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FIRST SEINER AWAY.

Sch. Constellation Sailed on Southern Mackerel Trip This Forenoon.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, sailed this forenoon for southern waters, being the first of the southern seining fleet to get away this season. It seems odd to see the seiners starting off with snow on the ground, but skippers and men are anxious to be out there in time to meet the first schools as they come up by Cape Hatteras.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier, will also probably sail some time today and others will follow tomorrow and the following days.

MAIDEN TRIP.

Handsome New Sch. Frances P. Mesquita Sailed Today.

The handsome new sch. Frances P. Mesquita, sailed today on her maiden trip, haddocking. She made a pretty sight, as with everything set she moved speedily out of the harbor. Good luck to her.

Fish Frozen in Ice.

In the window of Jeremiah Foster, the Main street jeweller, is a unique exhibit of a fish, frozen in a block of ice. The specimen was secured by Mr. Amos Tanner, an employee of the Cape Pond Ice Company, and was taken from Cape Pond during the harvesting of the crop. Mr. Foster will endeavor to keep the specimen as long as possible for the benefit of all those who care to look at it.

STORM DAMAGES VESSELS.

Several of the Crafts Ashore at Provincetown Suffer.

Hard Work Will Be Required to Float Some.

The heavy easterly storm of yesterday wrought damage to some of the 16 fishing vessels which are ashore at Provincetown, by the ice, on Tuesday. The sch. Annie Perry sprang aleak at high water and last night was in bad shape. The Fish Hawk had her foregaff broken and several others sustained minor injuries.

One vessel, the Fanny Freeman, succeeded in reaching Matheson's wharf at noon, by dint of hard work of her men, but the more than 250 men comprising the crews of the other vessels were unable to budge their respective craft an inch.

Aground at low tide and afloat at high water sagging a bit farther landward with each recurrence of the flood, unless a floe-removing wind soon succeeds, several of the lot will require hard hauling on the part of the tugs to get them afloat.

No such exhibition of tangled, helpless trawling schooners has been given since the winter of 1875, when more than a score of trawlers, caught between Wood End and a bay floe by a somersaulting southeasterly gale, became stuck in the ice and were held prisoners for weeks.

Chance to Ship Good Fishermen at Bay Bulls, N. F.

A letter from Mr. H. Weeks, of Bay Bulls, N. F., states that he would like to advise salt bankers that there are at that port and near there several good able men with much trawling experience and able fishermen who are inquiring if any of the salt bank fleet are coming that way for men.

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TO ENFORCE BAIT ACT.

Newfoundland To Reduce Licenses to Americans.

CUSTOMS COLLECTORS NOTIFIED

Act Retaliatory for Killing Hay-Bond Treaty.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says that the Newfoundland government today ordered the customs collectors throughout the island to refuse American fishing vessels licenses to procure bait in colonial waters, the government intending to introduce legislation at the session of the legislature opening next week to enforce the bait act against Americans as stringently as it is now enforced against the French, because the American senate buried the Bond-Hay treaty.

The advocates of retaliation against Americans claim they can make the crusade as effective against Gloucester as they have already made it against St. Pierre.

This dispatch as printed in the Boston papers this morning was the first news of the action received here. The vessel owners, or those who have vessels engaged in salt banking, talked the matter over, and as might be expected the action of the Newfoundland government in deciding not to grant any bait licenses to American fishing vessels this season was the principal topic of conversation.

A number of the leading vessel owners were seen by a TIMES representative, and while none cared to be quoted specifically on the subject, feeling that until an official notification of the matter had been received, it would not be proper to express opinions on the act, still all spoke of it in a general way, saying that of course if the despatch was correct and the privilege of buying bait licenses had been cut off, it would probably bother the American bankers to some extent about caplin time.

At the same time they feel that the privilege of buying bait was worth what they paid for the license. They did not seem to think that the action would work any continued harm, and its first effect would come on the first trips of the bankers this present season, the vessels having sailed with no apparatus to catch their own bait, the captains of course not knowing the action taken.

The action would affect the winter herring industry only at Fortune and Placentia Bays, and the industry there has been played out for several years.

Among all of the vessel owners seen there was a feeling that it was too early to talk and allowing that the action had been taken as reported in the despatch, it was not so serious a matter as it perhaps appeared to those not acquainted with the situation of affairs.

More Convincing.

The Woods Hole fish hatchery officials' word is Secretary Morton's reliance for saying that the naval target practice about Vineyard and Nantucket sounds is doing no damage to the fishing interests. But the word of Boston and Gloucester fishermen that the grown-up fish schools have been scattered or annihilated is, however, more convincing.—Boston Advertiser.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Tartar, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Lucania, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Arcadia, via Boston.
Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, via Boston.
Sch. Mooanam, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Marguerite, shore.
Sch. Addie M. Story, Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Bertha and Pearl, south seining.
Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, haddocking.
Sch. Etta Mildred, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, $5.00 per cwt. for large, $4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, $4.25 for large, $3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, $4.00 for large, $3.50 for medium; hake, $1.25; pollock, $1.25; haddock, $1.75; large cusk, $2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, $2.50; medium cod, $2.00; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave 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.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, $5.50 per cwt. for large and $5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, $1.00.

Outside sales fresh haddock to split, $1.35.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

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Sch. Massaoit, 2800 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 22,000 cod.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 11,000 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Irene and May, 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 5500 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Haddock $2, large cod $3 to $3.50, market cod $3, hake $2.50, cusk $1.75.

TARR AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

Lobster Bill Passed To Be Engrossed.

In the house yesterday Representative Tarr of Rockport moved to amend the "lobster bill," so that during the period from December 15 to April 1 in each year lobsters not less than nine inches in length uncooked, or 8 3-4 inches cooked, may be sold. The original Dunham bill permitted the importation of short lobsters from Nova Scotia and other foreign countries during that period.

Mr. Dunham of Nantucket, the author of the bill, did not object to the amendment and it was adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed.

HAD A BIG FARE.

Sch. Hazel Oneita Was Loaded with Codfish When Lost.

When sch. Hazel Oneita of this port was lost on a ledge off Cape Sable a few days ago, she had on board 100,000 pounds of fresh fish. A dense fog prevailed at the time of the accident.