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NO CUTTER AT PRESENT.

So Say Authorities to the Board of Trade Request.

OPEN WINTER GIVEN AS REASON

If Bay Freezes One Will Be Sent Immediately.

A special despatch to the TIMES from its Washington correspondent this morning says that Secretary of State Root and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Metcalf have decided adversely on the application of the committee of the Gloucester Board of Trade asking that a revenue cutter be sent to the Bay of Islands, N. F., to be on hand in case the fleet of Gloucester fishing vessels engaged in the herring fisheries at that place become frozen in the ice.

For several years the fleet have been frozen in the bay and last year the revenue cutter Seminole was sent to the locality to break the ice that the vessels could be released, but the time consumed in getting the cutter to the scene resulted in considerable delay and prevented the successful outcome of the plan.

For this reason the Board of Trade thought that a revenue cutter should be sent at once, so as to be on the spot in case the bay starts to freeze up. In view of the open winter so far experienced, the state and commerce and labor departments have decided that it is not practicable to despatch a cutter to the scene at this time, and have informed Congressman Gardner to this effect.

Secretary Metcalf further stated, however, that in case the bay freezes up in the future at any time, a revenue cutter will be immediately despatched to the scene without delay.

MORE AND LARGER FISH.

Than Ever Before Says Capt. Hans Joyce, Halibut King.

Capt. Hans Joyce of the Pacific coast fishing steamer Kingfisher, in speaking about the recent trip of the steamer, when he landed 100,000 pounds of fresh halibut said there were now more and larger fish than ever he saw on the banks before. The steamer fished near Dixon's Entrance and the fish brought in were every one of them of a good average size and in first class order. Bad weather during the whole voyage is given as the cause of the Kingfisher returning with so small a catch. Capt. Joyce says the banks are swarming with fish of every description and had they been favored with any reasonable kind of weather they would have returned with a shipful of fish and been back days before.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

Board of Trade Members Discuss Matters of Interest.

President Cunningham Declines To Be Re-elected.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held at the rooms at 10 o'clock this forenoon, President Sylvester Cunningham presiding.

Those present were Sylvester Cunningham, E. K. Burnham, John J. Pew, Thomas J. Carroll, William W. Wixon, Hugh Parkhurst, George A. Smith, Capt. Thomas Hodge, William Parsons, John J. Stanwood, Orlando Merchant, Howard Steele, William T. Shate, Nathaniel L. Gorton, Charles A. Reed, William A. King, Fitz J. Babson, Fred Bradley, Charles H. M. Hazel, Howard H. Oaks, Fred A. Pearce, Capt. Jerome McDonald, Fred L. Davis, Francis Procter, Capt. John Chisholm, Charles H. Andrews, William F. Moore, James E. Bradley, Benjamin A. Smith, John G. Daggett and Austin P. Young.

Secretary Edward K. Burnham made the following report:

At the annual meeting in January 1905, the membership consisted of 94. The following new members have been secured; Lemuel E. Spinney, John A. Coffin, Arthur D. Story, Joseph O. Procter, Henry F. Atwood and Ruben Brooks, making 100. Messrs. John E. Somes and Cyrus Story have passed away, leaving, with six withdrawals, a membership at present of 92. There are 90 voting members and two associate members, the Vinalhaven Fish Co. and Fernald & Co.

There has been collected for dues \$930, and of that amount \$640 was paid to the late Cyrus Story and \$290 to myself as acting treasurer and is accounted for in another report.

The total receipts for the year have been \$952.22; total payments \$1021.18. The amount on hand at present is \$253.97, as against \$322.93 at the annual meeting last year, a loss of \$68.96.

In addition to this Mr. Burnham made the following supplementary report:

In 1890 the membership was 127, and of these 80 are now members and 24 of these have been members continuously. In that

year the receipts were \$677 and the expenditures \$434.

The report of the secretary was accepted.

Mr. Arthur L. Millett, statistician of the board, made a brief report of the work of that department for the past year.

Mr. John J. Pew, chairman of the fisheries committee, made the following report:

Our first meeting during the year was held February 28, and the following prices were made:

	Per 100 lbs.
Large hand line salted Georges codfish.	\$5.00
Medium hand line salted Georges codfish.	4.00
Large western codfish fresh.	2.50
Medium western codfish fresh.	2.00
Large eastern codfish.	2.25
Medium eastern codfish.	1.75
Haddock.	1.25
Clask.	1.75
Hake.	.90
Pollock.	.70

April 18, the following prices were made on Bank codfish:

	Per 100 lbs.
Salted large Bank codfish.	\$3.5-8
Medium Bank codfish.	3.3-8

During the year the committee have held 23 meetings, and prices for both salt and fresh fish from the vessels have been made as the circumstances and conditions of the market seemed to warrant. On the whole high prices have been paid, and at times on some grades more than the market would support. Seemingly your committee have been "optimists."

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The last meeting of the committee for the year was September 5. It was deemed that inexpedient to make prices for the remainder of the year, and to leave the matter with the buyer and seller to make what prices they could agree upon regardless of the Board of Trade committee.

We cite here the report of United States Bureau of Fisheries of the fish receipts from American fishing vessels landed at Gloucester and Boston for the year 1904. It states the amount as 171,000,000 pounds and of this 171,000,000 pounds, 112,000,000 pounds were caught from the fishing grounds west of 66 degrees longitude.

This longitude is the extreme western point of the coast of Nova Scotia.

The 59,000,000 pounds caught east of longitude 66 include about 35,000,000 pounds of codfish and halibut caught on Grand Banks and adjacent banks, and free to fish on by citizens of the whole world, no one country having priority over another in the matter.

We think when the yearly United States report of 1907 of the fisheries is compiled, it will show the same proportion in the catch west of longitude 66 as that of 1901.

As to Gloucester's receipts of codfish and other ground fish, we estimate it when cured at 450,000 quintals.

We notice that there has been an increase in Gloucester's export trade, since thousands of quintals have been hard cured and shipped out of the country. Prior to 1848, about all the fish cured here were hard cured, mostly for export out of the state and country.

It is pleasing to note that the business of Gloucester in volume for 1904 as by the Massachusetts census report, amounted to \$10,000,000, exceeding the business volume of several of the larger cities of Massachusetts and standing 16th among the 33 cities.

A business (the fisheries) wide reaching in extent, historical in all of its settings, 284 years old, ought to commend itself to the pride and patriotism of every Massachusetts citizen, and no one engaged in the fisheries ought to be compelled to watch the Massachusetts state legislature with anxiety for fear of hostile legislation.

On the whole a high range of prices prevailed during the year, as high as \$5.1-4 and \$4.1-3 for large salted and medium Georges codfish, and \$4.1-2 and \$4 for large and medium Bank codfish, also \$3.1-2 for large fresh codfish per 100 lbs.

We are indebted to Mr. Millett, the marine reporter of the Board of Trade for a valuable compilation of the fishery receipts of Gloucester for 1903, and also of the receipts of Gloucester vessels landed at other ports. In all they foot up a grand total of 157,100,818 lbs. being 22,000,000 pounds more than the receipts of 1904, and 33,000,000 pounds more than the receipts of 1903.

It will be noticed that our fisheries are not decreasing. They are more diversified than ever before and not confined only to a few lines as prevailed 50 years ago. While our vessels are less in number than some years ago, they are much larger per vessel than ever before, carrying more men and more scientific apparatus for catching fish, so that not as many vessels are required to supply the market.

It has been stated so many times, and so many people have been so misled as to believe, that the New England fishing fleet has to depend principally upon the Banks lying off the coast of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland for their fishing ground. We state here that the fishing grounds off the coast of New England are those grounds where the most codfish and other ground fish are caught by the New England fleet.

During the months of October, November and part of December of this year, about 16,000,000 pounds of pollock alone were caught at Eastern Point, Gloucester.

The report of the fisheries committee was accepted.

Charles W. Powers, James E. Ryan and J. Etwell Woodbury were elected to membership. E. K. Burnham was re-elected secretary, and also elected treasurer.

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Messrs. Thomas J. Carroll, George A. Smith and Hugh Parkhurst were appointed to bring in a list of 13 directors, and reported as follows: Francis Procter, John J. Stanwood, Charles A. Reed, William P. Moore, Sylvanus Smith, John K. Dustin, William H. Jordan, Fred L. Davis, Howard Steele, Thomas J. Carroll, A. Ernest Walen, William Parsons, Benjamin A. Smith, Fred A. Pearce and George A. Smith.

On motion of Mr. John J. Pew the list as brought in by the committee was elected.

Just previous to the retirement of the committee, President Cunningham stated that he would say officially to the board now what he had several times late said to some of the members personally, and that was that he should have to positively decline to serve again as president, and he hoped the committee would act in accordance with this when making up the list of directors.

Previous to the retiring of the committee, Mr. John J. Stanwood stated that he wanted to say a few words about a modest member, one who said little and did considerable. In the matter of the Newfoundland fishery trouble he had acted with credit to himself and the board, and the work he did at Washington showed his remarkable adaptability for handling such serious matters successfully and he moved that it be the sense of the meeting that the committee consider the name of Mr. Benjamin A. Smith when making up its list of the board of directors. The motion was carried.

In closing Mr. Stanwood, referred to the good work which had been accomplished by the retiring president, Mr. Cunningham. Personally he appreciated all that he had done and he thought every member of the board felt as he did.

After the report of the committee and the election of the directors, Mr. John J. Pew spoke at some length on the good work which Mr. Cunningham had done for the board during the years he had been its president. Much of the most important work had been done in a very quiet, modest manner and practically unknown to the outside world. Especially at Washington, on matters greatly affecting the whole fishing interest, had his influence and hard work been manifest. He looked carefully after everything. The speaker regretted exceedingly that Mr. Cunningham had decided to retire. To him he wished to extend personally his thanks for his long and valuable service, and he moved that the board tender to him a rising vote of thanks in recognition of his faithful and efficient service.

Mr. John J. Stanwood seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Cunningham thanked the board for its expression of good will. He felt that the work had been largely done by all hands and the committees. He believed that in all matters relating to the fisheries or the fishing interest, the Board of Trade should be the organization recognized as representing them. He believed it was safer that this be so, as those most interested would thus be speaking for themselves in a body, instead of having somebody else speaking for them. In following out this idea, he believed the one to speak for the Board of Trade on these matters should be the president, the one who was intrusted with the leadership of the organization. A man in this position would be very careful what he said and how he acted when he felt that he was representing this industry.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Squanto, Gully, 14,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Kentucky, Cape Shore, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. William H. Cross, Eastport, Me., 80 bbls. frozen herring, 1000 cases sardines.
- Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.
- Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.
- Sch. Ramona, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Speculator, haddocking.
- Sch. Valentians, shore.
- Sch. Niagara, halibuting.

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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, 00 for medium.
- Salt hake, \$1.75
- Salt haddock, \$1.75.
- Salt cusk, \$2.50.
- 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.
- Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.
- Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.
- Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Boston.

- Sch. Robert and Arthur, 30 000 haddock.
- Sch. Yakima, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 15,000 haddock.
- Sch. Albert Geiger, 2000 haddock, 7000 cod 2000 hake.
- Sch. Shepherd King, 10,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2500 hake.
- Sch. Moanam, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Quonnapowitt, 12,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
- Sch. Marbasset, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Orinoco, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
- Sch. Juao, 20,000 haddock.
- Sch. Frank Butler, 89,000 lbs. frozen herring.
- Sch. Muriel, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 800 halibut.
- Sch. Moparch, 25,000 haddock.
- Sch. Misa Swim, 10,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Richard M. Nunan, 8000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Seaconnet, 9000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 hake.
- Haddock, \$1.50 to \$4.25; large cod, \$4 to \$6; market cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50; hake, \$3.50 to \$5; cusk, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Smuggler was at Liverpool yesterday

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THE HERRING FLEET.

Probability Now That All Will Secure Cargoes.

Capt. Carl C. Young Returned Home Last Night.

Capt. Carl C. Young, who has been at Bay of Islands, N. F., looking after the loading of his three vessels, schs. Dauntless, A. E. Whyland and W. E. Morrissey, returned home last evening. He left the fleet Monday afternoon, all the vessels being in the Middle Arm. Herring are quite plenty and there was no sign of ice. There was considerable frost, and unless a spell of very bad weather should set in, it looked as though all the fleet would secure cargoes. There had been no hitches or trouble of any kind.

A letter to the Boston Fish Bureau from Bay of Islands, N. F., and dated January 4 says that the Humber is frozen over solid. Herring were plenty and all the vessels had their scaffolds full. All the Nova Scotia vessels had loaded and the American fleet would finish up next (this) week. Everybody was hustling as they were anxious to get out as soon as possible so they would not have to take chances of being frozen in.

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- Sch. Ella G. King, Georges, 13,000 lbs. salt cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Orinoco, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Lafayette, Boothbay Harbor, Me., 200 bbls. frozen herring.
- Sch. Winnifred, shore.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston.
- Sch. Monarch, via Boston.

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Boston.

- Sch. Triton, 90,000 lbs. frozen herring.
- Sch. Illinois, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 25,000 haddock.
- Sch. Betbina P. Domingoes, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Mand F. Silva, 7000 haddock, 1200 cod.
- Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Mary Edith, 5000 haddock.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, 4000 haddock, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Yankee, 1500 haddock, 7000 cod.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Kernwood, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Hope, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Evangeline, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Rapidan, 500 haddock, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Matchless, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Selma, 7000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake, 4000 cusk.
- Haddock, \$1.60 to \$4; large cod, \$3.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$5.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Louisa Polleys was at Shelburne on Monday.

Good Stock.

The market fisherman Theresa and Alice, Capt. George Perry, has been making a big record recently, in 10 days the crew sharing \$30 to a man. Tuesday morning she came into T wharf and landed a \$500 fare, caught in three days, while some of the vessels were lying in the dock.