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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Oregon, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1180 bbls. salt herring, 139 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Arcadia, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Annie M. Parker, Cape Shore, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. W. E. Morrissey, Fay of Islands, N. F., 700 bbls. frozen herring, 400 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Moananan, shore.
Sch. Mary Cabral, shore.
Sch. James B. Stetson, Lubec, Me., smoked herring.

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.
Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.
Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.
Shore frozen herring, for salt, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.
Fresh halibut, 12 cents per lb for white and 8 cents for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Mary Edith, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Massasoit, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Tecumseh, 500 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Nokomis, 2500 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Viking, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Almeida, 1200 haddock, 5500 cod.
Sch. Dixie, 1200 haddock, 2000 cod, 1200 hake.
Sch. Mattakesett, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.
Sloop Venus, 1700 cod.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 4500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Diana, 35,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 1000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 18,000 cod.
Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sloop Diana, 1300 haddock, 500 hake.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 5500 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Frances V. Silva, 12,000 haddock.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Manomet, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 5000 haddock, 800 cod.
Sch. William A. Morse, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Juniata, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 20,000 hake, 8000 cusk.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.25; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; pollock, \$2.50; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$1.75.

Herring Notes.

The fare of salt and frozen herring of sch. A. E. Whyland sold to John Lew & Son.
Sch. Richard Wainwright, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1030 bbls. frozen herring, 30 bbls. salt herring.

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THE LOW PRICE OF HADDOCK.

The low price of fresh haddock during the latter part of December and during the present month, has caused much comment, both from vessel owners, skippers and fishermen. While the weather ashore has been exceptionally open and mild, yet it is well known that on the water, while there have been but few severe gales, there have been weeks at a time when a vessel could not put a Gory over the side to fish. And now, during the last few days, when the weather has been pretty fair on the water, still there has not been many fish taken, comparatively speaking. It is an admitted fact that the price of haddock has been much lower, on the average, than for many winter seasons past. Even days when there have not been many fish in at T wharf, Boston, the price has been so low that vessels have brought parts of their fares here to go to the splitters and this, in December and January, is a most remarkable state of affairs.

Yesterday haddock sold for one dollar per hundred weight for off shore fish, and at that some had to come here to the splitters. Had the weather been good on the fishing ground and all the fleet bringing in big fares, there is no telling how low they would have gone. As it is, some of them are glad to come here and take out at the splitting price, \$1.10 per hundred weight. Of course the fleet at the present time engaged in the fishery is one of the largest on record but still they have not been bringing in exceptional fares.

The only solution of the matter is that the warm weather ashore is all to do with it. Given the ordinary winter weather, the dealers could fill their stores full of boxes of haddock and ship them as the order came in, or they could use them for smoking finnan haddies, or could ship them in ice, fresh, for long distances and all at good figures. Now this winter with its exceptionally mild weather has put a bar on all this.

Fish cannot be shipped any great distance and nobody wants to get too large a stock of haddies on hand as long as this kind of weather lasts, as they give up too quickly, neither do they feel like filling up their stores with boxes of off shore fish, when they know they can buy live shore stock in the morning at a reasonable figure and in quantities to suit their near by trade. Thus it is that the price of haddock is low and the haddock fleet in general is complaining that it is having a very dull winter.

But low as the price is, there is some consolation in looking back a few years, the year before the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. started, when brand new trips of haddock sold at 35 and 40 cents per hundred weight, and in other years before that, when the price was even lower than it is now, and one skipper, in figuring, found that his haddock, for the season, averaged him but eighty cents per hundred pounds.

As low as the price is now, it seems big to think that the vessels can come here and get \$1.10 per hundred weight for them to split, when a few years ago they had to take out to market at 40 cents per hundred weight. All the haddockers are devoutly wishing for some real winter weather as they want very much some big stocks to help out what has thus far been a somewhat poor season, excepting for a very few crafts.

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DURING DENSE FOG.

Sch. Oregon Struck on Londoner Yesterday Afternoon.

Came Off Uninjured and Towed In by Tug Priscilla.

Sch. Oregon of this port, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of frozen and salt herring, went ashore at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the Londoner, off Thatcher's island.

A gasoline launch which was in the vicinity came close to the stranded craft, those in her happening to witness the accident and took one of her crew ashore to telephone to this city for a tug, and also to notify Capt. Bearse of the life saving station at Gap Head.

The launch landed near the station and the tug was sent for, and meanwhile Capt. Bearse and his crew quickly launched their boat and pulled for the stranded craft. When they got to the locality, they found that the Oregon had floated, apparently uninjured, it being low water when she struck, so that she came off with the rising tide.

On receiving the notice here, the tug Priscilla, with Capt. William H. Collins, agent of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company on board, started for the stranded vessel. It was very foggy, but the tug made good time, though the vessel was off when she arrived. Capt. Bearse and his crew were lying by, and directed the tug as to the direction the vessel had taken. The tug sped after and soon found her in the thick fog, took her in tow and brought her in, docking her at her wharf. The vessel was not leaking and was practically uninjured, the only damage being the loss of a piece of her shoe.

The Smelt.

It is the opinion of the true gourmet that of all marine pan fish there is none to compare with the smelt (*Osmerus mordax*). This primary rank is its own by reason of its delicacy and delicious flavor, and when fried a light brown in very fine breadcrumbs and served with melted butter there is none that disputes its pre-eminence. Its delightful flavor, however, as well as its peculiar odor, is evanescent. Like the mackerel, it cannot be too fresh. It is from its odor that the smelt derives not only its familiar but Latin name, an odor so aggressive of sliced cucumbers that if its presence be manifested only to the sense of smell, people are often deluded into such supposition. This odor is not marked except in the freshly caught fish and disappears in the cooking, giving place, however, to a fitting resurrection of the smelt to an olfactory sense still more savory and delightful.

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Take Warning by the Spray.

It is reported about Fulton Fish Market that one of the well-known firms is quietly fitting out one of their schooners with a trawl net, with the object of testing its possibilities in fishing over the regular style of fishing.—New York Fishing Gazette.

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Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Speculator, via Boston.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Pythian, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.
Sch. Robin Hood, Bay of Islands, N. F.,
360 bbls. salt herring, 350 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Diana, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, 00 for medium.
Salt hake, \$1.75
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Fresh halibut, 12 cents per lb for white and 8 cents for gray.

Boston.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 1000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Etta Mildred, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Massachusetts, 10,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 12,000 cusk, 3000 pollock, 1200 halibut.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 45,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Conqueror, 70,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Minerva, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Louise Cabral, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 3000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Flavilla, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Kernwood, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 8000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Juno, 48,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Speculator, 50,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.35 to \$2; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$3; halibut, 17 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. William Matheson, from Bucksport, Me., for this port with potatoes, was at Portsmouth yesterday.

Herring Notes.

Schs. Independence II. and Avalon, from this port with frozen herring, arrived at Philadelphia yesterday to market their trips.
Sch. Henry M. Stanley, hence for New York with frozen herring, cleared from Vineyard Haven yesterday.

The Porto Rico Market.

From San Juan, P. R., January 10, S. Ramirez & Co., write: "The only arrivals of fishstuffs at this port last week have been some 140 drums dry fish, principally codfish, and 200 bbls. split herring, ex steamer City of Savannah from New York. Our markets have been quiet lately and buyers are still sore and very cautious, but supplies have decreased, and the holidays being over inquiry is picking up. Values have advanced some,

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and we quote today as follows on the usual basis of net, ex-wharf: Medium codfish, \$6; haddock, \$6; pollock, \$4; hake, \$3 per 100 lbs. Split herring.—Market is heavily supplied, as stocks have not been moving lately and we cannot quote above \$5.75, ex ship per bbl., for superior quality. We look for a gradual improvement in prices of fishstuffs in general, unless receipts should again be too heavy and in excess of requirements."

O'RIELLY INTERVIEWED.

Tells of the Herring Season at Bay of Islands.

Newfoundland's Inspector Says There Were No Hitches.

The St. John's, N. F., Herald of January 17 has the following interesting interview with Inspector O'Rielly on his return after spending the winter at Bay of Islands on the cutter Fiona:

"Inspector O'Rielly, who was in charge of the Fishery Protection work, informs the Herald that everything was most satisfactory, not a single hitch occurring for the whole season.

"The recent accusations that our people cut up American nets and gear was quite baseless, he having secured affidavits from Capt. Bonia, Cusick, Rose, Farnier and other American skippers denying the charges. Much gear was lost, it is true, but it was by stormy weather or by the inexperience of Yankee boats in setting up nets in wrong places, or else cutting up one another's nets as these got entangled.

"He says 43 Yankee vessels is loaded altogether including four which were there when he left, the Nicholson, Elizabeth N., Stetson and Arabia. The latter two he thinks will winter there and hold their cargoes till the spring, as did the Giles last year, which did not reach Gloucester till May 17 and put her cargo into cold storage, it being sold in September for 6 to 8 cents a pound.

The Americans shipped between 500 and 600 of our men among their fleet, and the venture this year will be a very unprofitable one for the Gloucester merchants, as the pay, food and other perquisites of all these fishermen, together with the long delay to the vessels and the loss of boats, nets and other gear will mean a loss of thousands of dollars to Gloucester.

"The Americans proved very amenable to our laws when they learned exactly what their rights were, and they gave no trouble what-

ever. They claimed the right to erect scaffolds on shore but our government protesting to Washington and Secretary Roor ordering them to desist they did so promptly.

"They are very much disappointed at this year's results, and if our government would guarantee them that Canadians would not be allowed to gain the advantage, of the Bond-Hay treaty by registering their vessels here, Gloucester would vote to a man for it. About 40 Canadian vessels also loaded in Bay of Islands and our people made big money selling to them, realizing \$3 a barrel for frozen herring. On the whole the season was a very successful one for our own people and in future they should do even better, as they will go into exporting the fish themselves after this."

The St. John's, N. F., Herald of January 16 has the following letter from Bay of Islands:

"By letter from Bay of Islands by last night's express we learn that the herring fishery at Middle Arm is practically over. There has been wholesale destruction of dories by the crews of American vessels before leaving, the majority of these skiffs having been broken up and rendered useless, the others were cut adrift and subsequently secured by local fishermen who reported to the customs and paid the duty according to valuation.

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"There was lumber enough thrown away to build a good sized town. Report says that all masters of American vessels left in an angry mood, on account of the trouble and annoyance they had this season as compared with former years. There was great destruction of nets and fishing gear in all the arms, and it is the opinion that over 100 nets have gone to bottom, some full of herring. If this be so it will pollute the water and drive the fish from the coast.

"From the above it is quite evident that Gloucester captains have been greatly inconvenienced this year, and the enforcement act has created a panic amongst them. All the gear brought to Newfoundland could not be carried back, hence their indiscriminate destruction of it. All this adds to the cost of the herring this season and but little money will be made out of the adventure."

Evidently the party who wrote the above letter is very poorly posted on the American side of the matter. If he was, he would perhaps open his eyes at the financial returns of the American craft from their Bay of Islands herring season. But perhaps "where ignorance is bliss," etc., may apply in this case.

WITHIN THE LAW.

New England Fish Company Not Violating Rules on Pacific Coast.

At the annual meeting of the New Westminster, B. C., Board of Trade, Secretary A. E. White reporting for the fisheries committee in the absence of its chairman, stated that it had been ascertained, as regards the halibut fisheries, that the New England Fish Company was technically within the law in its mode of entering and leaving Vancouver harbor. As regards the fishing in Hecate Straits it had been ascertained that these waters were not officially recognized as Canadian waters. He had, however, upon expert advice written to the department of marine and fisheries asking for a statement upon the matter, as the whole question hinged upon this.

Fitting for Halibuting.

Capt. Norman Ross is fitting sch. Golden Rod for fresh halibuting.

Sch. Admiral Dewey has fitted and sailed fresh halibuting under command of Capt. James Bowie.

SHORTAGE OF FISHERMEN.

Caused Halibut Shortage from the Alaskan Grounds.

The Seattle correspondent of the Victoria B. C., Colonist says that contrary to the expectations of local fish dealers and packing houses the output of the halibut fishing grounds in Alaska is not proving as great as the output for the same period last year. Local fishermen say the decrease is about one-third. The demand for halibut is great. The lack of fish is not due to a shortage of fishermen, and the scarcity of fish has raised the price. It is believed it will go still higher.

Advices from Tacoma, Wash., have been received to the effect that the steamer Mariner has sailed for the halibut banks off the south-east coast of Alaska.