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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Grace Darling, Georges, 12,000 cod, 4000 halibut.
 Sch. Elmer E. Gray, via Boston.
 Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
 Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Today's Market.

Board of trade prices: Large headline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. medium do., \$3.75; large trawl Georges, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.50; headline 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 headline cod, \$4.; medium do., \$.62 1-2.

Board of Trade splitting prices on sh 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. Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl. Outside sales Georges cod, \$5 50 per cwt. for large, and \$4.50 for mediums. Georges halibut, 12 and 10 cts. per lb. Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 50,000 fresh fish.
 Sales 5 cents right through.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Thomas M. Nicholson of Bucksport, Me., is in town today.

Herring Notes

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanwood was at Harbor Breton, N. F., last Saturday.

Sch. Avalon from Philadelphia and Constellation from New York, both having discharged their frozen herring cargoes, were at Newport yesterday, coal laden, bound home here.

Portland.

Sch. Uncle Joe with 3000 lbs. fresh fish and sch. Marjorie Turner with 12,000 lbs. fresh fish, arrived on Monday.

RESOLUTIONS AGAINST DOGFISH

To Be Presented to Legislatures of States Having Water Front.

C. E. Davis of Waltham, who has greatly interested himself in the mammoth petition which has been prepared at the various ports along the coast, for the preservation of the food and lobster fisheries against the depredations of the dogfish, writes us that a set of resolutions on the matter has been sent to the secretary of state of Maine for consideration, and that similar resolutions will be sent to the same officials of Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York, all these with the object of supporting the petition which has been sent to Washington relating to the above important matter.

Mr. Davis believes that this necessity of dogfish extermination is more in favor of the consumers even than for the benefit of the fishermen and cites the raise in prices of fish in recent years in support of his belief. He says there is no fish trust now except the dogfish sharks who are consuming the eggs of food fish and lobsters as well as the food fish and lobsters themselves. He believes that the master mariners can do effective work before the committees on the matter. He also states that a petition to congress will be started at Fulton market, New York, in support of the pending bill for dogfish legislation.

(Special to the TIMES.)

State House, Boston, Feb. 16.—The dogfish resolution of Representative McIntire, which has passed both branches of the legislature was forwarded by Clerk Kimball to the Massachusetts members of congress and Senators Hoar and Lodge today.

BEGINNING OF LENT.

And Only Three Frozen Herring Cargoes Unsold.

Trade Good and Every Fish Will Be Needed.

Frozen herring are reported to be going better in New York and trade at Boston is brisk. At present the sch. Sceptre is open here, and there are only three cargoes, schs. Edna Wallace Hopper, Rival and Maxine Elliott, all lying here at present, which have not been sold. A Nova Scotia schooner with 135,000 pounds of frozen herring arrived at Boston yesterday.

As this is only the first of Lent, the stock on hand is considered light, and it looks as if every herring in sight would be needed for bait or food.

Schs. Landseer and T. M. Nicholson are at Fortune Bay, N. F., and report no signs of herring there. They will stay the rest of this week and then come home. One of them has 250 barrels of frozen herring and the other none. The other two remaining craft of the frozen herring fleet, schs. Columbia and Lizzie M. Stanwood, are on the way home, with about 200 barrels each.

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SEINING FOR CODFISH.

Sch. Maxine Elliott To Be Fitted for Novel Trip.

TO FISH NEAR SABLE ISLAND.

Will Carry Seineboat, Special Seine and Pockets.

Going seining for codfish way down on the banks. Sounds funny don't it, but that is just the style of fishing that Capt. Alden Geel is going to fit out the sch. Maxine Elliott for this spring.

This is a new line of business as far as Gloucester is concerned and in fact at no place on our coast is it carried on except by the fishermen on the Labrador coast and these only on a smaller scale and in a somewhat different way from which Capt. Geel proposes to go.

For fully four years Capt. Geel and Mr Benjamin A. Smith of the firm of D. B. Smith & Co. have had the idea in mind. Both have been confident that it would prove a most successful venture and after studying the whole matter and going at length into details, both the firm and Capt. Geel have decided to give the plan a most thorough trial.

For years it has been known that practically every season in May or June great schools of codfish swarm the clear shoal water about the two dangerous bars of Sable Island. These fish go into very shoal water and at times have been taken by our vessels in 3 1-2 fathoms of water. Usually, however, it has been very hard to take them on trawls and often they would not even look at the hooks of the dory handliners. This was partly owing to the fact that accompanying the codfish would be a big school of pollock right above them and so thick that it would be hard work to get the baited hooks down clear of them. At times, however, the codfish could be seen right close to bottom and seeking feed with their noses ploughing into the smooth sand.

A few years ago one of our dory handliners secured almost half a trip there, after the fish had refused to take the baited hooks, by jiggling them with "slickers," hooks with no barbs, which are jerked under the fish, impaling them at any point of the head or body. Of late, however, even the slickers have been used without success, and the captains and crews who have been to these localities have all reported the big schools of fish and not being able to catch them.

The success of the seining scheme and the use of quintal bags by Labrador men was known to Mr. Smith and Capt. Geel and they believe an improvement on that plan will work in the shoal waters about the bars of Sable Island.

The seines of the Labrador fishermen are not like our purse seines and cannot therefore be handled as quickly. Sch. Maxine Elliott, however, will carry a big purse seine, as large as a mackerel seine. It has been made especially for the trip, being constructed of very heavy twine and of large mesh. It will be hung, however, more like a porgy seine with short loops for the rings instead of long bristles so that it will not be as liable to foul up or catch on bottom, for it is intended to fish in shoal water and sweep the sand.

Among the Elliott's outfit for this novel voyage will be a regulation mackerel seine boat, also a pocket such as mackerel seiners carry and in addition to this a number of "quintal bags" of heavy twine, similar in construction but larger than those in use by the Labrador men, in which to put the fish after each haul and thus keep them until the hour to dress the fish arrives.

The vessel will carry her usual quota of single dories, but will take no bait. The dories would be necessary to help hold the seine up, should a big haul be made, and could be used to try the fish and find a school and then be set around. In event of the failure of the enterprise, the vessel would also have the advantage of being equipped for a regular dory headline trip without coming home to fit out.

The trip is a radical departure from the usual method of taking codfish and will take rank with going of the sch. Gatherer to Norway for mackerel, the trip of the Ethel B. Jacobs to Ireland for mackerel, and the voyage of sch. Alice to Cape of Good Hope for mackerel, all were pioneers in these directions, and the Maxine Elliott will be in her trip to the Sable Island grounds to seine codfish.

Men like Capt. Solomon Jacobs and some of the leading codfish skippers have previously spoken favorably of the idea and have held opinions that such a voyage would be successful. Both the firm of D. B. Smith & Co. and Capt. Alden Geel are convinced that the voyage is a perfectly feasible one and will result in securing a fine trip in a comparatively short space of time.

HERRING MARKET STRONG.

Owners of Unsold Fares Offer Cargoes at Good Figures.

Probability of an Advance if Fish Remain Unsold.

As stated in yesterday's TIMES, frozen herring are going well at New York, and it now looks as if the three vessels at Boston would be cleaned out this week. Sch. Sceptre is taking out at this port got three cents per pound with a good trade.

The owners of the three fares here which are as yet unopened and unsold are confident of getting a good return for hanging on to their cargoes. A few days ago they were talking \$2.75 per hundred weight by the cargo. Today they ask three cents by the cargo, and do not talk of holding the offer open, believing that in a short time they may be worth even more.

FISHING VILLAGE DESTROYED.

Flames Swept Through Seaside, N. J., and Did Much Damage.

A large part of Seaside, N. J., a fishing settlement near Seabright, was burned last night. About 50 frame buildings were destroyed. The fire started in a boarding house occupied by men employed in the fish pounds, and swept along the beach. Among the buildings wiped out were many fishermen's huts. The entire population fought the fire and Atlantic Highlands and Long Branch sent help. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.