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RESTRICTS SHORE FISHING.

Important Measure Now Before
Maine Legislature.

In the Maine state senate the following bill has been received from the committee on shore fisheries and laid on the table to be printed under joint rules.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to fish for or take, except with trawls or ordinary hooks and lines, any cod or other ground fish from the waters subject to the jurisdiction of this state, between a line running north through the westernmost part of Seguin Island, and a similar line through the easternmost part of Damariscove island.

Section 2. Any person who fishes for or takes fish contrary to the provisions of this act shall be punished for each offence by a fine of not less than two hundred or more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not less than three or more than twelve months, and shall further forfeit five dollars for each fish so taken.

Section 3. Section fifty-nine, sixty and sixty-one of chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes shall apply to all offenses under this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

"The Lobster Trust."

The "lobster trust" has been formed—on paper—so regularly at intervals of two years, since 1898, that the lobster dealers are mystified by its reappearance now. Do the promoters go into the business simply for the practice? If such a combination were ever engineered, what could possibly shut out any number of independents from starting in?—Boston Record.

Saw the Salt Bankers.

Sch. Squanto of Duxbury, Capt. Daniel McDonald of this city, arrived at Boston yesterday from the Gully with a fine fare, 35,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. McDonald reports sighting the salt bankers on the Peak but did not speak them.

Big Stock.

Sch. Squanto of Duxbury, Capt. Daniel McDonald of this city, stocked \$3180 on her recent halibut trip. She has yet on board some salt cod to bring down here to market. Capt. McDonald is making a big record for quick and good trips this winter, which puts one in mind of the way he used to bring them in only a few years ago.

Good Trip.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Horace Wilde, arrived yesterday from Georges with a fine fare, 90,000 pounds of fresh fish. Capt. Wilde is starting in well in his new command and keeping up his good record.

Halibut Sales.

The fares of sch. Tacoma sold to the New England Fish Co., and that of sch. Eglantine to the American Halibut Co., each at 12 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Marguerite, shore, 2800 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. William Walker, Provincetown, 500 qts. cured fish.
Sch. Squanto, via Boston, 2000 lbs. cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Georges.
Sch. Claudia, haddocking.
Sch. Gladiator, salt fishing.

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Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.50; medium cod, \$2.00; all cod caught to the eastward of La Have bank, \$2.25, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.75; Eastern haddock, \$1.25; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

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Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.
Outside sales fresh haddock to split, \$1.35.
Bank halibut, 12 cts. per pound for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Muriel, 30,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Sea Fox, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 2500 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 5000 haddock.
Sch. Flavilla, 2000 haddock, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk, 700 pollock.
Sch. Ida F. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod
Sch. Motor, 4500 cod.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$2.50 to \$4; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$2.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Alice R. Lawson, A. E. Whyland and Elector were at Halifax on Monday for bait.

Here To Fit Out.

Capt. Campbell Peart is at this port to fit out sch. S. F. Maker for southern seining
Capt. Christopher Carrigan is here to fit sch. Lottie G. Merchant for southern seining.

Change of Skippers.

Capt. Alex. Guyetch will command sch. Estelle S. Nunan in shore trawling.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Oscar Benson, stocked \$2,550 on her recent Georges halibuting trip, the crew sharing \$68.75 clear.
Sch. Selma, Capt. Felix Hogan of Boston, stocked \$2,100 on her haddock trip, landed yesterday.

LOBSTER TRUST FORMED.

Large Portland Wholesalers Go
Into Combine.

Reported That Armour's Are Back
of New Enterprise.

The Portland Lobster Company, J. W. Trefethen Company, J. N. Trefethen Company and F. S. Willard, all big Portland wholesale lobster dealers, controlling half the lobster output of the United States, have been persuaded by James W. Leslie, agent for a proposed lobster trust, to enter the combine. This means that the lobster trust is a certainty.

Leslie started to canvas the lobster dealers of New England some weeks ago, and starting in Boston, where he signed all the big dealers, he worked his way along the coast. He obtained the signature of practically every big lobster dealer in Maine. Although Leslie has as yet persistently refused to disclose the backers of the trust, it is the general impression that the Armour's, of Chicago, are the ones concerned.

Having finished his work on this side of the line, Leslie leaves for Nova Scotia tomorrow to enlist the Canadian dealers.

Leslie says the price of lobsters will not be raised by the trust, but in direct contradiction the Portland dealers say it will. One Portland wholesaler said: "Lobsters are a luxury; not a necessity. The rich epicure only will be affected by the price; the poor man doesn't have lobsters."

The lobster fishermen are the ones most likely to suffer, if the trust runs its own steamers and sets its own traps.

The output of lobsters will undoubtedly be increased rather than diminished by the trust, which is expected to keep the coast stocked with seed lobsters. The facilities for handling will be much improved, and, barring the dory fishermen, other branches of the lobster trade believe they will be benefited.

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FISH FOR ARMY RATIONS.

The success of the Japanese commissariat has led some of our military men to considering the value of fish as a part of the army rations. The Japanese use it in the form of "fish meat," prepared by removing the bones and compressing the remainder before cooking and smoking. The meal keeps indefinitely, and insects do not attack it. It is used for soup, and shaved thin and cooked with rice. Upon rice the Japanese soldier in the field largely depends, with more concentrated and stimulating fare as an auxiliary. It is not unlikely that one result of the present war will be some reconsideration of the ration of the United States army, which is at present generous, but perhaps too heavy to be hygienically ideal.

Sea Turtles.

Twenty-five thousand sea turtles penned in an inlet of the sea near Orléans, France, where they breed and are fattened for the New York market, is what two men are getting very busy about just now, and who are planning to ship twenty thousand of these curious creatures to an eastern market, where they are considered a great table delicacy, and will sell at the sum of \$15 each.

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Sch. Titania, Georges, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ramona, via Boston.

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Bank halibut, 12 cts. per pound for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Boston.

- Sch. Regina, 25,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.
 - Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 - Sch. Nellie Dizon, 65,000 haddock, 5100 cod.
 - Sch. Robert and Arthur, 23,000 haddock, 27,000 cod.
 - Sch. Maxwell, 900 cod.
 - Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 6000 haddock, 600 cod.
 - Sch. Mary Edith, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
 - Sch. Minerva, 12,000 haddock, 500 hake.
 - Sch. Matchless, 65,000 haddock.
 - Sch. Teresa and Alice, 9000 haddock, 1100 cod, 1000 hake.
 - Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1500 haddock, 300 cod, 6000 hake, 6000 cusk.
 - Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
 - Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 5000 haddock.
 - Sch. Seacomet, 8000 haddock.
- Haddock \$2 to \$2.80, large cod \$2.50 to \$3.50, market cod \$2 to \$2.50, hake \$2.50 to \$5.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Sceptre was at Hall tax on Monday for ball.

Hungry Gulls.

The sch. Massasoit of Duxbury brought in a queer catch at Boston yesterday morning with her fish, having four mackerel gulls taken on the trawls as the men were fishing off the Isles of Shoals. The fishermen say that these birds when very hungry will dive after the bait on the hooks as the trawls are lowered, and in their eagerness to get some food will take the hooks in their mouths, and remain hooked until the trawl is pulled into the dory.

Big Fare.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, Capt. Domingoes, of the port, was at Boston yesterday with a big fare, 90,000 pounds of fresh fish 50,000 pounds of which were cod. The craft is a shore boat but on this trip Capt. Domingoes went off to Georges and filled up his craft.

Hearing.

The committee on fisheries and game will grant a hearing on the proposed bill to prohibit the taking of fish by nets and seines or any movable device in certain waters of Cape Cod Bay, and Nantucket and Vineyard Sounds, at room 505, state house, on Wednesday, March 22, at 10.30 o'clock.

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HERE'S LUCK TO THE FISHERMEN OF GLOUCESTER.

Our old fishing port is awaking to the calls of spring time and is putting her best foot forward by getting in readiness her early spring fishing fleets, the one going for the much needed bank cod, and the other for that dainty and elusive fish, the mackerel, of which we hope to chronicle the catch of many thousand barrels as the result of the season's work. Both of these fleets will be larger than last year as per the list published in Tuesday's TIMES.

There is a remarkable large number of daring, enterprising skippers now in command of the fleet, some of whom own their vessels and others are large shareholders, and there seems to be no end to their efforts to make a good year's work. These men oftentimes land large trips, are not afraid of trifles and consider no efforts as too great to secure good trips and bite the market when it's on the upward flight.

The year of 1895 upon which we have entered will be characterized by the most persistent efforts on the part of the Gloucester fishermen to make a good year's work. There is a brisk demand for the fish and the Gloucester brands are known all over the country as first-class and to be relied upon. The establishments engaged in the business of putting up fish for the trade have had long experience, and the neatness of their packages of boneless fish, together with the high quality, has secured a large patronage which is constantly increasing. We have the vessels, the wharf facilities, the fine harbor for the prosecution of the fisheries, and the outlook for the season seems most auspicious. Let us hope that good returns will be the result of the labors of the daring voyagers, that they may escape disaster and the end of the season show up a decidedly good balance on the right side of the ledger.

Good Stock.

Sch. Squanto, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked \$3270 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$84.30.

Sch. Tacoma, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson, stocked \$2254 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$52.25.

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Boston.

- Sch. Rose Cabral, 3000 haddock, 800 cod, 7000 hake.
 - Sch. Annie Perry, 7000 haddock, 200 cod, 400 hake.
 - Sch. Galatea, 4500 haddock, 500 cod.
 - Sen. George H. Lube, 14,000 haddock, 800 cod, 600 hake, 600 cusk, 400 pollock.
 - Sch. Mary G. Powers, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.
 - Sch. Rita A. Viator, 6000 haddock, 4400 cod.
 - Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 5000 haddock, 600 cod.
 - Sch. Stranger, 9000 haddock, 400 cod.
 - Sch. Valentia, 2500 cod.
 - Sch. Nellie G. Adams, 9000 haddock, 1100 cod, 500 hake, 400 pollock.
 - Sch. Manomet, 6500 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
 - Sch. William A. Morse, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.
 - Sch. Flavilla, 3500 haddock, 700 cod, 1000 hake.
 - Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 30,000 haddock 1500 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 35,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.
 - Sch. Mertie H. Perry, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod.
 - Sch. Viola, 5000 cod.
 - Sch. Ida F. Silva, 5000 haddock, 200 cod.
- Haddock, \$1.75 to \$2.50; large cod, \$2.60 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2.

Short Lobster Bill Passes.

Representative Dunham of Nantucket made a fight in the house yesterday to open the market for the sale of short lobsters imported from Nova Scotia from December 15 to April 1. The bill was ordered to a third reading by a rising vote of 74 to 37.

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STRUCK ROCK AND SANK.

Sch. Hazel Oneita Lost Yesterday Off Cape Sable.

Capt. Bowie and Crew Reached Clark's Harbor in Dories.

A despatch to the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company this forenoon, states that sch. Hazel Oneita, Capt. James Bowie, of this port, struck a ledge off Cape Sable yesterday and sank in 10 fathoms of water. The captain and crew were saved and reached Clark's Harbor in their dories. At the time of the accident the vessel was bound home from the Peak with a fare of codfish.

Sch. Hazel Oneita was 109.79 tons gross, 73.60 tons net, built at Essex in 1891, and owned by Sylvanus Smith & Co., and was insured for \$7000 on vessel and outfits, by the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company.

Magnolia Man Wants Fish Weir.

The Manchester board of selectmen gave a hearing Friday night on petition of Fuller A. Andrews of Magnolia for a privilege to set a fish weir off Dana's island for a term of five years. No objection was raised, and R. H. Dana was the only one of the summer colony heard from in reply to notices sent out by Chairman Swett. Mr. Dana gave his permission.