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LOBSTER PROPAGATION.

Fish Commission Hopes That Congress Will Give Aid.

Results Would Replenish Present Exhausted Supply.

A despatch from Washington yesterday says:

The United States fish commission hopes to extend materially the propagation of lobsters on the New England coast if Congress at the next session will vote an appropriation of \$10,000. Commission officials here, following experiments continued at Boothbay Harbor, Me., this summer, say it is entirely feasible to grow the little lobsters in pounds till they are an inch long. Then the youngsters would be released with assurance that they could take care of themselves.

"We have released millions of lobsters, soon after the eggs were hatched, in the waters along New England," said Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries Hugh M. Smith today. "We cannot tell how large a portion of these survived, and we do not know definitely how much the planting has increased the lobster supply. But our experiments demonstrate that at comparatively small expense the government could rear the lobsters beyond the age when they are luscious morsels for fish. The work of the Rhode Island commission has also strengthened our convictions in that regard.

"The young lobsters must have four moltings before they grow sufficiently to take care of themselves. In the open water at Boothbay Harbor this requires three weeks. On the coast of southern New England, where the water is warmer, it requires nine days. In pounds that could be constructed at Boothbay Harbor and where we could give special attention to feeding, the four moltings could be forced in about 12 days. Turning the lobsters loose in the Atlantic at that age, we should be certain they would materially replenish the supply for Boston, Portland and other New England towns."

A few years ago, when Representative Littlefield pressed the bill for a hatchery at Boothbay Harbor, some humorist shouted "lobsters," and the house had a fit of laughter. But the bill finally became a law, and the commission says the Boothbay hatchery is now the most promising in big results of any the government owns.

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BIG SWORDFISH.

Sch. Annie and Jennie Landed One Weighing Over 500 Pounds.

The largest swordfish landed at T wharf, Boston, this season was brought in there this morning by sch. Annie and Jennie. It weighed 530 pounds. The vessel had six fish and they weighed 2313 pounds, which is a

Getting Herring.

The Boston dory fishermen are taking large quantities of small herring now at night, and their catches are disposed of at good prices in the morning for bait and for shipment to the large Italian centers.

Good Stock.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, Capt. Manuel Sears, stocked \$1300 as the result of her recent haddock trip. Capt. Sears has been doing finely since he took command of the Robinson.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, shore, 40 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Bay of Fundy, 165,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Frank Munroe, via Boston, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rebecca, via Boston, 28,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Arthur Binney, seining.

Steamer Elthier, shore, 1000 fresh medium mackerel.

Steamer Pet, seining.

Sch. Alena L. Young, shore.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Metacomet, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Spitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.50; hake, \$1.05; pollock, 65 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.75 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.25.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large, \$2.37 1-2 for medium.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.75 medium do., \$2.75.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. per lb. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$25.50 per bbl.

Large salt mackerel (rimmed), \$28.50 per bbl.

Fresh medium mackerel, 15 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh tinker mackerel, 3 cts. each.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

Salt medium mackerel, (rimmed) \$21 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 65,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 80 swordfish.

Sch. Yankee, 92 swordfish.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6 swordfish.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 120 swordfish.

Sch. John M. Keen, 1000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3 per. cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2; hake \$2 to \$3.50; swordfish, 7 to 8 cts. per lb.

Mackerel Notes.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, which went out yesterday, arrived here last night with 40 barrels of fresh medium mackerel taken off here. The fare was shipped to Boston by steamer.

The fare of sch. S. F. Maker sold to George Perkins & Son for a lump sum.

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NETTERS GET MACKEREL.

Four Thousand Medium Fish Landed Here This Morning.

Small Schools Reported in Ipswich Bay by Lanesville Boats.

A dozen of the shore mackerel netting fleet came in this afternoon, their fares aggregating about 4000 fresh medium mackerel in count, the fish selling for 11 1-2 cents each, W. E. Dennett and the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. being the largest buyers.

The netters think that with a continuance of good weather they will do well off here.

Sargent, the Lanesville fish man telephoned the Times this afternoon that the boat fishermen report seeing several small schools of mackerel in Ipswich Bay, about three miles from Folly Point, this forenoon. The fish were also taking the hook, one man jiggging a barrel and another a half barrel, part of the fish being sold to Mr. Sargent.

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SCH. METEOR SEIZED.

For Illegally Purchasing Stores at Newfoundland.

VESSEL IS OWNED HERE.

Found To Be Short of Provisions and Ordered Released.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says that the customs authorities yesterday seized schooner Meteor of this port, from Grand Banks, at Bay Bulls, for illegally purchasing stores within colonial non-treaty waters. The government, finding the vessel short of provisions, ordered her release today, being unwilling to enforce the law under these conditions.

The Meteor is engaged in salt fishing under command of Capt. Alex. Hines.

The boats and traps took about 5000 mackerel last evening most of which were medium fish. The traps did poorly but butter fish was in abundance.

Among the fares of mackerel landed were those from the boats - E. A. Hooper 500, Gracie 350, Sylvester 500, Nautilus 700, Reliance 700, Annie E. 600, Margaret 900, and steamer Elthia 50. The fish sold for 14 cents each.