

CRAFTS STILL IN THE ICE.

So Says Telegram to New-
foundland Officials.

FROM MAGISTRATE McDONALD.

Sch. Annie M. Parker Boarded
and All Hands Well.

A message came to the Newfoundland marine and fisheries department Saturday from Magistrate McDonald, of St. George's, saying that sch. Annie M. Parker of Boston John O'Brien, master, was jammed in the ice in St. George's Bay, midway between Sandy Point Lighthouse and Indian Head. A policeman from St. George's was on board. All the crew were well, and Capt. O'Brien stated that he had plenty of provisions on board till there came a breeze of wind to clear his ship. Three other unknown schooners are in the slob ice in the mouth of the Bay and cannot be reached from the land. The bay is frozen over and heavy slob stretches away out the gulf as far as the eye can reach.

DON'T WANT CONFEDERATION.

Newfoundland Atty.-General Says
People Oppose It.

Island Is Now Prosperous in Ev-
ery Way.

Hon. E. P. Morris, Attorney-General of Newfoundland, gave an interesting interview recently. Asked if there was any likelihood of confederation being made an issue at the coming Newfoundland elections, Mr. Morris said, "I think not. At present there is little, if any, feeling in favor of confederation. If anything I think the sentiment is against it. As a rule people are not anxious for a change while everything around them is highly prosperous and in this respect Newfoundland has just closed a record year. I am intimately acquainted with the present financial and trade conditions of the colony and I can safely assert that there is not in Newfoundland today a bank account that would not be rated A1 and I may further add the year 1903 furnishes no record of the insolvency of a business man."

SHORT LOBSTERS.

Bill Introduced in Legislature To
Make Legal Length 9 1-2 Inches.

Representative Tarr of Rockport filed with the clerk of the house yesterday the petition of Edward Fitzgerald of Rockport, relative to the protection of lobsters. The first section of the bill provides for an amendment to the revised laws by striking out the words 10 1-2 inches in the second line, and inserting 10 inches, and by striking out in the third line the words 10 1-4 inches and inserting the words 9 3-4 inches.

The law as reconstructed will read that whoever sells or offers for sale or has in his possession any uncooked lobsters less than 10 inches in length or a cooked lobster less than 9 3-4 inches in length, shall forfeit not more than \$5 for every such lobster. One half of this fine goes to the city or town where the offence is committed, the other half to go to the state.

Miss Our Halibut.

Halibut, once a plentiful fish, cheap and much in demand, is now growing scarcer year after year. "Halibut are fast becoming scarce," said a well known dealer to The Chronicle on Thursday. "The days when a Georgesman for a Gloucester man used to come into port loaded with halibut seem to be passed. There seem to be no halibut to catch; they have almost disappeared from the coast. The only ones brought here fresh are caught way up near Greenland or along the coast of Labrador. The price for these is so high, however, that they sell only in Gloucester."—Portsmouth, N. H., Chronicle.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ralph E. Eaton, Georges, 12,000 lbs. cod, 4000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. James R. Clark, 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., \$3.37 1-2; large dory handline cod, \$4.; medium do., \$3.62 1-2.

Board of Trade splitting prices on s' 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, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4 per bbl.

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

Georges halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, haddocking.
Sch. Judique, haddocking.
Sch. Appomattox, haddocking.

Boston.

Sch. Nokomis, 13,000 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Yankee, 9000 cod.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 19,000 cod.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake.
Haddock \$1.75 to \$2, large cod \$4.50 to \$5, market cod \$3 to \$3.50, hake \$3 to \$3.50, pollock \$3.

Herring Notes.

Sch. Veda M. McKown arrived at Philadelphia yesterday with her cargo of frozen herring.

The half fare of frozen herring of sch. Monitor of Provincetown sold to Orlando Merchant.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper was at St. Pierre, Miquelon, on Friday, bound home from Fortune Bay, N. F., with a full cargo of frozen herring.

RECORD PRICE.

Stanwood & Co. Buy Salt Her-
ring of Sch. Parthia.

High Figure of \$4.25 Per Barrel
Was Paid.

The fare of salt herring of sch. Parthia sold to Stanwood & Co. at \$4.25 per barrel. This is not only the highest price of the year, but the highest known price on record for salt herring in bulk from the vessel.

CRAFT SECURELY MOORED.

Capt. McInnis and Crew of Sch.
Talisman Coming Home.

Two Men Will Remain by Craft
All Winter.

Capt. John McInnis and crew of the sch. Talisman, which is frozen in the ice at North Arm, Bay of Islands, N. F., are on their way home, as the craft will not get free until the ice breaks up in the spring.

Capt. McInnis is anxious to get an early start salt fishing in sch. Aloha, and comes home for that reason. The craft has been securely anchored and moored and will be left in charge of either two of the crew or a couple of the local fishermen, who will stay by her all winter.

