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CONSUL WEST COMING

Will Talk with Vessel Owners Regarding Sick Seamen.

Believes Present Regulations Should Be Considerably Revised

A despatch from Sydney, C. B., yesterday says: "United States Consul West, who is at present on a visit to his family in Boston, will before returning visit Washington on business in connection with his department. He will also interview the captains and owners of Gloucester fishing vessels.

"It is pretty generally known dissatisfaction has existed with the regulations covering the landing and discharge of sick and disabled seamen who have been shipped by American vessels at Nova Scotia ports. At present these participate in the fund appropriated for the relief of sick seamen, upon the same footing as bona fide American sailors.

"It has been held in some quarters, and Consul West indorses the view, that seamen shipped at Nova Scotia ports, who become ill or disabled, should not participate in the relief, unless it can be shown that illness or disability has been incurred while in the discharge of their duties. Consul West maintains that after the man has been sent back to the point of shipment, further responsibility on the part of the United States government should cease.

"With the hundreds of United States craft that prosecute the fishing industry along the shores of this province, that are manned chiefly by Nova Scotians, the bill for expenditure in the way of relief is a heavy one, and Consul West during his visit will endeavor to suggest some measure by which this unjustifiable expenditure of United States money may be arrested."

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- Sch. Speculator, 45,000 haddock, 8000 cod l.
- Sch. Georgianna, 45,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. James S. Steele, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake.
- Sch. Buema, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Mina Swim, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Matchless, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
- Steamer Spray, 38,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Emilia Enos, 8000 haddock.
- Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, 60,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 halibut.
- Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod.
- Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 28,000 cod.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 16,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 50,000 haddock, 3500 cod.

Haddock, \$3 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; market cod, \$4; hake, \$3 to \$7; cusk, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, from Philadelphia, arrived at and sailed from Vineyard Haven yesterday.

Herring Notes.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, which took out her frozen herring at Boston, was towed down from there yesterday afternoon by the tug Eyeleth.

T wharf reports a very brisk demand for frozen herring and the vessels can hardly take them out fast enough to supply the trade.

The British sch. Coronation arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon from Halifax, N. S., with a cargo of Newfoundland frozen herring. The craft hauls for 790 barrels.

Sch. Margaret which took out her cargo of frozen herring at New York arrived home this morning with a cargo of coal.

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GETTING READY.

Many Vessels Will Soon Be in Commission Again

Water Front Is Beginning To Take On a Busy Look.

The water front is beginning to take on a busy look and at about all the wharves vessels can be seen coming out of winter quarters and being made ready for their spring and summer vocations.

Capt. Allen Dolman, one of the leaders of the Rips or "drift" fleet, will go in sch. Volant this season and will begin to fit out today.

Capt. James McDonald will fit sch. Hattie L. Trask for Georges handling.

Sch. Helen F. Whitten has been fitted out for salt bank codfishing and is commanded by Capt. Fred Upshell. She sailed yesterday, being the second of the salt bank fleet to sail.

Capt. William E. Morrissey, who commanded sch. Helen F. Whitten last season, has gone to Boston to take up a course in navigation and later will go steamboating, having a position as mate open to him.

Sch. Ralph Russell will fit for Georges handling under command of Capt. Michael O'Neil.

Capt. Oscar Benson, who did so well last season in sch. Volant, has returned from an extended and enjoyable visit to friends and relatives on the Scandinavian peninsula, and will now fit the fine sch. Fannie A. Smith for Georges halibuting.

Capt. Patrick Vale, one of our best known Georges skippers, will fit sch. American for Georges handling, and it is understood that later in the season he may fit the craft over for a salt bank trip.

Capt. Manuel Sears, formerly of sch. Mildred Robinson, will now fit the Boston sch. Mystery for winter haddocking. The vessel was towed here a few days ago.

Sch. William H. Rider is on Parkhurst's railways for a thorough overhauling and after this is completed will be fitted for Georges handling under command of Capt. Benjamin Johnson.

Capt. Newman Wharton is fitting sch. Arakona for salt banking. Capt. Wharton being anxious to make an early start.

Sch. Seantor Saulsbury has been fitted for Georges handling under command of Capt. Johnson.

Sch. Vera will engage in winter haddocking under command of Capt. William H. Goodwin.

Capt. Jason Daley of sch. James W. Parker has swapped vessels with Capt. Valentine O'Neil of sch. Muriel. Both are engaged in winter haddocking and this will bring Capt. Daley back into the craft he had last last year.

Sch. Thomas W. Knight, of this port, formerly of Kennebunk, Me., which was recently sold to parties in Florida, has fitted for her voyage at this port and sailed yesterday. She is commanded by Capt. Thompson and several well known Gloucester fishermen will make the trip down with him as crew. The Knight is 66.25 tons gross, 62.95 tons net, and was built in Essex in 1881.

Sch. Edward Trevo is probably through with fishing, as she has been sold to Boston parties to be used as a sander. She is 93.20 tons gross, 66.25 tons net, built at Boothbay Harbor in 1883.

Capt. William Wharton will fit sch. Marsala for Rips fishing.

Sch. Ramona will be commanded in the Rips fishery this coming season by Capt. William Goodwin.

Capt. Clayton Morrissey, the hustling high liner, is here and losing no time in fitting out sch. Elector for salt banking.

Sch. Arcadia is taking salt for a salt bank codfishing trip. She will be commanded by Capt. Charles Rudolph.

Capt. Alden Geel is fitting sch. Jubilee for Georges handling.

Sch. Senator Gardner is taking salt for a bank codfishing trip.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Dictator, Georges Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.
- Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, via Boston.
- Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, via Boston.
- Sch. Pontiac, shore.
- Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
- Sch. Arbutus, Georges, handling, 18,000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 lbs. halibut.

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. Conqueror, 46,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Regina, 50,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Illinois, 75,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Annie Perry, 10,000 haddock.
- Sch. Almeida, 10,000 cod.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, 7000 cod.
- Br. sch. Coronation, 200,000 lbs. frozen herring.
- Sch. A. C. Newhall, 3500 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Esther Gray, 10,000 cod.
- Sch. Philip P. Manta, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

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DECIDED ON A POSITION.

Board of Trade Members Held Important Meeting.

RESULT HELD A SECRET.

Had To Do with Final Settlement of All Herring Difficulties.

A meeting of the members of the Board of Trade who are interested in the Newfoundland herring fishery was held yesterday afternoon. The whole subject was carefully considered with reference to the bearing upon the same of the *modus vivendi* and the local laws of Newfoundland and recent enactments fathered by Sir Robert Bond.

The members are naturally aware that this country and Great Britain are desirous of coming to a permanent settlement of all questions between the United States and British colonies on this continent, as soon as possible, and the meeting was to decide, in a preliminary manner, on what basis a final agreement or settlement would suit the fishing interest, having in mind all the time our present rights at Newfoundland and Labrador under the treaty of 1818.

The meeting was quite lengthy, and it is understood that a position was agreed upon. The result of the meeting will be forwarded to Washington for the use of the state department, but those present positively refused to divulge the nature of the position taken, claiming that it would not be proper for them to say anything at this time as the decision arrived at was intended only for government use.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Arbutus sold to the New England Fish Co. at 14 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James M. Goodwin, stocked \$2100 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

The crew of sch. Natalie J. Nelson shared \$53 net each as the result of their recent haddocking trip.

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LOST WITH ALL HANDS.

Two Newfoundland Schooners Were Given Up Yesterday.

Carried Twelve Men Nearly All of Whom Were Married.

The Grand Banks, N. F., sch. Tubal Cain and the St. John's, N. F., sch. Mollie M., have been given up for lost, with all hands. The Mollie M. left St. John's more than a month ago with a cargo of provisions and it is believed that she struck on the keys at Trapsey bay during a storm and went down with all on board. She carried four men, two of whom were the sons of the vessel owner, William Stewart of Harbor Briton. One of the Stewarts was the master of the schooner, which was a comparatively new craft. Nothing has been heard from the schooner Tubal Cain since she left Halifax for Grand Banks more than six weeks ago with eight men on board. She carried a crew of six and had on board two passengers, Capt. Rogers, formerly of the schooner Harland, and Robert Forsey. Each of the eight men was married and leaves a family.

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HELD SESSION HERE.

Witnesses Being Heard in Newfoundland Shipping Fishermen Case

Special Commissioner Charles H. Adams, of Boston, appointed by the supreme court of Newfoundland, to take evidence in the shipping controversy, which is at present before the supreme court on the appeal of Dubois and Crane, the two Newfoundland fishermen who were fined \$500 each by the lower court for shipping on the Gloucester fishing vessel Ralph L. Hall, arrived here this morning and immediately held a session in the committee room of the board of trade for the purpose of taking evidence of witnesses in this city.

The fishermen's side of the case is looked after by W. R. Howley, Esq., of St. John's, N. F., formerly a partner of A. B. Morine, who was on the opposition side in the Newfoundland legislature and strenuously opposed premier Bond's foreign fishery act of 1906. James M. Kent, M. P. and K. C., who has associated with him Grosvenor Calkins of Boston, represents the Newfoundland government.

Here as at Boston, reporters were excluded from the sitting of the commissioner. Capt. A. B. Alexander, special agent of the state department at Washington, and Capt. Carl C. Young of this city are attending the sitting.

Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf was further examined this forenoon.

At 12 o'clock the commissioner declared a recess until 2 o'clock.

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Sch. Richard J. Nunon, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Albert Geiger, 3500 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Pontiac, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 8000 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Susan and Mary, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 42,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 50,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 50,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Kernwood, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Louise R. Silva, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Tartar, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$1 to \$5; market cod, \$3 to \$5; hake, \$4.50 to \$5; cusk, \$2.75.

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MADE BIG TRIPS.

Big Haddockers Struck Klondike at T Wharf Tuesday.

Some of the big haddockers which marketed their fares Tuesday at T wharf made pretty near the best trips of the season.

Sch. Terra Nova, Capt. John Hickey, which is high line of the winter haddock fleet to date, stocked \$2600, the crew sharing \$62 each.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, got \$2800, the crew sharing \$53.

The big sch. Regina, Capt. Jere. Shea, stocked \$1600, on which the crew shared \$35.

Sch. Fiera S. Nickerson, Capt. Jethro Nickerson, stocked \$2200 and the crew profited to the extent of \$50.

Sch. Illinois, Capt. John Lowrie, stocked \$2500, the men sharing \$60 each.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, Capt. Julius Anderson, shared \$50 to a man and sch. Rose Dorothea's men also shared about the same. These vessels were out from a week to 10 days on their trips.

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ALLOW TAKING "SHORTS"

Dr. Field Startles Legislature Regarding Lobster Law

Claims That Present Method Tried and Not Adequate.

Dr. George W. Field of the state board of fisheries and game has startled the legislature by urging the passage of a law to permit the taking of short lobsters, so as to permit the old ones to breed.

It is the precise contrary to the policy of the state for the past 30 years, and Dr. Field admitted the fact, but he said that the present law had had a fair trial and had been proven inadequate.

The law today prevents the taking of a lobster less than 10 1-2 inches. Annually nine-inch lobster bills have been defeated.

Dr. Field sounded the warning by pointing out that the lobster is growing extinct not only in the neighborhood of the Boston and New York markets, but in Maine and the provinces.

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BOND'S ADDRESS.

Will Now Be Sent to British Colonial Secretary.

A St. John's N. F., despatch of Thursday says: "The legislative council, the upper house of the Newfoundland legislature, today adopted by a vote of 11 to 2 an address to Lord Elgin, British secretary of state for the colonies, protesting against the modus vivendi, arranged last October between the British and American governments for the regulation of the herring fishery on the west coast of Newfoundland.

"The lower house adopted the same address last week by a vote of 23 to 3. The address, which will be presented to the governor tomorrow for transmission to London, sets forth that the modus vivendi, was agreed upon by the two governments without the British officials consulting the Newfoundland government or endeavoring to learn the views of the residents of the colony.

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WORK IS ENDED.

Newfoundland Commission Closed Here Yesterday Forenoon.

Report Will Now Be Sent to Newfoundland Supreme Court.

The work of the Newfoundland commission was concluded here with a very short session, after lunch, yesterday afternoon. No new witnesses were examined and the time was taken with closing up the case. The party went back to Boston on a late afternoon train and the work of the commission is at an end. Messrs. Howley and Kent will return to St. John's, N. F., and the report of the commissioner, Charles H. Adams, Esq., will be forwarded to the supreme court of Newfoundland and then made public.

The stay of the visitors was made as pleasant as possible. They dined at the Savoy hotel and in the afternoon after the hearing closed were entertained by friends.

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TOOK FARE TO BOSTON.

Sch. Squanto Brings 50,000 Pounds Halibut After Eight Days Trip.

After an absence of only 22 days, sch. Squanto, Capt. Daniel McDonald, arrived here last night, from the Gully, with a splendid halibut trip. The crew hailed for 50,000 pounds and the chances are that she has more than this. As the craft was gone such a short time, the trip must be a fine one and the fish in prime shape.

The Gully is a dangerous spot to fish, but it is one of Capt. McDonald's favorite haunts and every year he drags some fine, quick trips from there.

The trip did not sell here, and at 8.30 o'clock this morning a towboat took the Squanto in tow for Boston, the fare having been sold to the New England Fish Company to take out there. As the price is good, being 14 and 10 cents per pound, it means a big stock and Capt. McDonald and his men will profit accordingly.

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Gloucester Halibuter In To Repair.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. Joseph V. Bonia, of this port, which sailed from here a few days ago, put in at Halifax, N. S., Thursday for repairs to some of her gear. She had encountered very heavy weather on her way to the banks but the damage was slight and she was to proceed again today.