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WESTERN HALIBUT NOTES.

Fish Reported Scarce on the Pacific Coast.

The New England Fish Company's steamer Kingfisher arrived at Vancouver, C. B., November 27, with 70,000 pounds of halibut, all taken in Hecate Strait. The craft was out 16 days, the long cruise being due to bad weather and scarcity of fish. Report has it that fish are scarce, and the Kingfisher's crew landed their catch in two short shifts. The steamer tried to fish in Alaskan waters off Coronation Island, but bad weather prevented.

At the Dominion fishery conference now being held at Victoria, John Wallace was called to express himself on the halibut fishing situation. He pointed out that there were boats fishing out of Seattle and making use of Canadian ports in the north which brought no money to Vancouver. He urged that the government should make arrangements to compel the ground fishing boats to do their business through Vancouver. An important consideration in this respect was that if the whole industry were centered through Vancouver, a fast freight would be established and something equivalent to an express service at freight rates would be possible.

STILL GETTING HERRING.

Sch. Carrie W. Babson Bound Home with Salt Fare.

Sch. Senator Gardner and One Other Probably Loaded.

Late advices from Bay of Islands, N. F., state that the fleet are still getting herring, although the fish are by no means abundant or plenty.

Sch. Carrie W. Babson has loaded and sailed for home with a full cargo of salt herring.

Sch. Senator Gardner has loaded and one other vessel is also believed to have finished loading.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Hope, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mattakeesett, 7000 haddock, 700 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod 1000 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 5500 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Viking, 7000 haddock, 400 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Juno, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. W. H. Rider, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 1000 haddock, 200 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

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Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt handline Georges codfish, $5.25 per cwt. for large, $4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, $5 for large, $4.00 for medium.

Salt hake, $1.75.

Salt haddock, $1.75.

Salt cusk, $2.50.

Fresh large codfish, $2.50, medium do., $1.75.

Fresh haddock, $1.20.

Fresh hake, $1.10.

Fresh cusk, $1.75.

Large salt mackerel, $24 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, $10.25 per bbl.

Large fresh mackerel, 25 cts. each.

Flitched halibut, 6 cts. per lb.

Fresh bait herring, $2.50 to $3 per bbl.

Salt trawl bank codfish, $4.50 for large, $4.00 for medium, $2.75 for snappers.

Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Fresh pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.

Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, $4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, $5.75 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 14,000 haddock, 800 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Rapidan, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 4000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Appomattox, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Flavilla, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Mary Cabral, 3500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Mina Swim, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Haddock, $4; large cod, $4; market cod, $3; hake $1.50; pollock, $1.50 to $1.75.

DOGFISH PLAGUE.

Now Infests the Waters of the British Isles.

Fishermen Say It Is Growing Much Worse Yearly.

An English exchange, in speaking of dogfish, shows that our coast is not the only one which is ravaged by these pests. The report says that before the ravages of the dogfish, the off shore fishermen are also obliged to give up business and return with their nets torn and trawls filled with these fish for which there is no market. They speak of the advent of the dogfish as a plague and say that the plague is increasing yearly not only in the waters of the British Isles, but in territorial waters as well.

"The story is simple. Dogfish hang upon the outskirts of immense shoals of pilchards, driving them towards the English Channel and into the sheltered bays of the Cornish coast, wherein they are captured in seines and drift nets. The more venturesome of our drifters meet them early in the season in the deep waters of the Channel, but the evil day comes when the keen hunters approach the shore and prey upon the fish, now feeding with a delicious sense of security in sheltered bights and bays.

"Our fishermen know the fact all too soon when their nets hang in ribbons and the captured fish are devoured already or remain in the mesh in all shapes of mutilation. Formerly this 'plague' was recurrent, and old men speak of long intervals between one plague and another; but now the dogs have multiplied out of all proportion, grown bolder, and hang on to their prey even when the men are drawing in their nets, or what is left of them."

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GLOUCESTER FISHERMAN

Now Engaged in Halibuting on the Alaskan Coast.

Reads the Times in That Far Away Country.

A letter has been received here recently from Mr. Andrew Peterson, formerly a well known fisherman of this city, which states that he is now engaged in halibuting way up on the Alaskan coast and wants to be remembered to his many friends. The letter also shows the wide circulation of the TIMES, for there, way up in far away Alaska, in Juneau, Mr. Peterson sees the TIMES and reads of a friend's success. The letter is as follows:

Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 15, 1905.

Dear friend:—As I have lots of spare time at present, I thought I would send you a few words and tell you I am in the halibut business again this winter. There is not very much doing on account of the low market. I saw in the Gloucester TIMES that you are increasing your business and am proud to see that an old friend is getting along.

Times are about the same as when I first came out on the coast with the exception of a little increse in wages from the company for going to Behring Sea in the summer.

I have no interesting news for you, only I think the Vancouver fishing steamers find the fish scarce on the coast, as they come way up here and fish close in to land.

Tell my friends I am doing very well.

Andrew Peterson,
Sloop Rescue, Petersburg, Alaska.

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Sch. Blanche F. Irving, pollocking.

Sch. Two Sisters, pollocking.

Sch. Reliance, pollocking.

Sloop Ignatius Enos, pollocking.

Sloop Sachem, pollocking.

Sch. Dixie, shore.

Br. sch. Percy Roy, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1400 bbls. salt herring.

Br. sch. Roanoke, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1875 bbls. salt herring.

Br. sch. Ulva, Green Bay, N. F., 1500 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Mattakeesett, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.

Sch. Julietta, pollocking.

Sch. Seaconnet, shore.

Sch. Albert Geiger, shore.

Sch. Mettacomet, pollocking.

Sch. James S. Steele, shore.

Sch. Titania, South Channel.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.

Sch. Ramona, shore.

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