St. John's N. F., for Gloucester with 1204 quintals of codfish and 12 barrels of herring. This is the first direct shipment of codfish made direct to the American market from St. John's, this year.

FRESH MACREREL COMING.

Good Hauls Made on the Nova Scotia Coast.

Five Hundred Barrels Due Here Today at Boston.

A Halifax N. S. dispatch states that 500 barrels mackerel were shipped from Yarmouth, N. S. for Boston yesterday and that 200 more barrels are to follow.

AT FORTUNE BAY.

Herring of Largest Size Strike at Rencontre.

Good Chance There to Load Salt Herring.

A special dispatch to the TIMES today from Henry Giovannini at St. Jacques, Fortune Bay, N. F., states that herring of the largest size are plentiful at Rencontre, Long Harbor and vicinity. He hauled 150 barrels last week and there were good prospects to load salt herring.

Oct. 30.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. James S. Steele, via Boston.
Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston, 200 lbs. cod
Pollockers, 65,000 lbs.
Sch. Grace W. Hone, Ipswich river, 50 bbls. salt herring.
Torchers, 300 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Latona, shore.

Today's Market.

Board of trade prices: Large handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. medium do., \$3.75; large trawl Georges, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.50; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.50; large trawl bank cod, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.25; large dory handline cod, \$4.00; medium do., \$3.50

Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish—All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward, large \$2.25; medium, \$1.70; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.70; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.60; snapper cusk, 40 cts. haddock, \$1.00; hake, \$1.10; pollock, 60 cts.

Outside sale of dory handline cod \$4.40 and Outside sales Georges cod \$4.50 and \$3.75 per cwt. for large and medium.

Outside sale fresh fish, large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75; cusk, \$1.60; hake, \$1.15.

Salt mackerel, \$19.00 per barrel.

Filleted halibut 6 1-2 cts. per lb.

Outside sales bank cod, \$3.87 1-2 and \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.37 1-2 and \$3.50 for mediums.

Outside sales of pollock, 80 cents.

Boston.

Sch. Benjamin Phillips, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. Mary Powers, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Evelyn Smith, 1500 haddock, 800 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Leah C., 8000 pollock.

Sch. Sheffield, 18,000 pollock.

Haddock, \$4 to \$5.25; large cod, \$5.25; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$4.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Steamer A. B. Nickerson is at Ipswich river catching and buying herring for the refrigerator.

Large quantities of herring have lately been caught at Lockport, and some big mackerel have also been netted there. The latter have a ready local sale at ten cents apiece.

Mackerel Notes.

Nova Scotia fresh mackerel brought 18 cents apiece at Boston yesterday.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S CHANCE.

Profits Greatly by Poor Cod Catch of the Fleet.

A St. John's N. F., dispatch says:

"T. J. Murphy, minister of marine and fisheries, states that owing to the failure of the French fishery, which in an average year amounts to 700,000 quintals, and which this year will not amount to 500,000 dry salted; and also to the failure of the Nova Scotian and Gloucester bank fisheries, and owing to the in-shore Nova Scotia fishery being a failure, which was largely caused by innumerable schools of dog fish, Newfoundland fish is selling in the local market here at \$4.60, the highest price for 20 years. The catching of 1,500,000 quintals of fish this year will be worth \$1,000,000 more than it has been for the past 20 years to our fishermen.

"The total value of Newfoundland fisheries this year, taking local consumption and exports, will amount to \$10,000,000.

The total value of trade in Newfoundland this year will be between \$19,500,000 and \$20,000,000, the top notch by \$1,500,000 in the history of the colony. The exports will exceed the imports by \$1,500,000, which will be to the credit of the colony's trade. Times are most prosperous in Newfoundland.

Oct. 31.

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Sch. Margie Smith, 35,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Lillian, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Georgie Willard, 40,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Grace C. Hadley, 45,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Alice S. Hawkes, 13,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, via Boston.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, shore, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Alice M. Jacobs, Cape Shore, seining.
Torchers, 100 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Apollo, Ipswich River, 60 bbls. salt herring.

Veseels Sailed.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges.
Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, haddocking.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, haddocking.

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Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Klondike, 300 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1200 haddock, 900 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Quannapowitt.
Sch. Robert and Arthur.
Large cod and haddock, \$4; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25.