

February 9.

Herring Notes.

A coaster from Boothbay Harbor is at this port with 140,000 pounds of natural frost spore herring.
Sch. Triton is at Portland with 70,000 pounds of shore frozen herring, and will go to Boston on consignment to John Nagle & Co.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Morning Star, via Boston.
- Sch. Rebecca, shore.
- Sch. Etta Mildred, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Pythian, shore.
- Sch. Shepherd King, shore.
- Sch. Minerva, shore.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

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Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.12 1-2 for small.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl.

Bank halibut, 9 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Boston.

- Sch. Seaconnet, 10,000 haddock, 7500 cod.
 - Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.
 - Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Emerald, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Thomas Brundage, 11,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Margaret Dillon, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. George H. Lube, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. A. C. Newhall, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Flora J. Sears, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Kernwood, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Mary Edith, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock.
 - Sch. Teresa and Alice, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. Clara G. Silva, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
 - Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 15,000 haddock, 1000 hake.
 - Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Minerva, 6000 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 hake.
 - Sch. Flavilla, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Juniata, 11,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
 - Sch. Rita A. Viator, 4000 haddock, 300 cod.
 - Sch. Hope, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
 - Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Juliette, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.
 - Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Little Addie, 1500 cod.
 - Sch. Viking, 11,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$6; pollock, \$4.

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Herring Notes.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon was towed to Boston this morning to take out her cargo of frozen herring.

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A FLOOD OF ORATORY.

Will Come in the Newfoundland Legislature Tomorrow.

PREMIER BOND WILL SPEAK.

Whole Herring Difficulty Will Be Discussed at Length

The Newfoundland legislature is now in session and one of the earliest things that will come up will be the present modus vivendi and the herring trouble on the Treaty coast.

A despatch from St. John's, N. E., says: "The modus vivendi arranged last year between Great Britain and the United States will be discussed at length in the Newfoundland Legislature February 12, when Premier Bond will move an address on the subject to the British secretary for the colonies.

"The motion will permit of a full discussion of the entire issue, which includes the difficulties between the government and the American fishermen. The arrangement is unpopular in Newfoundland and has been much criticized since its promulgation.

"The position which the Newfoundland legislature is expected to take is that of either re-enacting the foreign fishing vessels bill of 1906 without a suspending clause or insisting upon the ratification of that now suspended measure by the Downing street authorities.

"The supporters of the government are assuring their friends of a full and accurate presentation of all the facts of the case as soon as the legislature opens, and it is presumed the opposition will challenge the government's course in the debate on the address in reply and that the whole question will be opened up.

"It is altogether likely, too, that steps will be taken to secure the co-operation of Canada and Australia with this colony in any course of action that may be resolved upon."

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TAKING TO MOTOR BOATS.

Complete Revolution of Iceland Fisheries at Hand.

A complete revolution of the fisheries in Iceland is near at hand. Both the open boats and the sailing cutters disappear as fast as they are worn out. No new purchases of these are now being made. In the future fishing will be done almost exclusively with motor boats and steam trawlers, which give many times better results and do not require so large a crew.

During the last two or three seasons there has been expended nearly \$250,000 for motor boats, and they have given such good results that there are instances where a boat in the course of five months earned double its value, besides giving its master and crew an income equal to a well paid official's salary for a whole year.

At Westmanna islands there were only two motor boats in 1905, and they gave so much better results than other boats that they have now purchased 13 new ones for about \$25,000.

But the trawlers have given still better results. A small trawler owned by a company in Havnefjord, during 1906, earned enormous profits, which has led to the organization of two new trawling companies in Reykjavik, one of which is having a trawler built in England, while the other with a capital of \$26,800, is buying one all complete at the same place.

This is only a small beginning. Purchasers of new trawlers will in the near future increase so rapidly that in the course of five or ten years it will be possible to create a good sized Icelandic trawling fleet. The main hindrance, of course, is the lack of home capital, but this is not insurmountable when the people learn to unite.

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FINE HALIBUT TRIP.

Sch. Niagara Arrived Yesterday with 50,000 Pounds.

Sch. Niagara, Capt. Augustus Swenson, arrived yesterday from Green Bank with one of the best halibut trips of the season. The craft has not been gone long, but she has 50,000 pounds of the much wanted fish, which means a correspondingly big stock for the vessel and share for the men. Capt. Swenson, who is one of the reliable, easy-going kind, has made a fine start for a good year's work.

FATHER OF ALL LOBSTERS.

Caught on Georges in Net of the Trawler Spray.

The father of all lobsters is what they call the one brought in at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, by the steam otter trawler Spray. It weighed 25 pounds and measured two feet from the tip of one claw to where the other had been broken off, evidently some time ago. It was covered with barnacles, some of them two inches across, and was evidently an old stager. He will be sent to the Smithsonian Institute.

FIRST SALT BANKER.

Sch. S. P. Willard Sails from Here Tomorrow.

Sch. S. P. Willard, Capt. John McInnis, has fitted for salt bank codfishing and will sail tomorrow. She will be the first of the fleet to get away this season.

Steam Trawler Spray Has a Big Trip.

The steam otter trawler Spray is at T wharf this morning with one of the biggest trips she has brought in during her 14 months of existence. She has 92,900 pounds, mostly haddock. Several of the off shore haddockers are also at the dock this morning with big fares, among them schs. Lucania, Cynthia, Flirt and Catherine G. Howard.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Forman Spinney, stocked \$2250 as the result of her recent haddocking trip.

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- Sch. Niagara, Green Bank, 50,000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Green Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Effie M. Prior, Brown's Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Dictator, Brown's Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, via Portland, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.

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Steamer Spray, 90,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Lucania, 70,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
 Sch. Cynthia, 60,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
 Sch. Catherine G. Howard, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Sch. Flirt, 45,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake, 6000 cusk.
 S. h. Mooween, 28,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 8000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
 Sch. Mattakeesett, 4000 haddock, 590 csd, 700 hake.
 Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Annie Perry, 10,000 cod.
 Sch. Pythian, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Esther Gray, 8000 cod.
 Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 19,000 cod.
 Sch. Shepherd King, 18,000 haddock, 100 cod.
 Sch. Mattie Brundage, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Lear C., 2500 haddock, 2500 cod.
 Sch. Philip P. Manta, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
 Sch. Mina Swim, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Muriel, 35,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 5000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
 Sch. Mary C. Santos, 23,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. N. A. Rowe, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
 Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.
 Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
 Haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$3.50 to \$6; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson is fitting for fresh halibuting under command of Capt. Joseph Bonia.

STICKING RIGHT TO IT

Secured Capt. Adelbert Nickerson a Big Halibut Trip.

Sch. Tacoma, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson, arrived this morning with a fine fare of 50,000 pounds of new halibut. The trip sold to the New England Fish Co. at 9 cents per pound for white and 8 1-2 cents for gray which insures a nice stock and share.

The story of the trip shows the dogged perseverance of a halibut catcher of years of experience. Early in the winter, Capt. Nickerson came home with a big fare, on which the magnificent stock of \$5200 was made, the greatest stock for years in that fishery. Then he started out again, but met the tough weather which swept over the banks during December. It was impossible to fish and when there was a chance, they found fish very scarce.

Capt. Nickerson stayed out until he was out of food and other fittings and then instead of coming home with nothing, went into a Nova Scotia port and refitted and went out again, determined to have a trip. The weather continued bad for quite a spell and everywhere they set they met with hard luck.

Capt. Nickerson and his men kept everlastingly at it, however, and at last fortune favored them. On Grand Bank they struck a few days of good weather, right on the last end of the trip, and they also found good fishing. They drove for all they were worth, and as a result, left the bank a few days ago, bound home, with 50,000 pounds of halibut iced in the pens. It had been a long, hard drag, the vessel having sailed from here on November 14, and thus, although gone a long time, the season veteran has another good catch to his credit.

WANT OUR TRADE.

St. Pierre, Miquelon, Dealers Will Have Bait for Bankers.

Mr. W. Miller of the firm of Ed. Sire & Co., of St. Pierre, Miquelon, is here for a few days on a combination business and pleasure trip. He has met many of the skippers of the salt bankers and herring vessels with whom he is well acquainted.

Mr. Miller says that his firm is making arrangements to have a good supply of fresh bait for the salt bankers this season and for this purpose they are to put down a big herring trap, thus ensuring a catch whenever the herring are there. The firm has also laid in a big stock of ice. Other firms there also, are looking to see quite a number of American bankers at the port this season.

Mr. Miller is a Times subscriber and says that it just fills the bill as it keeps him thoroughly posted on the movements of the American fleet.

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LOOKING FOR VESSELS.

Quite a Number of Newfoundland Captains in Town.

There are quite a number of captains in town looking to buy vessels, most of them from Newfoundland.

Capt. J. Smith of Harbor Breton, N. F., who has been here for some time, seeking to purchase a vessel, has bought the sch. Marshall L. Adams of Provincetown, built at Essex in 1892, and measuring 131.94 tons gross, 125.35 tons net. The Adams is a fine vessel and Capt. William Cluett of this city has aided Capt. Smith considerably in his search for a desirable craft.

Capt. Kennedy is here from St. Lawrence, Placentia Bay, N. F., looking for a vessel and Capt. Hahn, from a port on the far northern part of Newfoundland, is also here for a vessel to engage in fishing way up on the Labrador coast and Hudson's Bay.

Capt. Tuck, who has been here from Harbor Buffet, N. F., is reported to have bought sch. Emma W. Brown of Boston.

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MADE NEW PRICES.

Board of Trade Fisheries Committee Met Yesterday.

The fisheries committee of the Board of Trade for 1907 held a meeting at the rooms yesterday and decided upon the following as the Board of Trade prices for fresh fish until further notice: Large cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.25; medium do, \$1.50; snapper cod, \$.60; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; cusk snappers, \$.50; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

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BADLY ICED UP.

Sch. Tacoma Arrives Completely Encased in White.

Sch. Tacoma, which arrived this morning from Grand Bank with a fine fare of halibut, was very badly iced up. Dories, topsides and deck, as well as the rigging, were all covered with a very thick coating, making the craft look like an ice bound craft, or one just from the Arctic regions. Ropes were thrice their usual size and the sails were stiff as boards with the frost, where the flying stray had struck them. The bowsprit looked like a long icicle and the whole craft had the appearance of being outlined in white.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Harmon, stocked \$2540 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$63.60. Capt. Harmon has been doing big work this season.

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CAPT. GOODWIN HOME.

His Craft Is Fast in the Ice at Bay of Islands.

Sch. Elizabeth N. Was Floated But Very Little Damaged.

Capt. William H. Goodwin of this city, who commanded the Bucksport, Maine, sch. Elizabeth N., in the Newfoundland herring fishery the past winter, arrived home here Saturday night, leaving his vessel and the sch. M. B. Stetson frozen in at Lark Harbor, Bay of Islands, as before reported in the Times.

Capt. Goodwin says that sch. Elizabeth N. drove ashore in a heavy gale and that it was hard work to get her off, but she was floated and fortunately damaged hardly any. Had she been afloat when the T. M. Nicholson made her successful dash down out of the gulf and home, he too would have come with her and reached here safely with her big cargo of frozen herring.

As it was, the ice came in quickly again and held them both fast. Thinking there might be a chance later to make a dash, the herring of the Stetson were transferred to the Elizabeth N. and she was filled full from end to end. No chance came to get out, however, so the captains and part of the crews of both vessels had nothing to do but come home. Six men were left behind to look after the two crafts during the long winter season and will remain there until the ice breaks up in the spring.

Herring Notes.

Sch. Oregon sails today for Philadelphia to take out her cargo of frozen herring. She has been sheathed up along the water line to prevent chafing and cutting her planking in going through the ice in Delaware river.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson is still at this port, no disposition having been made of her cargo as yet.

About Ready To Sail.

Sch. Latona, recently purchased for New York parties and which has been fixing up at this port, is now looking spick and span as a seiner ready to sail south and is about ready to go to her new home port.