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WELL WORTH READING.

Boston Transcript's Editorial on Premier Bond's Action.

Cutting Off Newfoundland's Nose To Spite Her Face.

The recent action of Premier Bond as expressed in his now famous seizure bill and his interpretation of the treaty of 1818 is attracting much newspaper attention, and the following editorial in last evening's Boston Transcript shows how well posted, thinking people are looking at it. The editorial, which is well worth reading, is as follows:

"Newfoundland has started in on a war of retaliation for the wrecking of the Hay-Bond treaty, with the apparent determination to fight it out on this line if it takes several summers. The general purpose of Newfoundland policy is to abolish all the privileges our fishermen have enjoyed in her ports and off her coasts so far as possible.

"Judging from the proclaimed purpose to deny the obvious interpretation of one important clause of the treaty of 1818, Newfoundland would destroy rights as well. On certain coasts the liberty to fish within the three-mile limit was accorded by that treaty to "the inhabitants of the United States."

"The term 'inhabitants' has, until today, been considered as used in the political sense, but now come some Newfoundland lawyers who raise the point that this benefit applies only to American 'citizens.' Under this view an American fishing vessel having among her crew Nova Scotians, Portuguese, Swedes, etc., not naturalized in the United States, has no right to fish on the privileged coast.

"This is an interpretation of the treaty to which the United States cannot for a moment consent. The right was accordod to the 'inhabitants' of the United States, using the word in the broad political sense as of the American people.

"Any inhabitant of the United States may send a vessel to this coast, and similarly he may employ as many aliens in her crew as the laws of the United States on the subject permits.

"The Newfoundland authorities have no right to pass judgment on the legality of the crew list. Our laws are not stbject to their examination and the treaty moreover, is with Great Britain, with which power the United States will remonstrate if the colonial government should carry its retaliation programme to the extent now proposed.

"It is easy to make allowance for Newfoundland's indignation over the Senate's mutilation of the treaty, but she can readily go too far for her own good or for our patience. At present, to adopt a homely old saying, she seems likely to cut off her own nose to spite her face."

Fish Notes.

The local fishermen have been doing fairly well lately. They have plenty of bait and have been getting good hauls of cod and haddock. Yesterday Capt. Bowden brought in 3000 pounds and Capt. Woodbury as many. Capt. Rose also secured 900 pounds.

Fresh Bait.

Schs. Ella M. Goodwin and Vigilant received baitings of fresh alewives here today from John Nagle & Co.

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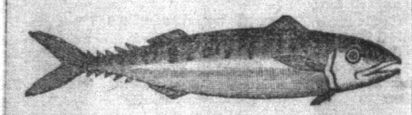
CAPT. JACOBS IN WITH TRIP.

Arrived at Fortress Monroe Last Night.

HAD 34 BBLS. FRESH MACKEREL

Fish Caught 40 Miles East of Cape Henry.



Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, of this port, arrived at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, last night with 34 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Once more has the king of the mackerel fishermen captured the coveted honor of landing the first fare of mackerel of the season. This same honor he also captured last year, and the number of times in seasons past he has been the one to bring in the first trip of the season are so many it is hard work to keep run of them all.

A special to the TIMES announcing the arrival of the Veda M. McKown was received last evening and stated that the craft got her fish 40 miles east of Cape Henry. A number of seiners were in the vicinity but no other hauls were made.

The fish were landed at the large establishment of William Baulch, who prepared the fish for shipment and sent them by fast freight to the consignee, George T. Moon, the well known Fulton Market fish dealer.

Last year the first fare was landed on April 7, Capt. Solomon Jacobs in the sch. Victor, running into Fortress Monroe with 20 barrels of fresh mackerel which were shipped to New York.

In 1903 the first fare was landed by the sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benjamin Spurling, who arrived at New York April 12 with 100 barrels of fresh mackerel.

The good news of the first arrival of the season with mackerel was quickly made public and proved, as usual the sole topic of conversation along the street. The first news to the public was given through a TIMES bulletin posted at the Board of Trade.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Catherine Burke, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Monarch, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Peak, 115,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Yankee, shore.
Sch. Thalia, Georges, halibuting.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Speculator, south, seining.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, haddocking.
Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, haddocding.

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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, $2.25; medium cod, $1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, $2.25, medium $1.62 1-2; cusk, $1.75; haddock, $1.15; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per pound for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Julia Costa, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Frances Walen, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Fish Hawk, 5,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Estelle M. Nunan, 5,000 haddock 5,000 cod.
Sch. Rob Roy, 100,000 fresh mixed fish.
Sch. Pythian, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. George H. Lubee, 13,000 haddock, 400 cod.
Sch. Flavilla, 13,000 haddock, 600 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mary Edith, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Mooween.

Haddock, $1.50 to $2.25; large cod, $3 to $4.50; market cod, $2.25 to $2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Jubilee baited at Edgartown April 5 and sailed. Sch. Niagara baited and sailed from there April 8. Sch. Eglantine arrived there Sunday. Alewives are fairly plenty there and are being sold to the vessels at $1.25 per hundred count.

FIRST FROM THE PEAK.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream Brings Big Fresh Cod Fare.

Reports Seeing Many of the Salt Bank Fleet.

The sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, arrived here this morning, with the first fare of fresh codfish from the Peak this season, 115,000 pounds, a fine trip, the vessel having been gone but a short while.

Capt. Stream reports leaving the ground last Thursday and when he came away about all the salt bank fleet were there. The fishing was very spotty, some days good hauls being made and others very little being taken on the trawls. Capt. Stream reports speaking schs. Atalanta, Sceptre, Arbitrator and Maggie and May.

On Saturday, Sunday and Monday of last week the fleet experienced a heavy northerly gale. At the start of the breeze some of the vessels had their dories out hauling trawls and several had difficulty in getting some of them back.

Several crafts cruised about with flags at half mast but later hauled them down, showing that their missing men had got on board of some other crafts and had been got back all right. One vessel however kept her flag up all day and it is believed that she lost two of her crew by the capsizing of a dory. The vessel could not be made out with certainty by those on the Stream.

From reports which Capt. Stream got from the salt bankers it would seem that fish had not been too plentiful on the Peak. The Stream however has a fine fare and will make a fine stock and share.

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GREAT RAFTS OF MACKEREL.

Sighted by Isaac Brown Aloft on Steamer.

Schools Were 75 Miles South of Delaware Breakwater.

Mr. Isaac Brown of this city, who went to the West Indies as one of the crew of sch. Oceanus, which was recently sold out there from this port, arrived home today and brings a story of great rafts of mackerel which he has told to several captains and which is generally believed as Mr. Brown is an old hand at seining and knows mackerel when he sees them.

Mr. Brown says that he was on a steamer bound to New York from the West Indies and that on Wednesday last just before dark and about 75 miles to the southward of the Delaware breakwater he noticed that the birds were solid and receiving permission he went aloft and had not been there long before the mackerel began to show—great rafts of them.

One of these rafts the steamer went right through. Mr. Brown says that for some little time the fish continued to show. The steamer made the breakwater at 11 o'clock that night so he judged the place where he saw the fish to be about 75 miles to the southward of that place. He is emphatic in his statement that the fish were mackerel and that there were great schools of them and myriads of birds.

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Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Seaconnet, haddocking.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Genesta, shore.
Sch. Olympia, Rips.
Sch. Mary G. Powers, salt and fresh cod-fishing.
Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, halibuting.

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Sch. Flora Sears, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Etta Mildred, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 600 hake.
Sch. Dorothy, 12,000 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Manomet, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Louisa Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 300 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 12,000 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Water Witch, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 35,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 40,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Juniata, 3500 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Emerald, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Haddock, $2.50 to $3; large cod, $4 to $4.50; market cod, $2.50; pollock, $3.

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LOBSTERS' FATE.

They Are Certain of Extinction at Present Decline.

Chairman Field Discusses Use of Dogfish as Food.

The outlook respecting the lobster fishery is again made the subject of complaint and warning by the state board of fish and game commissioners in their annual report, submitted to the legislature yesterday afternoon. The report bears the signature of the new chairman, Dr. George W. Field, and calls attention to the importance of deep sea fisheries. Many pages are devoted to hatching, rearing and distribution of game fish.

"If the statistics of the lobster fishery gathered by this commission," the board says, "gave any encouragement of an increase of abundance, there would be cause for satisfaction. Unfortunately, however, the contrary is true; for the figures show conclusively the same old, dreary decadence of supply that has characterized the lobster fishery for many years, and which has gone on with a regularity and irresistible force of the movements of an ice floe.

"If this continues (and there is no present indication of anything else), the outcome, the commercial extinction of the lobster, is as sure to result as day is to follow night. There has been an increase of pots per man, but a falling off in the catch per pot from 33 in 1903 to 28 1-2 in 1905, or a decadence of about 14 per cent. In 13 years there has been a decrease of more than 66 per cent. in the catch of lobsters per pot. Is it necessary to say more?"

The board says that the shellfishing industry suffered a severe blow through the practical destruction of extensive areas suitable for the production of shellfish by the encroachment of sewage and other sources of pollution upon clam and quahaug beds. The board calls attention to the inroads made by the dogfish, and discusses again the use for food to which the fish has been put in Newfoundland and other places.

Under the head of new legislation the board again recommends the passage of the bill, which was defeated last year, providing that all lobster meat must be sold and delivered in the shell.

The report says that the present lobster laws are difficult of enforcement, but that fear of the commission's launch Scoter checks the possession of short lobsters in Boston harbor and vicinity.

It recommends the requirement of a permit for the catching of lobsters for sale, and that it may be taken away from those convicted of violating the lobster law.

It is also recommended that the commission be authorized to institute a system of clam propagation.

MONSTER TRIP.

Sch. Masconomo Has the Banner Georges Halibut Fare.

Has 70,000 Pounds Fresh and 30,000 Salt Cod.

The sch. Masconomo, Capt. Isaac Marchant, engaged in Georges halibuting, arrived this afternoon with the banner trip at this kind of fishing of the season and one of the best for years, hailing for 70,000 pounds of fresh cod, 30,000 pounds of salt cod and 1200 pounds of halibut. Capt. Marchant was known to be on good fishing and was expected to have a good trip when he came, but a fare of the size he has brought in shows that he must have struck extra good fishing. Capt. Marchant is a master mariner who has landed good fares before and a man of good judgment and ability. The Masconomo is owned by Cunningham & Thompson.

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VESSEL DETAINED.

Sch. Tattler Held at Liverpool on Slight Charge.

Offence Was Committed About Two Years Ago.

No farther reports have been heard confirmatory to the despatch received in regard to the seizure of a vessel at Newfoundland supposed to be sch. Maud M. Story, and it is believed here that there is no truth in the report, or the owner, Capt. Carl C. Young, would by this time have received some word of the same. Up to this forenoon Capt. Young had received no word.

In regard to the despatch about a vessel being seized at Newfoundland, with which craft the despatch said Capt. Solomon Jacobs had something to do at the time, there appears to be no truth whatever, and it appears to have emanated from the fact that sch. Tattler of this port, now bound on a codfish seining trip, which put into Liverpool, N. S., from the fishing ground, Monday, to land one of her crew who was ill, was held there by the Canadian authorities on a charge of violating the regulations, the offence being committed some two years ago, when the vessel, on the way to Newfoundland, touched at Port Mulgrave and the skipper, although entering and clearing his vessel in a proper manner, neglected to report that he landed a passenger at that place. This is the offence for which the vessel is held.

The detaining of the vessel is not expected by the owners, D. B. Smith & Co. of this city, who long ago became aware of the breach of the law which had been committed and have notified their willingness to the authorities at Ottawa to pay the fine which would be imposed and thus save any future detention of the craft. To this the officials informed them the fine could not be imposed until the craft was in their hands, although they appreciated the straightforwardness of the firm in wishing to at once settle for the infraction of the laws.

Consequently when Capt. Geel sailed a few days ago, he was in possession of all the papers pertaining to the case and it is anticipated that as the infraction in this case is not a very serious offence, the vessel will soon be released on the payment of a nominal fine. The attitude of D. B. Smith & Co., the owners of the vessel, when it learned that Canadian laws had been infringed, desiring to make prompt reparation, is most commendable and will no doubt operate in their favor.

A RECORD PRICE.

Capt. Jacobs' Mackerel Brought 50 Cents Each.

The Fish Weighed Over Two Pounds Each.

The fare of fresh mackerel which sch. Veda M. McKown landed at Fortress Monroe night before last arrived at New York yesterday forenoon and the consignee, George T. Moon, soon had them going lively at the record price of 50 cents each, which is believed to be the highest price ever paid for fresh mackerel at Fulton Market. The fish came through in good condition and were beauties, going from two pounds to two and a half pounds each.