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**DOGFISH AS COMMODITY.**

**Yarmouth, N. S., Paper Urges Help of Federal Government.**

The Yarmouth, N. S., Herald, taking up the dogfish question, editorially, says: "It is too well known that the people of the lower provinces are a little too modest, when pressing at Ottawa for better treatment of those who live by the sea.

"A short time ago considerable agitation was aroused, concerning the question of obtaining assistance in an effort to destroy if not in whole, at least in part, the "dog-fish pest." The interest then awakened now seems to have lost much of its energy.

"We are informed that the matter of curing dog-fish, so as to be used for food, has been tested, the result being successful enough to warrant the statement that the experimental stage has been passed, regarding its fitness. We are also further advised that advices have been received from a number of foreign correspondents to whom the prepared samples were sent. These give much encouragement as to the probability of a large and increasing market for this product, if the price could be made low enough in order to compete with that grade of cured fish in the markets of those countries where customers are willing to purchase. Various schemes have been mooted for the purpose of destroying these particular enemies of the fishermen, but it has been considered that the most of them would be too expensive to admit of a lengthy continuance. It, however, seems justifiable that if the dog-fish can be cured so as to become a profitable article of export, a reasonable assistance could be given by the Federal Government to parties who would be willing to engage for a term of years, in yearly preparing and exporting a specified quantity. If once the business could be placed on a footing sufficient to pay our fishermen to catch dog-fish, (as well as any other kind of fish,) there need be no fear of the continuance of the enterprise.

"An industry of this kind well deserves the attention of the fishery department, and if means can be devised whereby that which now causes destruction and loss in its wake can be turned to a commercial account, providing the profitable employment of labor, it does seem that an enterprise of this kind should receive proper consideration and not be carelessly thrown aside."

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**WILL MEET AT BOSTON.**

**First Session of Special Commission Comes Tomorrow.**

**Messrs. Howley and Kent Will Present Evidence in Case.**

The first work of the special commission from Newfoundland on the case of shipping men on sch. Ralph L. Hall of this port, outside the three mile limit, off Bay of Islands, N. F., last fall, will come up tomorrow afternoon, when Hon. James M. Kent, M. P., representing the Newfoundland government, and W. R. Howley, Esq., of St. John's, N. F., representing the fishermen, will present testimony before Charles Hall Adams, Esq., of Boston, deputized by the supreme court of Newfoundland to take evidence and depositions in the case, at his office, 43 Tremont street, Boston.

Mr. Howley will probably call as a witness Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf of this port, who was in command of the Hall when the men were shipped, and some others, and he may be assisted in presenting his case by Charles A. Russell, Esq., of this city.

Mr. A. B. Alexander of the Bureau of Fisheries, who was at Bay of Islands, representing the United States government, for the past two seasons, and who is in town here at present, will be present to hear and witness the proceedings, and several skippers from here will also attend the first meeting.

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**First Salt Banker Sailed.**

Sch. S. P. Willard, Capt. John McInnis, sailed yesterday afternoon on a salt bank trip, being the first of the salt bank fleet to get away this season.

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**HOT ON TRAIL OF DOGFISH.**

**Federal Relations Committee Report on Resolutions.**

**FAVOR NATIONAL LEGISLATION**

**Urges That Congress Pass Bill Providing for Utilizing Pest.**

(Special to the Times.)

State House, Boston, Mass., Feb. 15, 1906.

The committee on federal relations have voted unanimously to report the resolution advocating the passage of the McIntire federal law for the extermination of dogfish, which was petitioned for by the Gloucester Master Mariners' Association, and introduced by Representative Stoddart.

The resolutions as redrafted by the committee, are as follows:

"Whereas, a specie of shark, commonly known as dogfish, has become so numerous along our Atlantic and Pacific coasts, that it is a menace directly to the fishing industry of our state, and through this indirectly to the public at large, both of this state and the nation.

"And whereas, there is now pending before congress a bill which promises to bring some measure of relief for this enemy of the fisheries, and particularly the establishment of new industries, based upon the destruction of the dogfish and other sharks, and converting these into fertilizer, oil, leather and other valuable material.

"Therefore be it resolved, that the general court of Massachusetts favors such legislation.

"Resolved, that properly attested copies of these resolutions be sent to each of the senators and representatives from Massachusetts in congress."

Representative Bodwell of Salem, for the committee, will report the resolution, and will have charge of the measure during its passage through the lower branch of the state legislature.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**  
No arrivals today.

**Today's Fish Market.**

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; large Western, cod \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; haddock, \$1.10; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, \$2.50; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

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

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

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.50 for large \$4.50 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. Mertis H. Perry, 600 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Raymah, 37,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Nakomis, 1000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Reliance, 5500 cod.

Haddock \$3.50 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$3.50 to \$7.50.

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**DOWN WITH THE DOGFISH.**

Massachusetts is again on the trail of the dogfish, and encouragement is found by those most interested in the destruction of the pest by the unanimous favorable report from the committee on federal relations that congress be urged to pass the national dogfish bill that is now pending before that body. It is probable that the recently reported resolution will pass the state legislature without any trouble. What the fate of the bill will be in Washington is a question, but it will take some hard, careful work on the part of somebody in the capital to look after the interests of the measure, and there is no doubt but what Senator Lodge and Congressman Gardner will lend their efforts and give the benefit of their influence to have the national government strike a blow at the dogfish.

There seems to be a growing belief that dogfish may be utilized in various ways as marketable commodities, which, if it should prove true, would be killing two birds with the same stone, for while the work of attempted extermination was in progress, new industrial plants would have to be created to care for the products, and this would mean additional employment. In Canada, this method of reducing, at least, the number of dogfish is strongly advocated, and largely already successful experiments have been made.

At any rate, there is nothing like continual agitation, and by steadily pegging away, if the United States government does not take a hand this year, before very long, it will eventually, probably "sit up and take notice" of the dogfish question.

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**WILL TAKE EVIDENCE.**

**Work of the Newfoundland Commission Will Begin Today.**

**Several from This City Will Attend Hearing at Boston.**

The first session of the commission deputized to take evidence bearing on the famous shipping men controversy now before the supreme court of Newfoundland, was held at Boston Saturday afternoon before Charles H. Adams, Esq., special commissioner, appointed by that court.

But little was done beyond the formal opening of the case, and the taking of evidence will commence today, when it is expected that Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf of Jamaica Plain, formerly of this city, will be the first witness, he having been in command of sch. Ralph L. Hall of this port when the two Newfoundland fishermen were arrested from her for the purpose of making a test case regarding American rights to ship Newfoundlanders outside the three mile limit under the *modus vivendi* as against the Newfoundland local law forbidding Newfoundlanders to ship on American crafts.

Mr. A. B. Alexander, who represented the state department at Bay of Islands during the past two seasons, was present to observe the doings of the meeting, and Capt. Norman A. Ross and Capt. Carl C. Young of this city were also present. The same three gentlemen will also attend the meeting today.

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**NOT IN GOOD CONDITION.**

**Capt. Bohlin Tells of Herring Sold from Sch. Richard Wainwright.**

Capt. Thomas Bohlin, who has just returned from the scene of the wreck of sch. Richard Wainwright of this port, at Bay of St. George, N. F., laughs at the story told in the despatch from St. John's, N. F., recently published in the Times, to the effect that the 400 barrels of herring bought from the wreck by Sandy Point people were in prime condition and would net their purchasers a bonanza. Capt. Bohlin says that the tide had ebbed and flowed through and over them in the hold of the vessel for almost two weeks, which would make them anything but prime. Capt. Bohlin also says that the fish were only shipped to Port au Basques and vicinity to be used for bait, as the supply along there was very short this

**IMITATION PEARLS.**

They May Be Detected by the Hole Drilled Through Them.

The means of ascertaining the genuineness of pearls, which are frequently imitated with marvelous skill, is especially important to the layman, even though the jeweler may quickly detect them. Imitations are usually lighter than real pearls and generally are brittle, although some are made solid of fish scales and do not break so easily, while the holes, which in the real pearl are drilled very small and have a sharp edge, are in the false larger and have a blunt edge. As a rule, the imitation pearls are like hollow spheres of glass colored internally with a coating imitating the orient of natural pearl.

The manufacture of these articles embraces two series of operations—the production of the sphere and the introduction of coating. The spheres are produced by the glassblower, who by aid of an enameler's lamp solders the extremity of a tube when the substance is of the right consistency. In this way are obtained very regular little spheres that serve for the composition of the ordinary quality of false pearls.

In the more beautiful imitations the tube employed is slightly opalescent, and the glassblower, besides, gives to the little spheres while they are yet malleable certain slight perceptible inequalities of surface by gently tapping them with a small iron bar. This gives them a still greater resemblance to natural pearls, which are very seldom absolutely regular.—Exchange.

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**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

- Sch. Massachusetts, Quero Bank, 14,000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
- Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.
- Sch. Shepherd King, shore.
- Sch. Emerald, shore.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.
- Sch. Mina Swim, shore.

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- Sch. Galatea, 6000 haddock, 3500 cod.
- Sch. Tecumseh, 9000 cod.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Rebecca, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. M. Madeleine, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 200 cod.
- Sch. Juniata, 5000 haddock, 400 cod.
- Sch. Seacomet, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Pontiac, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Manomet, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Belbina B. Domingoes, 14,000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Hortense, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Mildred V. Numan, 12,000 haddock, 800 cod, 4000 hake.

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- Sch. Maud F. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
  - Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 600 haddock, 500 cod.
  - Sch. Viking, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod.
  - Sch. Mary Edith, 4000 haddock, 600 cod, 1500 hake.
  - Sch. Yankee, 2500 haddock, 18,000 cod.
  - Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
  - Sch. Little Addie, 800 cod.
  - Sch. Teresa and Alice, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
  - Sch. Mettacommet, 7000 cod.
  - Sch. Flavilla, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
  - Sch. Sadie M. Numan, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Haddock, \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$4 to \$4.25; hake, \$4 to \$7; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$4.50.

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**BEGAN TAKING TESTIMONY**

**Hearing in Newfoundland Case Will Be Private.**

**Next Session Before Commission Will Be Held Here.**

Charles Hall Adams of Boston, acting as commissioner for the supreme court of Newfoundland in the case of two Bay of Islands fishermen, Dubois and Crane, who have appealed from their conviction in Newfoundland for shipping on and putting herring aboard the American schooner Ralph L. Hall of this port, yesterday began taking testimony in room 505 Carney building, Boston.

Crane and Dubois were each fined \$500 with the alternative of three months in jail on conviction of having shipped on the Hall in violation of the Newfoundland fisheries act, and through their counsel, W. R. Howley of St. Johns, they appealed. Mr. Howley represented them in the proceedings yesterday before Commissioner Adams. In behalf of the government there appeared James M. Kent, M. P. and K. C., who has associated with him locally Gosvenor Calkins of Boston.

The Newfoundland lawyers objected to reporters being present at the hearing as they held that they were acting under a commission from the supreme court of Newfoundland, and that the evidence must be first read by the judges of that tribunal, so the newspaper men were kept out. Mr. Adams set for three quarters of an hour in the case and shortly before 2 o'clock postponed the hearing until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, when it will be resumed in the board of trade rooms in this city.

Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, commander of sch. Ralph L. Hall, was the only witness to testify yesterday. He appeared as a witness for the appellants, and had been examined by Mr. Howley and cross-examined by Mr. Dent when the adjournment was taken.

Because of delay in getting the witnesses in hand, Mr. Howley, the latter part of last week, cabled to the judges of the supreme court of the colony and asked them to extend the time in which testimony could be taken in the United States from the 20th of this month to the first of March. The judges cabled back the required permission, and the taking of testimony may consume several days time.

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**BIG WORK.**

**Sch. Sadie M. Numan Lands Three Trips in Six Days.**

Sch. Sadie M. Numan, Capt. Frank Numan, which was at T wharf yesterday, has been doing some tall hustling, landing three trips in six days. On the fancy prices yesterday she made a stock that will net her crew about \$50 each and for the three trips their share was \$110 each, pretty good pay for six days work.

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- Sch. Yakima, Yarmouth, N. S.

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  - Sch. Terra Nova, 50,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5000 cusk.
  - Sch. Mary O. Santos, 30,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 1500 hake.
  - Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
  - Sch. Mattakeesett, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake. 2000 cusk.
  - Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 47,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 600 halibut.
  - Sch. George H. Lube, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
  - Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, 2500 haddock, 1500 cod, 10,000 hake.
  - Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
  - Sch. Emily Sears, 7000 haddock.
  - Sch. Shepherd King, 16,000 haddock, 500 cod, 5500 hake.
  - Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 hake.
  - Sch. Hope, 7500 haddock, 1000 cod.
  - Sch. Robert and Arthur, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Haddock, \$3 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$7; cusk, \$2 to \$2.75; pollock, \$5; halibut, 20 cts. per lb.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. S. P. Willard was at Halifax yesterday.

**Herring Notes.**

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon has completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at Boston and will be towed here today by tug Eveleth.

Tug Eveleth towed sch. Ingomar to Boston this morning, where she will take out her fare of frozen herring.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson still lies here with her cargo of frozen herring on board. It is reported that her owner, Capt. T. M. Nicholson, has been offered quite an advance for the cargo.

The price of Newfoundland frozen herring was raised yesterday at Boston and New York to \$4 per hundred weight, from the vessel.

The outlook is that in a very short time there will be a great scarcity of shore and Newfoundland stock.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant has completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at Philadelphia and was at Delaware breakwater yesterday and sailed for home.

Sch. Oregon, from this port with a cargo of frozen herring, arrived at Philadelphia Saturday.