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### IN FOR REPAIRS.

## Schs. Atalanta and Vera Put Into Halifax.

Former on Ways, Latter Not Much Hurt.

Schs. Atlanta and Vera of this port put into Halifax, N. S., yesterday for repairs. The Atlanta is leaking and will be put on the marine railways. She has 40,000 pounds of fish on board. The Vera is not badly damaged.

### YANKEE DOLLARS PERSUASIVE

## Montreal Gazette Says Revenue Cutters Are Few.

Here's a good one from the Montreal Gazette:

"The Newfoundland Government has decided that it will not allow any more bait to be sold to United States fishermen in its waters. The regulation will be an annoying one to the Yankees, if it be enforced. There are experiences in the past which indicate that it may not be enforced. The Yankee dollar has a very persuasive influence, and the revenue protectors are few along the shores of the island colony."

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### Maine Herring Season Opens.

The Maine herring season has opened although as yet but few have been taken. A few were taken at Oors Island Sunday and some had been seen at the head of the bay. Several steamers will engage in the fishery, among them the Arthur B. Kearsarge and Eltbier. There will also be a regiment of small boats.

### WHALES IN PLENTY.

Canso, N. S., April 4.—Captain Reid of the steamer Strathcona reports having sighted schools of whales on the coast between Whitehead, N. S., and Canso; also in Chedabucto bay, between Canso and Guysboro. The steamer passed close to a number of the fish and they seemed quite tame.

### Big Stock.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Capt. Peter Dunsky, stocked \$2750 on her recent Georges handline trip, the high line share being \$104 on the fish caught. This is the largest stock in this fishery for a long time. Capt. Dunsky is a young and energetic skipper and a hustler of the first water.

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cavalier, Guley, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. cod.  
Sch. Eglantine, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh cod, 14,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Kernwood, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Pauline, Georges bank, 36,000 lbs. cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Harvester, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, via Boston, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, via Boston.

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

#### Boston.

Sch. Sea Fox, 13,000 haddock, 700 cod, 300 hake.  
Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 1800 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 8000 haddock, 2100 cod.  
Sch. Etta Mildred, 13,000 haddock, 800 cod.  
Sch. Frances P. Misquita, 55,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.  
Sch. Dorothy, 18,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2500 haddock, 700 cod.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 18,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Albert Geiger, 7000 cod.  
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 70,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. M. S. Ayer, 15,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 600 hake, 600 cusk, 300 pollock.  
Sch. Joseph U. Cromwell, 22,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 8000 cusk.  
Sch. Two Forty, 2000 haddock, 800 cod.  
Sch. Minerva, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Motor, 6000 haddock.  
Sch. Yankee, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Viola, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2000 haddock.  
Sch. Priscilla, 8000 haddock, 800 cod.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5000 haddock.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 1000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Slade Gorton, 80,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 900 halibut.  
Sch. Annie Perry, 70,000 haddock, 3000 cod. Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; large cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; pollock, \$3.50.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stan'ey will now fit for seining under command of Capt. Joshua W. Stanley.  
Sch. Grace Darling was at Halifax on Saturday.

#### Big Stocks.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, weighed off 158,000 pounds of fresh fish as the result of her recent haddocking trip, stocking \$2637.20, the crew sharing \$68.30.  
Sch. Beibina P. Domingoes, Capt. Domitigoes, stocked \$1850 on her recent haddocking trip, the sharing \$60.

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### FISH WERE SCARCE.

## Although March Was a Month of Fine Weather.

So Reports Capt. Cusick of Sch. Independence II.

Capt. Joseph V. Cusick of sch. Independence II. of this port, which arrived at Canso, N. S., yesterday, reports speaking many American and Nova Scotia bankers on the fishing ground recently. All reported fish scarce, although the weather during March has been fine. The Independence II. had 120,000 pounds of salt cod. She will take a supply of bait and return to the banks.

### Trout Fishing On.

April 1 was the date for the opening of the trout fishing in some of the New England states, but Massachusetts is excepted. The seeker after the gamey fish will have to go over the line to indulge in his favorite sport.

### Launching.

The new sch. Thomas J. Carroll will be launched from Arthur D. Story's Essex yard today. She will be towed here and Capt. Cahoon will fit her for southern seining.

### New Marine Sounding Device.

The diaphono is the latest improved device for producing an alarm at sea. The sound is produced by the free vibration in a slotted cylinder of a very light slotted piston, compressed air being admitted in the rear of the piston, and escaping through the slots, which are alternately opened and closed sufficiently fast to produce a pure musical note of loud and continued resonance always at the same pitch.

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### AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

## On Amount of Duty on Imported Frozen Herring.

U. S. General Appraisers Say One-Quarter Cent Per Pound.

The United States general appraisers have sustained the appeal of Slade Gorton & Co. of this city vs. collector of this port in the matter of assessment of duty upon certain herring.

The merchandise in question is fresh frozen herring which they received from Newfoundland in a British vessel. Following is the decision:

United States General Appraisers, New York, March 28, 1905.

In the matter of protest 148606 of Slade Gordon & Co. against the assessment of duty by the collector of customs at the port of Gloucester.

Before Board 1 (Lunt, Sharretts, and McClelland, General Appraisers.)

Lunt, General Appraiser: We find that Messrs. Slade Gordon & Co. imported into the port of Gloucester, Jan. 9, 1905, certain herring, upon which duty was assessed at three-fourths of 1 cent per pound under paragraph 261 of the tariff act of 1897 as fish frozen not specially provided for in the act. The importers claim said herring to be dutiable at one-fourth of 1 cent per pound under paragraph 260 as fresh herrings.

The herring in question were caught in the waters of Newfoundland in cold weather, and while fresh were spread upon the deck of the vessel, where they were naturally and quickly frozen and thereupon packed in bulk in the hold of the vessel in which they were imported while frozen.

The question for decision is, are these herring specially provided for in paragraph 260 as fresh herring? We are of the opinion that this term, "herrings fresh," covers herring which have not been salted, pickled, smoked, dried, or packed in packages for preservation and that it does include herring which have been naturally frozen while fresh. The protest is sustained.

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# CATCH BAIT FOR BANKERS.

Is the Plan of Capt. R. Frank Evitts of Boston.

IDEA WELL THOUGHT OF HERE.

Headquarters Located at Vamp on Labrador Coast.

Capt. R. Frank Evitts of the sch. Rena of Boston, well known to the fishermen here and at Newfoundland is to engage in the business of securing bait on the coast of Labrador this summer and intends to sell the same to American vessels.

Capt. Evitts is no stranger to the business and is well acquainted with the coast and waters of Newfoundland and Labrador and many captains who have learned of his project say that the plan is a feasible one and that it will help the bankers in securing a bait supply during the fishing season on the banks and thus counteract in no small measure the recent action of Newfoundland in denying us the privilege of buying bait at her ports.

Capt. Evitts has sent the following circular to all the fishing people and ports of New England:

Notice to American Fishermen.

"As the Newfoundland government has prohibited the selling of bait to American vessels (fishing), and as July is a month when herring are not procurable in quantities, or with any degree of certainty, I will, for the purpose of selling herring for bait to American vessels, be in the harbor called Vamp, Labrador, (not named on chart) from about the tenth of May until about August the first. Will keep herring in seines for the above purpose.

"I will put a staff with Red Ball on the east point of entrance, high enough to be seen several miles, and will buoy dangers, if any, in entering the harbor.

"Position of Vamp is latitude about 50 degrees 25 N., longitude about 60 degrees 30 W., about 15 miles to the westward of Cape White, known by a beacon on an island off the Cape.

R. FRANK EVITTS,  
Schooner Rena, Boston."

The harbor of Vamp is six or eight miles from Romau. Many skippers who are acquainted with the condition of things say that Capt. Evitts will have no trouble in getting herring and the result of the enterprise will be watched with interest.

### Fine Fares.

The sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert Porper, arrived from the Gully this morning with a fine fare, 30,000 pounds of halibut. The fare sold to the New England Fish Co. at 12 and 10 cents per pound for white and gray, which means a fine stock and share for the captain and his men. Capt. Porper reports speaking schs. Senator, Thalia and Corona recently.

The sch. Eglantine, Capt. Oscar Benson, is in from Georges this morning, having been gone less than two weeks with another fine trip, 50,000 pounds of fresh cod, 14,000 pounds of salt cod and 5000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Benson is keeping up the gait he struck last season and is certainly doing the biggest kind of a hustle.

### Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, arrived at Boston this morning from her maiden trip with a fine fare, 80,000 pounds of fresh fish.

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## IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted at a Mass Meeting at Bay of Islands.

Citizen Protest Against Things Which Hurt Herring Fishery.

The Bay of Islands Western Star of March 1st states that a mass meeting was held in the court house at Curling the previous night, at which resolutions were adopted protesting against—

1. The whale factory, now under construction at Lark Harbor, as being injurious to the herring and other fisheries prosecuted in this bay.

2. Newfoundland, American and French banking vessels fishing cod with bultows or trawls at the entrance of the different Arms during the herring fishing season each fall, and throwing the offal overboard, which is pernicious to herring fishery.

3. Beam trawlers coming to Bay of Islands for the purpose of fishing with drift nets inside the headlands, and being only hindered through the vigorous protest of the people forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, as this mode of fishing would prove detrimental to the fishermen of this bay.

4. Quantities of herring offal and small herrings being yearly thrown into the waters of the different arms of Bay of Islands, notwithstanding all laws to the contrary, which, if allowed to continue, will totally destroy this most valuable industry—the herring fishery.

5. Small mesh nets year after year used in the prosecution of the fall herring fishery in Bay of Islands, thereby catching and destroying great quantities of small herring.

6. Large numbers of nets being kept in the waters of Bay of Islands during the fall herring fishery at such times when there is no sale for the herring, thereby destroying great quantities of the fish, which aid to pollute the waters.

7. Launches being engaged in catching herring by torch lights in Bay of Islands last fall, going among and destroying fishermen's gear previously set.

8. Sunday fishing, becoming prevalent in Bay of Islands, during the fall herring season, which not only disturbs the peace of the Day, but is a tendency to dishonesty.

## SENDS CUTTER AFTER THEM.

Bond Will Have Bait Act Stringently Enforced.

REGULAR CAMPAIGN BEGUN.

Inspector, Magistrate and Police on the Cutter.

A St. Johns, N. F., despatch of yesterday states that Premier Bond introduced into the legislature on that day a bill to increase the stringency of the bait act against American fishermen. The government has also despatched the revenue cutter Fionia, with Inspector O'Reilly and Magistrate Avery and a force of regular police preventive officers to begin a campaign against American fishing vessels which may attempt to secure bait in Newfoundland waters.

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## OUR LOUISBURG LETTER.

A Big Bait Freezer Is To Be Erected There.

Many Fishermen Are Now Starting in Herring Fishery.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Under date of March 31, our attentive correspondent at Louisburg, C. B., sends us the following letter which will be found of interest:

It is some time since one of the white sailed handsome fishing vessels of Gloucester entered out port, but yesterday evening the schooner Atalanta, Captain Richard Wadding, sailed into the harbor. The schooner came in from Sable Island Peak, and has been away from Gloucester about three weeks. The Atalanta came in to land her cook, George Stoddard, and one of her crew, William Fisher, who are ill. Capt. Wadding reports fishing fairly good about the peak. The schooner has about 50,000 pounds of codfish on board. She is leaking somewhat, and may have to go on the slip.

It appears that on account of the ice not yet being broken up, that the vessel may have to go to Halifax, or she may haul along side one of the wharves here and be grounded at high tide, and then at low water the leak may be discovered and stopped. The Atalanta has a good share of bait on board, enough to complete a good trip of fish.

Petrie & Co., of this town are erecting a cold storage building and plant at this port. They will contain about 400 tons of ice, and 60 tons of bait. They are also erecting smoke houses. They will have a vessel go to Magdalen Islands for a cargo of herring, for their cold storage house. There herring will be sold to the fishermen of his place, and any fishermen needing bait.

Several fishermen from here and Mainacien are fitting out for herring fishery at North Sydney this spring. Last spring those who went there made big money catching herring and selling them to the vessels for bait.

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- Sch. Norman Fisher, Georges, 20,000 lbs. cod.
- Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Preceptor, via Boston, 120,000 fresh fish.
- Sch. Glade Gorton, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. George H. Lubee, shore.

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