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FISHERMEN ON STRIKE.

Said To Be Cause of Local Men Going West.

Local Labor Leader Makes Announcement of This Fact.

The enterprise manifested by the fishing concerns of Anacortes, Washington, in securing men from this port to go west and man their vessels has been the subject of considerable comment in this city, and no one dared offer an answer to the query as to why the western concerns should send over 3000 miles to secure fishermen to man their fleets, when it was supposed that there were fishermen enough on the Pacific coast to man all the vessels sailing from those ports,

Councilman James A. MacDonald, who is a member of the carpenters' union and was at one time president of the Central Labor Union, met a TIMES representative Saturday afternoon and asked the latter if he really knew just why the western concerns sent so far east to secure fishermen.

The TIMES representative acknowledged that he did not know the exact cause, where upon Mr. MacDonald volunteered the information that there was a strike on among the fishermen on the Pacific coast. Mr. MacDonald, continuing, said, "The gshermen are paid $25 per every 1000 fish caught, but the weight of the fish dressed must be 28 pounds. All fish below that weight are paid for at the rate of $12 per 1000. The fish might be just a trifle under 28 pounds, but they come within $12 per 1000 class. The Pacific fishermen objected to this and the strike resulted."

There is a possibility that Mr. McDonald may be mistaken in the method of measuring the fish. In the east, and that of course includes the Massachusetts and Maine markets, fish are gauged by their length, the large class of fish including those 22 inches in length or over, and the small fish those less than 22 inches. In the western fisheries it is claimed that the large fish measurement is 28 inches and all below that are classed as small fish. It may be that Mr. McDonald has confounded the measures of weight and length in reaching his deductions.

In the New England ports, however, the measurement of fish, and in speaking of those measurements salt fish are referred to, is from the point where the head is severed from the body to the end of the tail, while in the west, the measure is taken from the nose of the fish with the head on to the crotch of the tail.

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BOUNTY ON HERRING.

Newfoundland's Plan To Get Control of That Fishery.

At the opening of the Newfoundland legislature at St. John's, N. F., on Thursday, Gov. MacGregor announced the intention of the government to grant a bounty for herring, especially cured and exported, this being understood as a scheme to wrest the herring fishery from American hands and to transfer it to the hands of the colony's own people.

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FAVORS POLICY.

St. John's, N. F., Indorses Government's Proposed Bounty Move.

Measure Will Be Passed Unless Governments Reach Agreement

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says that public sentiment there strongly indorse the government's proposed policy of providing bounty for herring, exported by local shippers as a means of checkmating the American herring catchers on the west coast.

The enactment of a measure at the present session of the legislature which will prevent a repetition next fall of the vexations incidents of last fall's fishing, such as American fishin vessels hiring large numbers of local fishermen outside of the three-mile limit, is also favored.

Such legislation is intended, unless the negotiations now progressing between the American and British cabinets render such action unnecessary.

It is understood the colonial ministsy has fully determined upon a vigorous course of action which will assure the colony adequate protection against American interference in the herring fishery and bait business.

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GALE HEAVY ON GEORGES.

Otter Trawler Spray Had Nets Badly Torn.

VESSELS RUN UNDER BARE POLES

Sch. Pauline Parted Cable and Sch. Diana Had Sails Torn.

From the reports of the haddockers which have arrived since Sunday, the gale of Wednesday and Thursday was very heavy on Georges.

Sch. Kentucky, which arrived here yesterday from that fishing ground, reports the gale as the heaviest of the season. Capt. McKay had his vessel hove to under two reefed forsail and during the storm saw several vessels under bare poles.

Sch. Diana, Capt. William Corkum, of this port, arrived at Boston yesterday from Georges with her foresail and jumbo badly torn. She encountered the gale in all its violence, but aside from the tearing of her sails, met with no accident. The gale lasted for nearly 60 hours and was accompanied part of the time by intensely cold weather.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Indiana, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Kentucky, Georges, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. James S. Steele, shore.

Sch. Ramona, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

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, $4.50 for large, 3.50 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.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, $1.75; medium do., $1.25; 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. Valentinna, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Annie aud Jennie, 5000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Viking, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 7000 haddock. 3000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Margarot Dillon, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. George H. Lubee, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 25,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Julietta, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 22,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 19,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Fame, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Buema, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Spray, 56,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock, 500 cod. 1500 hake.

Sch. Shepherd King, 7000 haddock.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 500 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 6000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Quartette, 1000 haddock.

Sch. Motor, 6000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 7500 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Indiana, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Haddock, $1.60 to $3.85; large cod, $5 to $5.50; market cod, $2.50 to $3.50; hake, $2.5 to $6; cusk, $2.50; pollock, $3.

Fishing Feet Movements.

Sch. Flirt was at Shelburne, N. S., las Thursday.

Capt. John J. Carroll of sch. Massachusetts reports speaking schs. Cavalier, Corona Claudia, Monitor, Theodore Roosevelt and Smuggler on Grand Bank and sch. Jennie B Hodgdon on Western Bank.

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The steam otter trawler Spray which arrived at Boston yesterday, had the gale of last Wednesday and Thursday very heavy on Georges, but rode it out without damage. The nets of the trawler were badly damaged on the rough bottom during he trip. Beside her haddock and cod, she brought in 1000 pounds of flounders and quite a number of deep sea scallops. The craft fished in about the same spot as on her trip previous, yet her trawls were much more badly torn.

Capt. Malone reports speaking sch. Pauline of this port, Capt. Patrick Vale, after the gale and the craft was all right. She parted during the gale and drifted off but worked back on the bank all right. Capt. Vale wished to be reported.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston.

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, $4.50 for large, 3.50 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.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, $1.75; medium do., $1.25; 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. Diana, 55,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Mary Cabral, 9000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 6000 cod.

Sch. Thomas W. Knight, 1000 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Squanto, 30,000 halibut.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 3500 haddock, 400 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3000 haddock, 500 cod

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 1600 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 7000 haddock 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sloop Venus, 1000 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, 12,000 haddock 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Mattakeesett, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Onato, 58,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Haddock $2 to $4, large cod $5 to $6, market cod $3 to $3.50, hake $3.25 to $6; cusk $3.50, pollock $4, halibut 11 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. for gray.

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THE DOGFISH BILL.

Bureau of Fisheries Opposes the Idea of Bounty.

Advocates an Appropriation for Experiment Station.

(Special to the TIMES.)

Washington, March 5.—The Massachusetts delegation, headed by Ex-Representive Edwin C. McIntire, and consisting in addition to Mr. McIntire of Prof. Field, chairman of the Massachusetts fish and game commission and State Senator Herman A. Harding of the Cape Cod district, arrived in Washington this morning, and were closeted for two hours with Dr. Smith, the deputy commissioner of the bureau of fisheries of the department of commerce and labor.

The delegation found the fish commission strongly opposed to any legislation providing for a bounty such as suggested in the Tirrell bill now pending before congress.

Accordingly, after a great deal of discussion, Dr. Smith gave out as his opinion that the commission would not oppose some other line of legislation, as they realized perfectly what a menace to the Atlantic fisheries the dog fish are.

Dr. Smith gave it as his opinion that the proper way to get at the matter was to have an appropriation providing for an investigation to be conducted under the direction of the fish commission. His idea is to establish a small plant, where for a stated time the dogfish could be purchased from the fishermen and investigation made with the view to ascertaining their exact value for fertilizer, oil, etc.

With this information in mind, the delegation immmediately changed their tack, and will advocate such legislation before the committee on merchant marine and fisheries tomorrow morning, when the hearing on the subject will be given. It is the hope that the Fish Commission will agree to support such a plan, and with their opposition removed, the Massachusetts men believe that half the battle is won.

Should the present plan of the commission be carried out and an appropriation made, Mr. McIntire is of the belief that the plant would be constructed at Gloucester, the logical point for landing the dog fish and conducting the experiments

The idea is that as soon as the commission find out just what can be done with the fish, and what can be realized in the way of profit as a result of the oil and fertilizer, they will be in a position to go into the business on a permanent basis, and ask Congress for a permanent appropriation.

The delegation later in the day had conferences with a large number of the Massachusetts representatives in Congressman Gardner's room, and talked with Senator Crane in his committe room. They are quartered at the New Willard.

W. W. LUFKIN.

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Herring Notes.

The discharge of frozen herring from the British sch. Werra into sch. M. B. Stetson was completed last night, and the latter will sail for New York today to market her fare.

Sch. Ingomar, that took out her cargo of frozen herring at New York, arrived from there this morning with a cargo of coal.

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SCOTCH CURING.

Newfoundland Government Talking of Trying It.

May Have Scotch Drifting Steamers To Catch Herring.

The papers at present teem with despatches from St. John's, N. F., as to what the Newfoundland government proposes to do to drive the Americans out of the Newfoundland winter herring fishery. Every day, now that the Newfoundland parliament is in session, brings forth two or three of these despatches. What effect all the proposed legislation, bounties, new methods of fishing, etc., even if put in operation, can have upon the American vessels continuing to pursue the winter herring fishery on the Treaty Coast is hard for the average fisherman, skipper or vessel owner to see, but here is what the despatch of yesterday says:

"As a further step in the policy of destroying American supremacy in the herring fishery on the west coast of Newfoundland and transferring the control of this industry to the local fishermen, the Newfoundland government proposes to spend $40,000 in experimenting with drift nets after the Scotch fashion along the coast of the island and Labrador.

"Two Scotch drifting steamers will be imported and exhaustive tests made of the principal fishing grounds to determine accurately the resorts of the herring. It is also intended to pay a bounty of $1 per barrel on all herring cured by the Scotch process and exported to foreign countries."

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ON MARCH TENTH.

Date Set for Anacortes Codfishing Vessels To Sail.

Schs. Alice and Joseph Russ, which have been lying at Anacortes, Wash., during the winter, are outfitting for a cruise in the Behring sea for codfish. They will sail March 10. Other schooners will follow them and part of the crews are being made up of expert codfishers from the Atlantic coast.

These are probably the crafts in which the 40 fishermen who left here last Friday for Anacortes will go codfishing, but it is doubtful if they get away so soon, as the men will only arrive there a day or so before that.

As the result of the report that the Gloucester fisherman had gone to the Pacific coast to take the places of striking fishermen, Capt. George A. Johnson wired the Robinson Fish Company at Anacortes, Wash., the firm who hired the men, asking if there was any strike there. A reply was received yesterday stating that if there was any labor trouble reported among the fishermen of Puget Sound, it was without foundation.