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PASSED BY THE SENATE.

Pure Food Bill Has Fish Preservative Amendment.

PASSAGE SECURED BY LODGE.

News Received Here with Much Satisfaction.

After 15 years of more or less serious consideration of the subject, the senate Wednesday passed the Hepburn pure food bill by the decisive vote of 63 to 4.

Senator Lodge secured the adoption of an amendment in the interests of the Gloucester fish packing industry, providing that, "when in the preparation of food products for the shipment they are preserved by an external application applied in such manner that the preservative is necessarily removed mechanically or by maceration in water or otherwise, the provisions of the act shall be construed as applying only when said products are ready for consumption; provided, that the wrapper around the article containing the preservative shall contain directions how to remove the preservative."

The adoption of the above amendment is a source of much satisfaction to the Gloucester fish dealers, and the news that Senator Lodge had been successful in having the amendment attached to the bill was received here with very great pleasure. The matter was one in which Gloucester fish dealers have been vitally interested, as the passage of the bill without an amendment similar to the one passed meant the practical annihilation of their shipping business in the summer time.

The success of Senator Lodge in securing the passage of the amendment shows that he is now as ever alive to the interests of his constituents and always active in their behalf. It also shows that the committee representing the Board of Trade, which went from here to Washington to attend the committee hearing on the bill and also to confer with Dr. Wiley, chief chemist, must have made a decidedly favorable impression and also worked hard to secure the amendment.

The bill has now passed the senate and will go to the house. There Congressman Gardner will bend all his energies to have the amendment remain on the bill, and it is thought that if the bill passes, it will pass with the amendment, as it is understood that Dr. Wiley has signified that he would not object to an amendment of a similar nature.

A special despatch to the TIMES from its Washington correspondent says that two of the most satisfied men in Washington Wednesday night were Senator Lodge and Congressman Gardner, over the action of the senate in including the Lodge amendment in the pure food bill, which was passed late in the afternoon.

This subject has been one of the most troublesome facing the senator and congressman this session. Two years ago the apparition appeared, and after several conferences with Dr. Wiley, the pure food expert of the department of agriculture, an amendment was accepted by that gentleman, which was attached to the bill as it passed the House, and which gave the Gloucester and Maine fish packers a chance to continue in business.

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When Senator Lodge offered his amendment when the bill came up for a vote in the senate yesterday, Senator McCumber of South Dakota asked permission to attach another amendment to the one already offered by Mr. Lodge, which provided that in the cases where the use of preservatives was permitted, the wrapper around the article in question should contain full directions as to how to remove the preservative. As this amendment did not effect the main issue in which Mr. Lodge was interested, the fish-packing industry, the amendment was agreed to, and both Mr. Lodge's and Mr. McCumber's amendments went through without even a division.

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NINE DAYS IN ICE PACK.

Thrilling Experience of Her- ring Sch. M. B. Stetson.

REACHED HERE YESTERDAY.

Last of Newfoundland Herring Fleet To Arrive.

With the arrival here yesterday of sch. M. B. Stetson, of Bucksport, Me., from Bay of Islands, N. F. with a full load of salt and frozen herring, the Newfoundland herring fishery for the winter of 1905-1906 is ended, she being the last vessel of the fleet to come home.

The craft has had a long, hard and dangerous passage, having left Bay of Islands February 3 and encountering one of the most severe blows of the winter the very first night out. The wind was southwest and blew with terrific force. The Stetson was very deeply laden but she made good weather of it, and when it abated, continued on her journey without the loss of a rope yarn.

In coming down out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the craft ran into a wide spreading field of ice and for nine days was at its mercy, being carried resistlessly along in it whither it went. For six days the craft was off Scateri, closely held by the ice pack and utterly unable to clear herself. The ice field was very heavy and the great cakes ground against the sides of the vessel, threatening to crush her and send her to bottom.

There was nothing that could be done except keep the craft headed this way and watch for a chance to get clear. For nine days they watched and waited for some opening in the vast ice pack and none came till the last day, when a little lane of water showed up ahead. The craft was worked up to this and then ran out into the water and clear of the great danger that had threatened her destruction for so many long, weary hours.

The rest of the voyage was made without incident, the craft coming along easy, being heavy laden and having a big deck load. The planking of the vessel was badly scarred and gouged and cut by the great ice cakes and along the water line she plainly shows the effects of her incarceration in the great ice field.

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FISH PLENTY, WEATHER BAD.

Sch Selma First Craft of Season from the Peak.

Dories Setting One Tub Were Obligated To Lighten.

Sch. Selma of Boston, Capt. William H. Goodwin of this city, that arrived at T wharf, Boston this forenoon with a fine fare of fresh fish, including 40,000 pounds of codfish, is the first vessel of the fleet to fish on the Peak this season. But for bad weather, the capacity of the vessel would have been the only limit to the size of the fare Capt. Goodwin would have brought home.

Capt. Goodwin says that all the time they were on this famous codfishing ground they met with continuous bad weather, so that fishing was impossible except for a few rare hours. The weather continued so bad that he was finally obliged to leave and go elsewhere to complete his fare, but not before he had a try and found that the fish were very plentiful there.

By taking chances at odd hours during the bad weather when there seemed a chance, a few sets were made with only one tub of trawl to a dory. The weather was so bad that this was all the gear they could run, and yet on this they got big returns. Every dory would come back with a load and in several cases would be obliged to lighten and then go back and finish up. Capt. Goodwin says that the fish were very plentiful, and they must have been, for in a few sets like these they were able to take 40,000 pounds of fresh codfish.

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MORE LARGE CATCHES.

Sch. Arcadia Has Banner Fare of the Season.

Many More at This Port and Boston with Big Fresh Trips.

Still the big trips of fresh fish come and still they cart them here to the splitters.

Wednesday afternoon sch. Illinois came to this port from Boston with 100,000 pounds, sch. Vera brought down 80,000 pounds and sch. Selma with 70,000 pounds.

During the evening, sch. Olga, Capt. Lyman Wilde, shot in with another big fare, 130,000 pounds, one of the largest trips of the season.

This morning Boston had her share of big ones. Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, is there with what is probably the largest fare of the season, 160,000 pounds, sch. Catherine Burke has 100,000 pounds, sch. Alina 30,000 pounds, sch. Lucania 80,000 pounds, sch. Mystery 80,000 pounds, sch. Metamora 100,000 pounds, sch. Orinoco 90,000 pounds, and schs. Maryland, Indiana and Conqueror also have big fares. Some of these trips will come here to split.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Tacoma, Grand Bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston.
 Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Illinois, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Olga, Georges.
 Sch. M. B. Stetson, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1030 bbls. salt herring, 375 bbls. frozen herring.
 Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Caroline Vought, Boothbay Harbor, 50,000 lbs. frozen herring.
 Sch. Flavilla, shore.
 Sch. John M. Keen, shore.
 Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
 Sch. Richard J. Nunan, shore.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes.
 Sch. Catherine D. Eoos, shore.
 Sch. Mary Cabral, shore.
 Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
 Sch. Pythian, shore.
 Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, shore.
 Sch. Stranger, shore.
 Sch. Flora J. Stars, shore.
 Sch. Mary Silveira, shore.
 Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Eglantine, Georges halibuting.
 Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.

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, \$4.75 for large, .75 for medium.
 Salt hake, \$1.00.
 Salt haddock, \$1.50.
 Salt cusk, \$2.25.
 Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$3.00 for medium.
 Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.
 Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 per cwt.
 Fresh halibut, 10 cents per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. for gray.
 Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Aleina, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 halibut.
 Sch. Mystery, 55,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Sch. Ida M. Silva, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod.
 Sch. Catherine Burke, 90,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Jessie Costa, 2000 cod, 25,000 cusk, 25,000 halibut.
 Sch. Susan and Mary, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 cusk, 2000 halibut.
 Sch. Arcadia, 140,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 halibut.
 Sch. Winnifred, 70,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Galatea, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Viking, 11,000 haddock, 100 cod.
 Sch. Lucania, 65,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1800 halibut.
 Sch. Metamora, 95,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Sch. Yakima, 50,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Orinoco, 85,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Sch. Illinois, 95,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Sch. Maryland.
 Sch. Indiana.
 Sch. Conqueror.
 Haddock, 90 cents to \$2.25; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.50; hake, \$1 to \$4.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. William Morrissey will soon begin to fit sch. Helen F. Whitten for the salt bank fishery.
 Capt. Adelbert Nickerson of sch. Tacoma reports speaking schs. Massachusetts and Claudia on Grand Bank.
 Sch. T. M. Nicholson arrived at Philadelphia yesterday.
 Sch. Georgie Campbell, bound for New York, passed City Island yesterday.

Herring Notes.

The fare of sch. Patrician is being put in the freezer.
 The British sch. Werra is still at this port with her fare.
 Sch. W. E. Morrissey is selling her fare here for bait. The herring are going well.
 Sch. Henry M. Stanley which took out her cargo at New York, arrived here yesterday morning with a cargo of coal from that port.

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Halibut at Boston.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Valentine O'Neil, is at Boston today with 18,000 pounds of halibut.
 The New England Fish Company has two cars of Pacific halibut at Boston today.

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SCH. RAYMAH'S BIG FARE.

At This Port with 150,000 Pounds of Fresh Fish.

Sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, is at this port this morning with another big fare of fresh fish, estimated at 150,000 pounds, one of the largest of the season.
 The big trips of nice fresh fish still continue to come here from Boston, and this morning finds six more trips here for the splitters, having all the way from 70,000 to 90,000 pounds each.

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INVENTS NEW SEINE.

Michael Walsh Claims It Can Be Set in Any Tide and Keep in Shape.

Mr. Michael W. Walsh, a well known fisherman residing at No. 19 Allen street in this city, has invented a seine or net with which he claims it will be possible to fish on the grounds in all tides, no matter how hard they run and keep in shape all the time it is set.
 Mr. Walsh is an ingenious man and 18 years ago formed a trap for fishing in Pleasant Bay. His father was one of the best known fishermen of the Dominion and was the first man to circle a school of mackerel from the shore. He also invented a spiller.
 Mr. Walsh is anxious to have some of the seining skippers see the model of this seine which he has at his home, at he is sure that he can interest them so that one may soon be made and tested.

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 Sch. Mystery, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Lucania, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Irene and May, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Raymah, via Boston, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Jessie Costa, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Arcadia, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Metamora, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Ramona, shore.

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 Sch. Juno, 60,000 haddock 10,000 cod, 2000 halibut.
 Sch. Conqueror, 70,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
 Haddock, 90 cts.; large cod, \$3.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Effie M. Morrissey, formerly of this port, was at Portland yesterday with 90,000 pounds of fresh fish, the largest trip of the season there.

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DOGFISH HEARING.

March 7 Is the Date Tentatively Set by Committee.

Ex-Representative McIntire of This City Will Attend.

The hearing before the national house committee on merchant marine and fisheries on the bill to provide for the extermination of the dogfish pest, has been tentatively set down for March 7 at Washington. Representative Greene, who is the father of the bill, is expected to return to Washington today. This state, which is vitally interested in dogfish legislation, will be represented at the hearing by Ex-Representative Edwin C. McIntire of this city and also by some of the members of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission and possibly others.