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### HIGHWAY NOTES.

#### Season's Work on Improvements and Repairs Commenced.

The highway department has commenced work on repairs and improvements for the season, the first large job being the macadamizing of a stretch of Washington street, Riverdale, near the residence of Osman Babson. This is the first piece of permanent work that has been done on the highways by the new administration, and it looks as if, when completed it would be a first-class job.

#### Sailed for More Pollock.

Sch. Ralph E. Eaton, which arrived here yesterday with a fare of fresh pollock from Provincetown, sailed from there for another load yesterday afternoon.

#### Halibut Sale.

The fresh halibut fare of sch. Tacoma sold to the New England Fish Co., at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents for gray, to take out tomorrow.

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### FROM THE PEAK.

#### Sch. Slade Gordon Brings Poor Fishing News.

#### Fleet of Thirty Shacks and Banks Were There.

Sch. Slade Gordon, Capt. George E. Heckman, arrived yesterday afternoon from the Peak, with a broken trip, 30,000 pounds of fresh fish, something unusual for Capt. Heckman, who has always been noted for his big fares. A combination of poor weather, scarcity of fish and small sized fresh bait which spoiled was responsible for the small fare.

Capt. Heckman reports that when he left the Peak, six days ago, there were about 30 sail of shacks and salt bankers there, many of the latter having been to land at Nova Scotia and were fishing on their second baitings. Some of the salt bankers did fairly well on their first baiting, while some had done poorly.

When the Slade Gordon left home, three vessels were doing very little, although the day before sch. Onato got a fair day's fishing.

Among the vessels spoken by the Slade Gordon were schs. Maryland, Flirt, Mary F. Curtis, Fanny Prescott and Onato.

### ONE LARGE MACKEREL

#### Taken in a Trap at Chatham on Thursday.

One large fresh mackerel was received at Boston Thursday from the traps at Chatham, Cape Cod. This is the first one caught on the New England coast this season.

Up to date the southern mackerel fleet this season has landed 61 barrels of fresh mackerel against 865 barrels to date last spring. In 1903 up to this date, the southern fleet landed 8331 barrels of fresh mackerel.

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### IDEAL BAIT STATION.

#### Says Capt. Alex. McEachern of North Sidney.

#### Great Quantities of Squid Could Be Taken There.

The North Sydney, C. B., Herald of April 26 has an interesting interview with Capt. Alex. McEachern of the salt banker Maggie and May of this port. Capt. McEachern is one of our leading master mariners and a prominent citizen and the interview with him is as follows:

Capt. Alex. McEachern, master and owner of the Gloucester fishing schooner Maggie May, is in port purchasing a supply of bait. Capt. McEachern is a native of Long Point, Inverness county. Twenty-eight years ago he left his home for Gloucester, and is today one of the most prosperous and successful captains engaged in the fishing industry out of that great fishing port. The captain is in the prime of life and expects yet to spend many years of his life in the prosecution of the fishing industry.

"He says Gloucester is one of the liveliest and wealthiest cities in the United States for its population, its chief industry being the prosecution of the fisheries. Its trade connections with other cities is very extensive, for it is really Gloucester that supplies the people of the eastern seaboard cities with food fish. Every year, he says, the demand for fish is increasing, as people in the United States are consuming more of this article of food than they did in former years.

"Capt. McEachern thinks that North Sydney is an ideal point for a great fishing industry. He says that the best fishing banks are around this island; far better than the Grand Banks, which, of recent years, are becoming depleted of cod. He says that not only Gloucester fishing vessels fish on the Cape Breton but the St. Pierre Frenchmen, the Newfoundlanders, besides Western Nova Scotia vessels fish today on the cod banks around Cape Breton more than they do on the Grand Banks.

With regard to bait, Capt. McEachern says that with a seine the whole fleet of Gloucester could be loaded in one week between Cow Bay Head and Cape St. Lawrence, in September and October, with squid, the best bait fishermen can have. Last fall Gloucester mackerel seiners threw their seines at night for mackerel, and found them loaded with squid instead of mackerel, which they had to empty back into the water.

"Hundreds of tons of squid can be easily taken off Sydney Harbor, the captain states, in September and October, any dark night. He thinks that if there was a large bait plant here, the fishermen, not only the Provincial fishermen, but fishermen from abroad could be supplied with squid and herring bait, the squid bait being far superior, and could easily bring two or three cents per pound. The St. Pierre fishermen would pay four cents per pound for squid if landed there from a North Sydney freezer. He also states that squid can be kept in a freezer for three years and be suitable for bait. He is surprised that North Sydney has not been made a great bait depot years ago."

### Lobster Hearings.

The committee on fisheries and game will grant a hearing on Wednesday forenoon at 10.30 o'clock at room 505, State House, on so much of the committee's report as relates to the sale of lobster meat, also for the granting of permits for the catching of lobsters.

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### HAS RELATIVES HERE.

#### Capt. Bonia of Placentia Expresses His Views

#### In Newfoundland Assembly on Premier's Exclusion Act.

Capt. Bonia, the member of the Newfoundland assembly from the district of Placentia, was one of the speakers in the long debate in that body which preceded the passing of the bill prepared by Premier Bond for the exclusion of American vessels from purchasing bait licenses at Newfoundland.

Capt. Bonia is a brother of Capt. Joseph Bonia of this city, who commands sch. Maxine Elliott. He also had other relatives as a number of friends in this city and therefore his remarks on the bill may be interesting at this time. The St. John's, N. F., Herald speaks of it as follows:

"Capt. Bonia came next with a vigorous speech in which he supported the bill from the standpoint of a practical fisherman. We had always been friendly with the Americans but their senate has ill repaid us. Now we should assert ourselves. We had the key to the fisheries and should not lend it, much less give it to the Americans, unless they guaranteed us an equivalent. We had the bait; the Americans and Canadians could not cut under us any more than did the French, who boasted at first that they would not leave us a haddock, but now were seeking our bait on any terms. We should hold on to our bait. At Cape St. Mary's, in the herring time, 400 crafts would be fishing and lack of bait for five or six weeks would lose them 35,000 quintals, worth \$100,000. The Bond-Hay treaty would give us an equivalent for our bait; we could get our salt bulk fish into America, with its market of 80,000,000 people, and he, who had spent most of his days at the fishery, would be glad to return to it under the conditions created by the Bond-Hay treaty. He sympathized with the Americans, but the interests of his constituents were his first consideration."

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

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

Sch. Walter P. Goulet, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50, for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Preceptor, shacking.  
Sch. Massasoit, south netting.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shacking.  
Sch. Niagara, Georges halibuting.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulet, shacking.

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**Boston.**

Sch. Lucy B., 3000 haddock.  
 Sch. Joseph H. Warren, 20,000 pollock.  
 Sch. Eva Avina, 3500 cod.  
 Sch. Rapidan, 6000 haddock, 200 cod.  
 Sch. Water Witch, 8000 pollock.  
 Sch. Stranger, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod  
 300 hake, 200 pollock.  
 Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., 75,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1500 hake.  
 Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50; large cod, \$2 to \$2.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.12 1-2; cusk, \$1.50.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Schs. Valkyrie, Onoto, Ellen F. Gleason and Indiana were at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.  
 Sch. Thalia was at Liverpool, N. S., on Wednesday and cleared.  
 Schs. Madonna and Hiram Lowell were at Queensport, N. S., on Wednesday and cleared.

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**LARGE FISH RECEIPTS.**

**Several Shackers Bring Good Fares This Morning.**

**Vessels Report Fish Very Scarce on the Peak.**

The fish receipts here today are among the largest of the year, and beside a trip of fresh halibut, a fare of salt Georges cod and one of salt pollock, comprises 700,000 pounds of fresh fish. Most of this shack is from the Peak, where the vessels are not doing very well according to the latest reports, finding codfish very scarce. The shackers here from there this morning report poor fishing and that the salt bankers are also finding but few fish. They report however, that the Flirt and Arbitrator did well.

Schs. Quickstep and Titania are both from the Bay of Fundy and each has over half cusk in trips of 100,000 pounds of fish. Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James Goodwin, has a fine fare, 110,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly cod. The Goodwin went first to the Peak, but found fish so scarce that Capt. Goodwin decided to shift, and came up on Liscomb Ridges, where he found fine fishing and nice fish.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, from the Peak, has 100,000 pounds of fresh fish. Capt. Thomas reports fish very scarce and the fare was secured only by the hardest kind of grubbing, 7000 pounds being about the most taken in one day. Sch. Mystery, from the Peak, has 90,000 pounds of fresh fish and the Richard Wainwright from La Have bank has 100,000 pounds fresh. From Provincetown the sch. Addie M. Story has 90,000 pounds of salt pollock and sch. Lorna Doone from Georges has 12,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Herman, is in this morning with a fine fare, 25,000 pounds of new halibut, having been gone but 20 days. Sch. Fanny Prescott, from the Peak with 60,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Francis J. O'Hara from Boston with the same amount complete the arrivals here, at 7 o'clock this morning.

**Bait at Boothbay.**

F. C. Littlefield of Boothbay Harbor telegraphs this morning that he has 2000 bushels of bait today.

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 Sch. Richard Wainwright, La Have Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Titania, Bay of Fundy, 100,000 lbs fresh fish.  
 Sch. Fanny Prescott, Peak, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Paragon, Quero Bank, 25,000 lbs. halibut.  
 Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Liscomb Ridges, 110,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Lorna Doone, Georges, 12,000 lbs. cod.  
 Sch. Addie M. Story, Provincetown, 90,000 lbs. salt pollock.  
 Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
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 Sch. Angielena, via Boston.  
 Sloop Viola, shore.

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**Boston.**

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 6000 haddock, 300 cod, 600 hake.  
 Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 13,000 haddock.  
 Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
 Sch. Laura Enos, 5500 cod.  
 Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 20,000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
 Sch. Annie Perry, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Alice Guthrie, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Minerva, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Boyd and Lee ls, 18,000 cod.  
 Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Louisa Cabral, 27,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Isaac Collins, 1000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 12,000 halibut.  
 Sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 18,000 pollock.  
 Sch. Philip L. Manta, 8000 haddock, 100 cod.  
 Sch. Emily Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, 9000 haddock, 500 cod.  
 Sch. Two Forty, 13,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
 Sch. Genesta, 15,000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
 Sch. Annie and Jennie, 800 haddock, 18,000 cod.  
 Sch. Eva Mildred, 1000 haddock, 9000 cod, 10,000 hake, 3000 cusk.  
 Sch. Torpedo, 100 haddock, 700 cod  
 Sch. Jessie P., 1000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
 Sch. E. A. Hooper, 500 haddock, 1600 cod.  
 Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 18,000 haddock, 700 cod.  
 Sch. Rose Standish, 9700 cod.  
 Sch. Mary E. Stone, 4000 cod.  
 Sch. Olivia Sears, 2200 cod.  
 Sch. Ignatius Maos, 4000 cod.  
 Sch. Rose Cabral, 6000 haddock.  
 Sch. Viking, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.85; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.50.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Capt. Douglass McLean is fitting sch. Lucinda I. Lowell for mackerel seining.  
 Sch. Minette is at this port from Portland to fit for southern mackerel netting.  
 Schs. Valkyrie, Indiana, W. E. Morrissey and Puritan sailed from Canso on Friday.  
 Sch. Ralph F. Hodgdon was at Caribou Cove Friday.  
 Sch. Maggie and May was at North Sydney Thursday and cleared.  
 Sch. Angielena is here from Boston to fit for southern mackerel netting.  
 Schs. Orpheus, Admiral Dewey and Maryland were at Canso last Thursday.  
 Schs. Bohemia and Senator Gardner sailed from Queensport, N. S., last Thursday.  
 Sch. Senator was at Shelburne last Thursday and cleared.

**Predicts Downfall of Bond Government.**

The North Sydney, C. B., Record of April 27 says:  
 "R. H. Earle is again in town from St. John's, N. F., per steamer Bruce on his way to Great Britain. He reports Newfoundlanders as much agitated over the bait question. Mr. Cashen, a noted expert on fishery matters, has seceded from the Bond party for interfering with the American fishermen. Mr. Earle prognosticates the downfall of the Bond government."

**Still Frozen In.**

A despatch from North Sydney, C. B., dated April 27, states that the vessels at Bay of Islands, N. F., were still frozen in.

**Advice to Newfoundland.**

A Newfoundland exchange is inclined to credit the sincerity of the American executive relative to again taking up the Hay-Bond treats, but very pertinently comments that the next session of the United States senate will not convene until December, when the same counsels may again prevail. "They have bluffed us for 15 years on one pretext or another," says our contemporary, "and now that we have put our hand to the plough we should not turn back." If they are well advised, they will not do so.—New York Fishing Gazette.

**Big Trip for Former Gloucester Craft.**

The fishing smack A. S. Caswell of New York, formerly of this port, which has been at the grounds of Hatteras, arrived at Norfolk, April 18, with colors flying, having something like \$3000 worth of the blue fish aboard. The fish were immediately packed in ice to New York. The catch was one of the largest of the season, some of the fish averaging 10 and 11 pounds in weight.

**SALMON ON TRAWL.**

**Large Fish Taken on Grand Banks by Fishing Vessel.**

Among the fare of the Halifax fishing schooner Grace D. Day, which arrived at that port Saturday from Grand Banks, was a 25-pound salmon, which had been taken in a cod trawl on the western banks.