

Harbor Fishery Privileges Sold.

The harbor fishery privileges at St. John, N. B., for the season of 1904 were sold at public auction on the 5th inst., and realized \$1,439.45 more than last year. Some of the amounts paid were quite infinitesimal; others aggregated considerable lump sums.

Burial Service in Cod's Stomach.

The latest curiosity found in a cod's stomach was a copy of the Burial Service of the Episcopal church. The fish was caught near Newlyn, England. Thus the cod retains his appellation of "ostrich of the sea."

Jan. 20.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Tattler, Bay of Islands, N. F., 800 bbls. frozen herring, 79 bbls. salt herring.

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.

Bank halibut, 13 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Outside sales Georges cod, \$5 per cwt. for large, \$4 for medium.

Georges halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

Boston.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 45,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 500 hake, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 40,000 haddock, 1600 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6 00 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Manbasset, 8000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney.

Sch. Quonnapowitt.

Sch. Minerva.

Sch. Manomet.

Sch. Maggie Sullivan, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.80; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3.50; pollock, \$2.50; cusk, \$2; hake, \$3 to \$4.

FIRE TO THAW ENGINES.

Got Beyond Control of the Men at Work.

Cause of Burning of Wreck of Steamer Alice M. Jacobs.

In regard to the destruction of the wreck of steamer Alice M. Jacobs by fire recently, the Sydney, C. B., Record says that Capt. Sol. Jacobs and two men were at work on the wreck and had a large fire on, trying to thaw out the engines, which they hoped to save. This soon got beyond their control, and the hull was burned to the water's edge, thus destroying any hope of getting any salvage from her.

ONLY ONE REMAINS.

Five Herring Craft Left Bay of Islands Yesterday.

MUCH ANXIETY IS RELIEVED.

Wind Was Northeast and Good Chance To Depart.

Much of the anxiety over the situation of the remaining vessels of the herring fleet at Bay of Islands, N. F., was relieved by the receipt, last evening, of a telegram, by one of the largest fishing firms, containing definite and much looked for information. The message said:

"Parthia, Bohemia, Fernwood, Nicholson and Parker sailed positively from Wood Island at 6 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning. Good chance, wind northeast and clear. Severe frost. Talisman still at North Arm and will finish loading today."

Jan. 21.

INTERESTING MEETING.

Annual Event of Board of Trade This Forenoon.

MANY RESOLUTIONS OFFERED.

John J. Pew Read Valuable and Carefully Prepared Report.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Board of Trade was held at the rooms this forenoon, President Sylvester Cunningham presiding.

Those present were Sylvester Cunningham, John K. Dustin, Edward K. Burnham, William H. Jordan, Sylvanus Smith, John J. Pew, Charles A. Reed, Addison Wonson, Nathaniel L. Gorton, Thomas J. Carroll, Charles F. York, John Daggett, Harry G. Pew, William A. King, Hugh Parkhurst, Capt. John Chisholm, Fred L. Davis, Frederick G. Wonson, R. Elwood Pinkham, William T. Shute, James E. Bradley, Percy C. Hall, Fred Bradley, Francis Procter, Henry D. Corliss, Austin P. Young, E. Archer Bradley, Howard Steele and Samuel G. Poole.

Secretary Burnham read the records of the previous meeting. A statement of expenses was read, having been approved and paid.

The report of Secretary Burnham was read and accepted, as follows:

SECRETARY BURNHAM'S REPORT.

The report of Secretary E. K. Burnham was as follows:

At the annual meeting of 1903, the membership of the Board of Trade consisted of 68; one has passed away, two have withdrawn and 24 new names have been added, making the present membership 80. \$900 has been collected and paid to the treasurer.

One of the most important matters connected with the past year was of a statistical nature. At the annual meeting in 1903 the matter of broader scope of the Board of Trade was referred to the directors, who left the question to a committee consisting of William H. Jordan, T. J. Carroll and F. L. Davis. They ar-

ranged with Mr. Arthur L. Millett to collect the statistics of the receipts of fish, place the arrivals daily on the bulletin board at the rooms, and to keep records of the same. This has been done and seems to have given general satisfaction. If continued, the results must be a great accommodation to the members and

of important statistical value to the fishing interest and dependents.

Every year, matters of importance to the interests of Gloucester are attended to by the Board of Trade. That just passed is not an exception. A hanging together is desirable for the public good and this is made possible and more easily obtainable through the medium of your organization. For this reason it should receive the support of the men engaged in all of our varied industries, every one of which is in a measure dependent upon the success of our principal business, that of the fisheries. Let us therefore strive to maintain its integrity and to add to its list of membership on the principle that "larger numbers should produce greater results."

E. K. Burnham, Secretary.

Owing to the illness of Treasurer Cyrus Story, this report was read by President Cunningham. It showed cash on hand January 1, 1903, of \$567.23; receipts of the year, \$915.71; expenses, \$1012.82; leaving cash on hand January 1, 1904, \$470.12.

Arthur L. Millett, statistician of the board, made the first annual report of this department, giving a detailed report of the catch of the Gloucester fleet for 1903 and acquainting the members with the work and methods of this department and acknowledged the information furnished by several of the members which materially assisted in making the daily reports of the department of interest to the members generally.

REPORT OF FISHERY COMMITTEE.

Mr. John J. Pew, chairman of the fishery committee, then presented the following report:

To the President and members of the Gloucester Board of Trade this committee respectfully submits its twelfth annual report.

The total number of meetings held was 53. The attendance was 93 per cent.

Fish ruled higher in price during the last half of the year than was expected. The catch of shack fish was much smaller than usual and this influenced prices on salt cod to a considerable extent.

It is estimated that the receipts of shack fish at our port last year were 7,000,000 pounds less than in 1902, while salted cod and other ground fish were 3,000,000 pounds less, equal to about 55,000 quintals of cured fish. The entire amount cured in 1903 is estimated at 325,000 quintals.

The total catch of the Gloucester fleet and receipts at Gloucester of fish kinds for the year 1903, as compiled by Mr. Millett for the Board of Trade, amount to about 125,000,000 pounds.

It is interesting and instructive at times to take a backward look at our business, so let us now take a look at this one feature, "Prices of Codfish." There are many other interesting features in our business besides this one, but we have not the time to use them in this report so will confine ourselves to this dry subject, which is particularly appropriate at this time when so much is being said about the extremely high prices of codfish.

For the week ending July 29, 1882, the Boston Journal reports: "A member of one of the oldest houses said yesterday, 'I have not known codfish to be so scarce for ten years as they were during the early part of this week.'" This paper quotes large Georges cod at \$7 a quintal, and dry and pickle cured Bank at \$6 to \$6.25 a quintal.

The Gloucester Advertiser quotes our market for the week ending August 3, 1882: "We notice sales of prime Georges cod at \$7 and \$5 per quintal for large and medium; Western Bank at \$5.75 and \$4.50 for large and medium." For the week ending August 22, 1882, it quoted: "Large Georges cod are taken at \$7.25 to \$7.50 per quintal as fast as cured, and small at \$5 to \$5.25. The scarcity of codfish has caused the price of all other fish to maintain a high figure which will probably last through the whole trade. We quote pollock at \$3.75, hake at \$3.25, cusk at \$5 and haddock at \$4 per quintal."

A Boston paper about the same date says of the market:—"The market for codfish remains in a bad way and dealers scarcely know how to turn to fill orders at hand."

The Gloucester market is again quoted August 24, 1882, by our leading paper: "Georges Codfish: The stock continues light and holders not anxious to realize. We notice sales at \$7.50 and \$5.50 for choice large and medium. Pickle-cured Bank have advanced to \$6.50 and \$4.7-8 per quintal for large and medium, and sales of green Bank fish from the vessel have been made at \$4.50 and \$3.50 for large and medium."

All through the remainder of the year 1882 and up to March, 1883, practically the same prices as those above named ruled in our market. The first decline of importance occurred March 22, 1883, when the new catch of Georges cod was ready for shipment. On this date our daily paper quotes the market as follows: New Georges cod \$6.75 to \$6.7-8 per quintal for large, \$5 for medium; large Bank \$5.50 to \$5.5-8, medium \$4.75." September 20, 1883, it quotes: "Large Georges \$6, medium \$4; large Bank \$4, medium \$3 per quintal."