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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Grace Darling, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod. 2000 lbs. halibut.
 Sch. Penobscot, Georges, 35,000 lb. salt cod, 700 lbs. halibut.
 Sch. Ralph Russell, Georges, 35,000 lb. cod, 5000 lbs. fresh cod.
 Sch. Blanche, Georges, 18,000 lbs. cod, 35,000 lbs. fresh cod, 3000 lbs. haddock, 1000 lbs. halibut.
 Sch. Golden-Rod, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh cod, 25,000 lbs. haddock,
 Sch. Mary F. Curtis, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod, 35,000 lbs. haddock.
 Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, via Boston, 33,000 lbs. fresh cod.
 Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh cod, 20,000 lbs. haddock.
 Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod, 25,000 lbs. haddock.
 Sch. E. C. Hussey, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt fish from vessels: Large handline Georges cod, \$4.75 per cwt.; medium do., \$4.00.
 Large trawl Georges cod, \$5.00; medium do., \$4.00.
 Large trawl Bank cod, \$4.50; medium do., \$4.00.
 Fresh fish, splitting prices, large cod, Peak \$2.50; medium cod, Peak, \$2.00; haddock, (right through,) \$1.25; pollock, 70; cusk, \$2; hake, \$1.10.
 Fresh fish for market: Large cod, \$3.00; market cod, \$2.25; haddock, (right through) \$1.75.
 Bank halibut, 8-3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.
 Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts per lb. for gray.
 Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.50 per cwt.
 Shore and refrigerator herring, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Saladin, south seining.
 Sch. Oregon, haddocking.
 Sch. Mary A. Gleason, haddocking.

Boston.

Sch. Harvester, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod.
 Sch. Massasoit, 1500 haddock, 21,000 cod.
 Sch. Motor, 1000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 haddock, 650 cod, 1600 hake.
 Sch. Galatea, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Harmony, 45,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Flarvilla, 2000 haddock, 300 cod.
 Sch. John M. Keene, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 800 hake.
 Haddock, \$2 to \$2.75; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market, \$2.50 to \$2.75; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$4.

Portland.

Schs. Moses B. Linscott, Bennie and Bessie and Forest Maid were at Portland on Sunday.

Off After Mackerel.

Schs. Victor, Nourmahal, Ralph L. Hall, Faustina and Annie Greenlaw are already for their southern seining trips and their skippers intend to sail today.
 The handsome gasoline auxiliary sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavey, of Boothbay Harbor, came in this morning from her home port. She is all fitted for south seining and will stop here only long enough to go on the ways to slick up a little.
 Capt. Sargent is here to fit sch. Hattie M. Graham for seining.
 Capt. Roy Kimbal is here to fit sch. Lewis H. Giles for south seining.

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FRESH FISH TO SPLIT.

Several Fares at This Port from Boston Today.

As the result of the glutted market at Boston yesterday, several vessels are here today from that port, bringing the larger part of their fares to sell to the splitters. The crafts here are schs. Golden Rod, Mary F. Curtis, Natalie J. Nelson, Fannie Belle Atwood, E. Hussey and Nannie C. Bohlin.

Today's Sales of Fish.

The fares of schs. Nannie C. Bohlin, Fanny Belle Atwood and E. C. Hussey sold to George Perkins & Son; that of sch. Grace Darling to Slade Gorton & Co.; those of schs. Natalie J. Nelson and Mary F. Curtis to John Pew & Son, and that of sch. Mattie Winship to Reed & Gamage, the fare of sch. Penobscot to Samuel Lane & Bro., that of sch. Blanche to Fred. L. Davis, that of sch. Golden-Rod to Orlando Merchant and that of sch. Ralph Russell to D. B. Smith & Co.
 Shack sold at \$1.25 for haddock, \$2.50 for large cod and \$2 for medium. Handline Georges brought \$4.75 for large and \$4 for medium.

Herring Plentiful at Boothbay.

Herring in goodly numbers have struck in the Sheepscot river and around Boothbay Harbor. The traps and nets are doing well.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Gossip, Capt. Douglass McLean, stocked \$2100 on her recent Peak cod trip, the crew sharing \$64.
 Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas, stocked \$1960 on her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$56. Capt. Thomas has made a big record this winter, stocking \$10,000 since January 10.

Good Georges Trips.

Schs. Penobscot, Ralph Russell and Blanche are in port from Georges this morning with fine fares, from 35,000 to 50,000 pounds of cod-fish.

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WILL HEAR COMMITTEE REPORT

Further Action Probable on Brine Duty Matter.

An adjourned meeting the Boston importers and dealers in fish, both fresh and salt, interested in the recent order of the treasury department, whereby duty is imposed not only on the fish, but on the other contents of the package, including brine, salt, etc., will be held at the rooms of the Fish Bureau this afternoon.
 The report of the committee which visited Washington will be made and further action may be taken.

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MR. TARR'S LOBSTER BILL.

Was Strongly Favored at Hearing Held Yesterday.

PROVIDES SAME LAW AS MAINE

Capt. J. W. Collins Advises Adoption of the Bill.

Special to the TIMES.

State House, Boston, March 30.—The lobster fishing industry was the subject of lively discussion before the legislative committee on fisheries and game yesterday. The committee had assigned five petitions and bills for hearing and principal among them was the petition and bill introduced by Representative Tarr of Rockport.

The Tarr bill, so-called, provides for the purchase by the states of egg-bearing lobsters through the Fish and Game Commission at a price 25 per cent. above the market price. It further provides for the propagation and distribution of the lobsters hatched from the lobsters purchased. Furthermore, the young lobsters are to be distributed as near as possible to the place where the parent lobsters were taken from the water.

The petition and bill of Arthur Fitzgerald, which was introduced by Representative Tarr, was among those considered. This bill made provision for the reduction in the length at which lobsters may be legally taken to ten inches. There was a lack of unanimity on this point and considerable discussion was created.

The bill of Representative Thomas L. Davis of Salem, which was identical with the Tarr bill, was heard in conjunction with the latter.

In addressing the committee, Representative Tarr stated that the principal argument in favor of his proposition was the fact that it had been in operation in the state of Maine, and had been considered a thorough success in that state. He was firm of the belief that every state which was in way affected or in-

terested in the lobster industry, should enact a law similar to the one under consideration.

Continuing he stated that the Canadian government had already taken the necessary steps to secure the better protection of the lobster, and a law had been enacted which was framed after the Maine statute.

He said that the state had for years paid large sums to deputy wardens who do very little in the direction of enforcing the laws. It is high time, he said, that the lobster industry should receive serious attention, as it was only too apparent to all who are familiar with the subject that the lobsters were growing alarmingly scarce each season. In order to prevent the practical extermination measures must be taken that will treat and deal with the subject from a practical standpoint.

"The bill which I presented," said Mr. Tarr, "has been in practice in Maine for several years and has proven itself of untold value. Why should Massachusetts wait until too late before enacting a similar law? I have yet to find a lobster fisherman who does not favor the bill. The majority of these fishermen realize that the industry is on the wane and that this is the only practical way of preventing a disastrous end."

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"Under this bill there is an inducement held out to the fishermen to keep the egg-bearing lobsters for sale to the state commission. The price is 25 per cent. above that which prevails in the market, so that it will mean more to these men to dispose this kind of lobster to the state, rather than sell the same with others to individuals or send them to market.

"The question of expense to the state has been suggested. I am firm of the belief that the commonwealth could hardly expend a small part of its money in a way better to the interests of the state in general, than by a meagre appropriation as the one provided for in this bill. Few persons realize how scarce the lobster is becoming, and if they were to know the actual facts, I do not apprehend but that all would willingly urge the appropriation of \$7000 for the work of preserving and propagating the lobster."

Mr. Tarr in closing stated that he hoped the committee would not permit the bill to be encumbered with a great many amendments, believing that they would result adversely rather than as a help.

Speaking in relation to the petition of Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Tarr said that it provided for a uniform length of lobsters. Car loads of lobsters are shipped through the state from Maine to New York, every year, and in the latter state the legal limit is nine inches. He suggested that a uniform length be fixed by all the lobster producing states. Maine, New Hampshire and this state have a 10-1-2 inch law, while the states of Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York have a nine inch law.

If this 10-inch law is passed, it will strike a happy medium and in the end tend toward a uniform length by all the states. He did not believe that this bill should be enacted, however, unless the other proposition providing for the propagation of the egg-bearing lobster be also passed.

Capt. Joseph W. Collins, chairman of the fish and game commission, said that he had seen the Maine law in operation and thought it had proven a success. It would be necessary he said to purchase or have built a launch and this would cost something like \$3000. It would also be necessary to have this launch built for the purpose as it would have to have a well for holding the live lobsters. It would also have to be a seaworthy boat as in many cases, it would have to go from Newburyport to Buzzard's Bay. The work would be carried on in conjunction with the United States bureau of fish and game. It would be necessary to have the co-operation of the fishermen in this work. One objection the fishermen have to this work is that the lobsters are not liberated in the same locality from which they are taken. He advised that some provision be made for this in the bills. Then they would have to hire two extra men, an engineer and a pilot, to man the craft. He advised the adoption of Representative Tarr's bill as he said it was exactly like the Maine law which works so smoothly.

Under the present law the fishermen have no right to hold the egg-bearing lobsters in their possession, and he suggested that provision be made so that permits could be granted by this commission to hold them until the boat could collect them.

Ex-Senator Howland of Chelsea asked the captain how the lobsters were to be collected. He answered that by means of this launch they could go from place to place, where people had asked for permits to hold lobsters, or had sent notice that they had such for sale, and pick them up as speedily as possible.

Mr. Howland said he thought it would be better to allow the taking of the short lobster and preserve the egg-bearing ones. He said it was just as reasonable to stop the chicken industry as to stop the taking of short lobsters.

There were present at the hearing lobster fishermen from Gloucester, Annisquam, Lanesville, Rockport, Essex, Ipswich, Manchester, Beverly, Marblehead, Swampscott, Nahant, Newburyport and many towns along the south shore were also represented. They were all prepared to address the committee but Chairman Kimball of Newburyport realized that their evidences would be principally cumulative and was not necessary.

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No Fish In.

The harbor was bare of arrivals this morning, not a trip arriving up to 8 o'clock. Boston arrivals are also not numerous.

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Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.50 per cwt.

Shore and refrigerator herring, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Reliance, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 400 pollock.

Sch. Rose Standish, 6000 cod.

Sch. Emerald, 5000 cod.

Sch. Quartette, 1000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Diana, 3000 haddock, 7200 cod, 100 hake.

Sch. Hobo, 650 cod.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$2.74; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3; market cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; cusk, \$1.75; pollock, \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Several of the seining fleet will get a way today, among them schs. Victor and Rival.

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They Need Fish.

A prominent South American journal has the following item which should interest the trade: "The great city of Buenos Ayres is miserably supplied with fish, when a little money and enterprise could provide this wholesome article of food in abundance, as a set off to the ever-increasing scarcity and rising price of meat."

POOR SEAL FISHERY.

St. Johns, March 31.—The seal outlook is very unfavorable and it is feared that the fishery will show the smallest results for years. Only 216,000 seals have as yet been accounted for, and the total catch is not likely to exceed 240,000, whereas, last year it exceeded 300,000.

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Sch. Massasoit, via Boston.
Sch. Monitor, via Boston.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, via Boston.
Sch. Lillian, shore
Sch. Marguerite, shore.
Sch. Motor, shore.

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Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, 18,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 halibut.

Sch. George H. Lube, 5000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 300 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 6000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Glenelg, 13,000 haddock, 900 cod, 600 hake.

Sch. Sea Fox, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. James S. Steele, 1000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Mattie F. Knowlton, 1000 haddock, 300 cod, 200 pollock.

Sch. Ida F. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 7000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Ha S. Brooks, 6000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 8000 haddock, 2000 cusk.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$3.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, haddocking.
Sch. Gossip, haddocking.
Sch. Rival, south seining.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Fred Carritt will now fit sch. Monit for seining.
Capt. S. Campbell Peart is here to fit sch. F. Maker for seining.

Portland.

Sch. Minerva was at Portland Tuesday.
Capt. Gilbert Hopkins of sch. Lottie Hopkins is fitting for shacking.