

REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

Shift of Wind Saves Sch. Metamora of Boston.

STRUCK ON CAPE COD SANDS.

Heavy Gale Raging and Craft Seemed Doomed.

Just after midnight Friday morning, when the high northerly wind was sweeping at its worst, Surfman Gage sighted a vessel close on the bar. He flashed his Coast signal, but the craft had gone too far for those on board to have an apparent control over her, and though the surfman was some distance south, he saw her lights close to the beach line and then the craft came to a full stop.

The sea was rolling in in huge breakers, and was getting worse, so the life boat crew was tumbled out to enter upon a hard experience. It was some time before the boat could be got out through the breakers and headed south. When within 15 minutes of the schooner they saw the craft slip off away from the bar.

This was caused by a shift in the wind, which sent the flapping sails over to port turning the schooner just a point which let her away, bumping over the shoal spots, but finally clearing and passing away in the darkness.

At 10 o'clock Friday morning a fishing vessel, which appeared to be crippled somewhat, was off Chatham running south, apparently making an effort to enter some harbor. She may make a harbor at Hyannis or Vineyard Haven, as it is thought her crew suffered severely from the cold.

A despatch from Chatham yesterday said that the fishing sch. Metamora of Boston went

ashore off Orleans yesterday morning and subsequently floated and proceeded over toward Hyannis. She was leaking some and put in there for examination and repairs, and will probably ship her trip of 10,000 pounds of fish by rail.

The Metamora is probably the craft which had such a narrow escape from being lost, but was saved by the shift of wind.

WILL GET THEIR MONEY.

Accident Claims of Berkshire Health and Accident Assn.

Are Now in a Fair Way To Be Paid.

Through the efforts of Mr. Thomas H. Hunt of this city, the people here who have health and accident claims against the Berkshire Health and Accident Association are in a fair way to get their money.

This concern it is understood was prevented from doing farther business by the insurance commissioners, after it had got started. There were several policy holders here and those having claims against the company at the time it stopped doing business were James E. Lovett, George K. Barnard, Elmer B. Welch, Samuel W. McQuin, Frank H. Moore, John W. Gaskell, James Plow, Albert P. Hubbard and J. H. Sawyer.

Mr. Hunt has interested himself for some time in the matter, having several conferences with Alpheus Sanford of Boston, who has charge of the affairs of the concern and now has the assurance that these claims will be paid in full. The claims have all been duly approved by the proper officials and there is money enough to pay them.

Dec. 21.
DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Margaret, QueroBank, 20,000 cod, 5000 halibut.
Sch. A. V. S. Woodruff, Bay of Islands, N. F., 2580 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, via Boston.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, South Channel.
Sch. Sylph, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Hazel Oneita, returned.
Sch. Sarah C. Wharf, shore.
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, via Boston.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. Olivia Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sen. Pythian, shore.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, South Channel.
Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, via Boston.
Sch. Tecumseh, shore.
Sch. Frank Munroe.

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., \$3.37 1-2; large dory handline cod, \$4.; medium do., \$3.62 1-2.

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 for large and \$3.90 for medium.

Outside sales Georges cod \$4.75 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.

Round pollock, 80 cts. per cwt.

Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts per lb. for gray.

Salt mackerel, \$16 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3. to \$3.12 1-2 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Dorothy, 3000 haddock.
Sch. Col. Austin.
Sch. Yakima, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Alcina.
Sch. Golden Rod, 15,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin.
Sch. Sylvia N. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 400 cod, 1000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
Sch. John M. Keen, 4000 haddock, 600 cod, 2200 hake.
Sch. Allen H. Jones, 2000 haddock, 600 cod.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 3500 haddock, 1800 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. Quannopowitt, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 5000 haddock, 2200 cod.
Sch. Galatea, 2000 haddock, 1200 cod.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. James S. Steele, 2000 haddock, 800 cod.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 2400 haddock, 3200 cod, 600 hake, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 2000 haddock, 600 cod.
Sch. Vidia M. Brigham, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 300 hake, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Flavilla, 100 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Electric Flash, 1000 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 3000 haddock, 1200 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 2000 haddock, 1200 cod, 700 pollock.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod, 400 hake.
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.50 to \$1.75; pollock, \$2.

Herring Notes.

Last week herring were not so plentiful, nor was there any frost, so that the week was a poor one for the fishermen. So far this week there have been some good hauls made at Middle Arm and other parts of the bay. The week opened up with snow and frost and as there is a large fleet of vessels here this should be a very busy week for all connected with the industry.—Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star.

Writing from Bay of Islands, a gentleman states: All the salt-bulkers are loaded and fishermen have no sale at all just now. Herring are not as plentiful in the North Arm as they were, while at Middle Arm the fish are so small that Americans will not purchase them. The only sale at present is made to the two pan-freezers and the barge, in all about 200 barrels daily. The weather is not suitable for freezing purposes.—St. John's Herald, Dec. 11.

HERRING SITUATION.

Discouraging at Placentia, Fortune and Bay of Islands

ALL ON THE WATCH FOR ICE.

Sch. A. V. S. Woodruff Has Hard Passage Home.

The Newfoundland herring situation at the present time is not very encouraging. Several of the vessel owners received telegrams Saturday from their skippers at Bay of Islands, N. F., and all said the same thing, "Herring scarce."

The trouble is that the weather has been so bad that the boats have not had a chance to look for the herring. With a good spell of weather the men believe they could find the schools again, for they are of the opinion that they have not left the bay. A run of small herring has been struck in North Arm but as far as can be learned the vessels are not loading with them.

At present the weather there is very cold and the long continued stretch of bad weather is the worst for many years at this season.

The reports of extra cold weather to the northward of Bay of Islands so early in the season and the report that the straits of Belle Isle are already blocked with ice has caused both owners here and skippers at Bay of Islands to be on the lookout for ice. Already several owners have sent warning messages to their skippers, and it is safe to say that every one of the herring fleet at Bay of Islands is ready to dash for the open sea as soon as the northern or Labrador ice is sighted from the high South Head.

Late advices stated that the Humber is frozen over, but this is always expected and causes no alarm.

Sch. Essex has secured half a cargo of salt herring and will finish with frozen.

No encouraging reports are heard from Fortune or Placentia Bays, either direct or via St. John's.

The three-masted sch. Arthur V. S. Woodruff, Capt. Deyereaux, of Bucksport, arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., this morning with the largest cargo of salt herring of the season, 2500 barrels. Her master reports a long hard homeward passage of 18 days, only making one harbor, Beaver, N. S. He had a good run to Scatteri, but after reaching there, encountered nothing but severe westerly gales. From Scatteri to this port, the craft only had eight hours of fair wind. Despite her hard luck to windward she came along without accident.