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In view of the fact that competing nations, including Canada, grant such bounties as a settled policy and probably would not discontinue them in any event, why would not our resort to them be entirely justifiable if expedient?

Now, with regard to the bounty. It should be so arranged as to protect both man and owner from disastrous trips. It should go to citizens of this country only, who are engaged in the fisheries either as owners or men; and they should be subject to the call of government in case of war. In this way we will get a real nursery of the navy and not one which can be open to criticism; for it is a well recognized fact that a large per cent., if not the majority, of the fishermen today sailing from this port are not American citizens.

Now, suppose that a bounty of \$150 a year were granted to such men as born American citizens and placed themselves subject to the call of the government in case of emergency, and also a bounty of \$1.50 a ton, which is like the Canadian bounty. This would make the bounty on the tonnage of the two countries equal.

After careful consideration and notwithstanding that much can be said against the bounty system, I think, in view of the fact that other governments, notably the Canadian have adopted a bounty system, that we would be fully justified in adopting it. I am not sure but it would be the best possible solution of a difficult feature of our problem.

In conclusion let me say that in my judgment Canadian reciprocity will do more for Massachusetts and her industries and commerce than any one thing or number of things which I can enumerate; and what is true of every other industry is especially true of the fish industry.

Have I not demonstrated that there is nothing to be lost worth mentioning and everything to be gained, even for you and your interests, here in Gloucester, from Canadian reciprocity?

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fglantine, LaHave Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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.

Boston.

Sch. Seaconnet, 4000 haddock.

Sch. Veda M. Brigham, 9000 haddock.

Sch. Frank Munroe, 9000 haddock, 1800 cod.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1500 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1300 cod.

Sch. Magnolia, 4000 cod.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.25; large cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; cusk, \$1.75.

Portland.

Schs. Bernie and Bessie and John A. Allen and skip Uncle Sam were at Portland on Wednesday.

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MR. FOSS ON THE FISHERIES.

The Douglass was certainly bearded in his hall last evening, when Mr. Eugene N. Foss of Boston, came to Gloucester and advanced to an audience which crowded Malta Hall to the utmost, his views on the matter of Canadian reciprocity. Not only this did this close student of this serious question touch upon, but he even showed why and how he believed that reciprocity would be a direct benefit to the fishing interest of Gloucester. In the audience which listened to Mr. Foss' speech were many of the leading fish dealers and vessel owners of the city and he was listened to with the closest and most respectful attention.

It would be misleading to Mr. Foss and the great general public to give the impression that his ideas were received with any degree of favor, and it must also be said that the earnestness with which he presented his views left considerable subject matter for after-thought. It was a new and somewhat more pleasing address than reciprocity advocates generally have used. The principal points of most of these speeches in the past have been the villification of Gloucester, her fisheries and her fishermen. Last evening Mr. Foss did not resort to such methods to show the aims and objects of reciprocity, but from the standpoint of a student and manufacturer sought to show why he believes so strongly in reciprocal relations with Canada.

It is not patting Mr. Foss on the back to say that among the fish dealers who listened to his remarks, there were many who coincided with him in some of his statements, but at the same time none could be found who could, from the arguments he presented, see how the fishing interest was to be benefited by Canadian reciprocity or how some of the rather visionary or Utopian plans for the advancement of the industry could be made practical or of real and lasting value.

There is no question as to Mr. Foss' sincerity. He believes in Canadian reciprocity and believes in it thoroughly. It seems, from his remarks, that he believes it would benefit the fishing interest, and right here he makes the same mistake that other reciprocity advocates have made since the question was first agitated; he simply is evidently not sufficiently well enough posted on all the many sides of the great fishing industry to bring forth an argument that will show those who have spent their lives in the business that Canadian reciprocity is the rejuvenating medicine it needs or that it would be a benefit instead of a decided detriment.

To quote the remark of one of the leading vessel owners of the port, "Mr. Foss is evidently sincere and very much in earnest in the matter, but his remarks, as far forth as they referred to the fishing interest, showed that he has not been in close enough touch with its methods and needs, to gain a sufficient knowledge of it. If he had, we do not believe that he would wonder that the fishing interest is so strongly opposed to Canadian reciprocity."

It has been suggested, and the suggestion is a good one, that as Mr. Foss has shown a desire to become better acquainted with the fishing industry, he be invited to visit this city, inspect the methods of the business, and in the evening meet at the Board of Trade rooms, the members, or a committee from the board, and discuss the matter informally, and try to

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show him, wherein Canadian reciprocity, as at present proposed, could only result in loss to and operate to the great disadvantage of the fishing industry, not only of Gloucester, but of the whole Atlantic seaboard.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Edward A. Perkins, Georges, 15,000 lbs. cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, 25,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Brown's Bank, 80,000 lbs. haddock, 20,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Colonial, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. haddock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.

Sch. Almeida, shore.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt fish from vessels: Large handline Georges cod, \$4.75 per cwt.; medium do., \$4.00.

Large trawl Georges cod, \$4.62 1-2; medium do., \$4.00.

Large trawl Bank cod, \$4.50; medium do., \$4.00.

Bank halibut, 8 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges halibut, 8 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts per lb. for gray.

Fresh fish, splitting prices, large cod, Peak, \$2.37, others, \$2.50; mediums, Peak \$2, others, \$2; haddock, \$1.25, hake \$1.10, cusk, \$1.75 pollock 70 cents.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Titania, south seining.

Boston.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 2900 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Moomam, 60,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 4500 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Thalia, 9000 cod, 10,000 halibut.

Sch. Colonial, 50,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Mary P. Mosquita, 70,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Haddock \$1.50 to \$2.50, large cod \$2.50 to \$2.85, market \$2 to \$2.50.

Provincetown Fishing Notes.

Preparations are being made by the local netting fleet for the southern mackerel fishery.

Sch. Gov. Russell met with quite an accident Saturday last in attempting to make Railroad wharf. Owing to the thick prevailing fog, the pier could not be discovered in season for the vessel to luff, and she struck the wharf, where she hung hard and fast by her bowsprit. An ebbing tide made it necessary to cutaway her bowsprit in order to free the vessel.

Steamer A. B. Nickerson has gone to Gloucester, where she will haul out on the railways for painting and repairs.

Sch. Gov. Russell stocked \$1410 on her trip of fresh fish landed at Gloucester last week.

The Eastern Weir Co.'s trap secured 21 bbls. sand eels Monday. Part of the catch was disposed of to the haddockers at \$5 per bbl.

Sch. Isaac Collins will engage in fresh fishing under command of Capt. George Brier.

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WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

The local market is a little easier this week, on all lines of fish, but there has been but little change in prices, for the reason that there has been but little trading. In the mackerel market, there is a very noticeable, but not unexpected decline and the market in this commodity is at present especially weak.

Fish have been in fair receipt, but the shippers all report trade very dull, orders being light and shipments few.

Nothing has been heard from the salt banks the past week, but the most of the fleet are known to be fishing on the Peak. Several of the southern seining fleet have sailed, but reports from Hatteras and Fortress Monroe state that no fish have yet been seen. The first fare last year was landed at New York, April 12.

Considering the receipts ex vessel, prices are well sustained.

The receipts at this port for the week ending April 2 are

- 265,000 lbs. salt cod.
- 453,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- 38,000 lbs. halibut.
- 313,000 lbs. haddock.
- 15,000 lbs. hake.
- 20,000 lbs. cusk.

Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Firm Prices	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	4.75	4.75
Medium Georges cod (handline)	4.00	4.00
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.62	1-2
Medium Georges cod (trawl)	4.00	
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable	4.25	
Medium do.	3.50	
Large trawl bank cod	3.75	
Medium trawl bank cod	3.37	1-2
Large dory handline cod	4.00	
Medium do.	3.62	1-2

Fresh Fish from Vessel.

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.50	2.50
Medium do.	2.00	2.00
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	2.37	1-2 2.37
Medium do.	2.00	2.00
Cusk	1.75	1.75
Haddock	1.25	1.25
Hake	1.10	1.10
Pollock	.70	.70

Other Prices from Vessel.

- Hake sounds, 5 to 5 1-2 cts. per lb.
- Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 30 cts. per bucket.
- Fresh Bank halibut (white) 8 3-4 cts. per lb.
- Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 7 cts. per lb.
- Georges halibut, 8 3-4 cts. and 7 cts. per lb. for white and gray.

Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod \$9.00 per qtl.

Cured Medium Georges cod	6.75
Cured large Bank cod	6.25
Cured Medium Bank cod	5.75
Kench cured large Bank cod	7.00
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.00
Cured large shore cod	7.00
Cured medium shore cod	5.75
Cured cusk	5.00
Cured hake	2.50 to 3
Cured haddock	4.25
Heavy salted pollock	2.50
English cured pollock	3.50
Large handline bank	7.50
Medium handline bank	\$6.50

Mackerel.

Shore 1s	\$16 to \$17 per bbl.
Shore extra 1s	18 to 19 per bbl.
Shore bloaters	20 per bbl.
Nova Scotias	18 per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	18 per bbl.
Norway bloaters	39 per bbl.
Norway 1s	29.50 per bbl.
Norway 2s	26 per bbl.
Irish	14 per bbl.

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Big Shack Trip.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, arrived here from Brown's bank this morning with a dandy fare of 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Big Trips.

Schs. Colonial and Mary P. Mosquita of this port were at Boston yesterday with big trips, having from 80,000 to 90,000 pounds each.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Kentucky, Brown's Bank, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod, 70,000 lbs. haddock.
- Sch. Olga, Brown's Bank, 15,000 lbs. fresh cod, 60,000 lbs. haddock, 10,000 lbs. cusk.
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Brown's Bank, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. haddock, 17,000 lbs. cusk.
- Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Moananam, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary P. Mosquita, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Senator, Grand Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. cod.
- Sch. Thalia, via Boston, 9000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 35,000 lbs. cod, 700 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Miranda, Georges, 12,000 lbs. cod.
- Sch. Norman Fisher, Georges, 38,000 lbs. cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Olympia, Georges, 16,000 lbs. cod.
- Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 15,000 lbs. cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, Brown's Bank, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish, (went to Boston).

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Boston.

- Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 700 cod.
- Sch. Electric Flash, 13,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 40,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
- Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Speculator, 35,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
- Sch. Manhasset, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 cusk.
- Sch. Juniata, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Florence M. Parker, 4400 cod.
- Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 60,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2000 cusk.
- Sch. Vesta, 7000 cod.
- Sch. Flavilla, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.75.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

- Sch. Dora A. Lawson was at Liverpool, N. S., March 28.
- Sch. Senator Garduer arrived at Canso on Wednesday.
- Sch. Titania, bound south, was at Hyannis, yesterday.
- Capt. Samuel Kent will fit sch. Electric Flash later on for the Cape Shore mackerel seining fishing.
- Sch. Bertha May of Deer Isle, Me., is at this port to fit for shacking.

Portland.

- Schs. Eva and Mildred and Ella M. Doughty were at Portland on Friday.

Will Have Big Freezer.

The Canso Cold Storage Company, Limited, with a capital of \$100,000, has taken over the cold storage business of Messrs. A. N. Whitman & Son, and will erect a mammoth freezing plant in order to supply bait for the Nova Scotia and Gloucester banking fleets. Last November the Dominion Government passed an order in Council agreeing to pay the Whitmans a bonus of \$25,000 towards the erection of such a bait depot, and also a bonus of four dollars a ton on all bait supplied to fishermen for a period of five years. This franchise has been taken over by the new company, and the prospects are very bright for an extensive bait business. The nearness to the Banks makes Canso an ideal location for the enterprise.

BAD WEATHER ON GRAND BANK

Sch. Senator Greatly Bothered in Fishing Operations.

Sch. Sena'or, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, arrived from the southern edge of Grand Bank this morning after a very rough trip. Capt. Greenleaf reports the weather throughout the trip was even worse than on the previous trip and that fishing was out of the question. For many days on a stretch it was impossible to put a dory over the side, and although there appeared to be plenty of fish when there was a slight let up and some of the trawls were stuck out, still there was so little chance to fish that only an ordinary fare could be secured.

No New Lobster Legislation.

The fisheries and game committee is going to let the lobster question rest. The agitation is very considerable for some change in the lobster laws, but the trouble is the usual one. There are so many suggestions as to what is the right thing to do, and the suggestions are so different, that the committee thinks it best to leave the whole matter alone.—Boston Journal.