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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Atalanta, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1100 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Indiana, Georges, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Louisa Polleys, Georges, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.

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 10 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. Preceptor, 15,000 haddock, 15,000 cod

Sch. Lucania, 3500 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 35,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Catherine D. Burke, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, 53,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 45,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. James W. Parker, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 35,000 haddock.

Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, 70,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$3.50 to \$5.50; cusk, \$1.75 to \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Meteor, Capt. Peterson, after a three weeks trip, arrived at Bay of Islands, N. F., on Friday for a cargo of green codfish and barreled herring for Capt. Frank Carter.

Sailed for New York.

The British sch. Jennie May sailed for New York this forenoon with her cargo of frozen herring. The fare has been sold to dealers there by David B. Smith & Co., who had the craft chartered.

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BIG HALIBUT FARE.

Sch. Agnes Arrived with 40,000 Pounds This Forenoon.

After an absence of only 27 days, sch. Agnes, Capt. James Goodwin, arrived this forenoon from Green Bank with the finest halibut trip of the season, 40,000 pounds, together with 5000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Goodwin reports fine weather on Green Bank and that the crew were able to fish 10 days in succession. As the price is good, Capt. Goodwin and his men will make a big stock and share.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Agnes sold to the American Halibut Company at 12 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

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Sch. Ingomar, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1150 bbls. frozen herring, 215 bbls. salt herring.

Br. sch. Mariner, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. frozen herring, 60 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Smuggler, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Shepherd King, shore.

Sch. James W. Parker, shore.

Sch. Genesta, shore.

Sch. Minerva, shore.

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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.

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.

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

Boston.

Sch. Buema, 16,000 haddock.

Mary C. Santos, 30,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 500 cod.

Sch. Francis Whalen, 35,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Lillian, 22,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.25; large cod, \$5.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$6.

Herring Notes.

It seems to be pretty well understood that nearly if not all of the herring fleet are now on the way home from Bay of Islands, and consequently a number of arrivals are looked for during the week.

DOG FISH INVESTIGATION.

Fish and Game Commission Report Will Come Soon.

Board Does Not Favor Sale Under Misleading Names.

Mr. C. E. Davis, who has interested himself in the matter of doing away with the dogfish pest and for the past two years has written voluminously on the subject, wrote recently to the Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission regarding the report that they are soon to print on the subject, in conformity with facts as gathered by reports of the fishing masters and experiments made under the direction of the board.

In his letter to the board, Mr. Davis speaks of a gigantic food fish scheme, which he infers has been underway for some time, to brand canned dogfish as Japanese mackerel, Japanese halibut, etc. In reply to his letter, Mr. Davis received the following from the Fish and Game Commission:

Boston, Jan. 1, 1906.

Mr. Charles E. Davis, Esq.,

Yours of the 28th at hand and contents noted. The report to which you refer is nearly ready for the printer. It has been delayed by the difficulty in getting the returns from the fishermen. We would be glad to forward you copies of the report as soon as it issues. We do not countenance in any way whatever the sale of dogfish under any other name or under any misrepresentation whatever, as you will see in this report.

Yours very truly,

George W. Fild, Chairman.

THIRD TRIP A FAILURE.

Otter Trawler Spray Has 20,000 Pounds Haddock.

Capt. Hool Says No Fish on This Side of Atlantic.

The steam otter trawler Spray, Capt. Dexter Malone, arrived at Boston today from her third trip and it is no better than its predecessors.

The Spray has been out 11 days and has 20,000 pounds of haddock. She has been fishing on the southwest part of Georges, right near where the regular trawling haddockers have been making their sets, and has been reported several times.

Sch. Mystery, which arrived this morning, reported seeing her there on Monday. Sch. Mystery has been out a week and has 75,000 pounds of haddock. The Spray has been out 11 days and has 20,000 pounds and fished in practically the same spot. This speaks for itself.

The result of this third trip, which is not as good as the second, has strengthened the opinion expressed by many before the craft started, that the otter trawl would not work well or would not be able to get as good or better results than our regular haddocking trawlers. Many, while holding this idea, have not expressed it, preferring to wait until the craft was given a fair trial. It would seem that three trips had given the craft a fair chance to prove her worth, and she certainly has not done so thus far.

Aside from the opinions held as to the impracticability of the otter trawl project on our banks, perhaps the most significant thing is the remark of Capt. Hool, the English expert otter trawl captain, who came over from England to superintend the working of the trawl. When he came off the Spray at T wharf, Boston, this morning, in speaking of the trip he dryly said that there were no fish on this side of the Atlantic ocean.

There is yet a chance for the Spray to make good, but judged from what she has done, the prospect of the venture being a profitable one, aside from "revolutionizing the method of fishing on this side of the water and of her being but the forerunner of a fleet of 100 or 150 similar crafts," is not very bright at the present time.

FOUR HERRING ARRIVALS.

Vessels Have Partly Frozen and Partly Salt Cargoes.

Since the last report, four vessels have arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., with fares of salt herring and frozen herring. Sch. Norma arrived yesterday afternoon, her cargo consisting of half frozen and half salt herring, sch. Dauntless came in during the night with a cargo of nearly all salt herring, and this forenoon the British sch. Mariner with a cargo of frozen herring and sch. Ingomar with a fare of frozen herring and some salt herring arrived. The latter craft left Bay of Islands last Thursday and thus had a fine passage of five days to her home port. Capt. Parsons reports that schs. A. E. Whyland, Arkona and Independence II. left for home in company with the Ingomar.

Spanish Mackerel Scarce.

The Spanish mackerel fisheries in Florida is away behind that of last year. The fishermen have considerable difficulty in filling their orders for stock. Representatives of Northern fish merchants are on the ground and buy the fish as fast as caught, and many have contracted for the whole catch of fishing firms where possible.

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Sch. Tacoma, Quero Bank, 25,000 lbs. halibut.
 Sch. Aloha, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. frozen herring, 150 bbls. pickled herring.
 Sch. Independence II., Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. frozen herring.
 Sch. Arkona, Bay of Islands, N. F., 550 bbls. salt herring, 400 bbls. frozen herring.
 Sch. Avalon, Bay of Islands, N. F., 850 bbls. frozen herring, 80 bbls. salt herring.
 Sch. Tattler, Bay of Islands, N. F., 900 bbls. frozen herring.
 Sch. Maxine Elliott, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. salt herring.
 Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1200 bbls. frozen herring.
 Sch. Titania, Georges.
 Sch. Pythian, via Boston.
 Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, via Boston.

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 Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, 60 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.
 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.
 Fresh halibut, 12 cents per lb. for white and cents for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Mystery, 75,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 25,000 haddock.
 Sch. Metamora, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Lillian, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 hake.
 Sch. Buema, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 hake.
 Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
 Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$3.50 to \$5.50.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Tacoma sold to the New England Fish Co. at 12 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

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HAS BEEN IN ICE.

British Sch. Latooka at St. John's, N. F., Leaking.

A Cargo of Frozen Herring Bound for This Port.

The British sch. Latooka, bound for this port with a cargo of frozen herring, is at St. John's, N. F., leaking.
 The Latooka is the only vessel which has sailed this season at Green Bay. A despatch from this city states that the vessel has had a bad experience since sailing, having been caught in the Arctic ice floe and was leaking so that it was necessary as soon as she got out of the ice to make for St. John's harbor. The craft is consigned to Slade Gorton & Co. of this city and has a fine cargo.

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THE SPRAY AND WHAT SHE HAS DONE.

The steam otter trawler Spray has now made three trips since she went into commission over a month ago and has probably been the most talked-of fishing craft which ever operated in North Atlantic waters.

At the time she was being built some of the papers were devoting column after column to what she was going to do, how she was going to entirely revolutionize our method of fishing and also how she was to be only the first of a fleet of 100 or 150 sail of similar craft to be used in our fisheries. Some of these papers even enthused to such an extent that they had the sailing fishing vessels and the trawl gear now in use entirely swept out of business inside of a very few years.

Her building and start on her maiden trip caused the greatest amount of interest and talk, and her arrival with her first fare was eagerly watched for by every man in any way connected with the fish business, dealers, vessel owners, fishermen and men who work on the wharves alike.

It is fair to state that but few of these really believed that the craft would be a success, or so much of a success that the fleet of sailing vessels would be driven out of business, but there were plenty who did believe that the advent of the Spray marked an epoch in the fisheries and that the present order of fishing things would give place to the new, as represented by this craft, English equipped, and in a great measure, manned by English experts at this style of fishing.

It can be said without dispute that thus far the Spray has done little. On her first trip, which took over a week, she landed about 12,000 pounds of fresh fish. On her second trip, on which she was gone nine days, she had 42,000 pounds, and on her third trip she was out 11 days and had 20,600 pounds. Rightfully, not much could be expected on the first trip, when all her gear and machinery were new and stiff, but it is fair to assume that three trip fare a fair trial, and judged from the results, vessel owners, skippers and trawlers have little or nothing to fear of seeing their vessel property depreciate or be driven out of the business by any great fleet of otter trawlers like the Spray.

It cannot be said that the vessel owners or fishermen as a whole wished for the success of the enterprise. It would be nearer the truth to say that the great majority of them devoutly hoped that it would not succeed. Many who felt this way also believed firmly that it would not be the success that it was predicted in some quarters. These remembered the beam trawler Resolute, which sailed from this port. She was fitted with all the latest English beam trawl fishing appliances and was commanded by a man who was familiar with that kind of fishing and had with him a crew who had also been at it before. They also knew that the idea had been tried at Newfoundland and was far from being a success there. Everybody knows that Capt. Bradford was a capable skipper and tried hard with the Resolute, but could not make a success of that kind of fishing in her.

And so, after her trial, no more was heard of beam trawling until the Spray was conceived. And she was going to have an otter trawl which would work better than the old beam trawl. Now we have seen the otter trawl tried on a fine steamer and by the most competent men for three trips, and like others, are inclined to believe that the threatened revolutionizing of our present mode of fishing has not yet arrived.

The Spray, since the day she sailed on her maiden trip, has been in service 26 days, and in that time has made three trips, aggregating in all about 74,000 pounds of fresh fish. In that same time, there are very few of the off shore haddockers who have not made as many trips and some have made more. As for the amount of fish landed, there is no comparison, for the regular off shore haddockers have had from 25,000 to 100,000 pounds to a trip, and

one, sch. Mystery, which fished alongside the Spray on her last trip, was gone only one week and had 75,000 pounds of fish in fine condition, whereas the Spray was out 11 days and had about 20,000 pounds. Another thing, from what we can hear from T wharf, the condition of many of the fish landed by the Spray does not compare with the shape in which they come out of the regular haddockers.

There is yet a chance that the Spray may redeem herself and make many of us feel that we did not know what we were talking about, but up to now she has not proved herself a success. On the other hand, her first three trips can be called partial failures at least. Her showing has eased the minds of the vessel owners and fishermen, who at first viewed her with possible fear, but who now feel that in her, judged by her showing to date, they have nothing about which to worry or be afraid of.

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Br. sch. Willis C., Bay of Islands, N. F., 650 bbls. frozen herring, 124 bbls. salt herring.
 Sch. Henry M. Stanley, Bay of Islands, N. F., 760 bbls. frozen herring, 5 bbls. salt herring.
 Sch. George Parker, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. salt herring, 200 bbls. frozen herring.
 Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1200 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. frozen herring.
 Sch. Shepherd King, shore.
 Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
 Sch. Mary Cabral, shore.
 Sch. Stranger, shore.
 Sch. Hope, shore.
 Sch. Minerva, shore.
 Sch. Mary Emerson, shore.
 Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
 Sch. Dixie, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fiirt, haddocking.

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