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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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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.
Today's Arrivals and Receipts.
Sch. Squanto, Gully, 50,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Helen F. Whitten, returned.
Sch. Wald L. Stream, returned.

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 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.
Georges handliner halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

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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.

- Boston.**
Sch. Laura Enos, 500 haddock, 2000 cod
Sch. Almeida, 6000 cod.
Sch. Orinoco, 50,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Nettle Franklin, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 halibut.
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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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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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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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.

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HOVE DOWN BY SQUALL.

Sch. Onato Had Very Tough Experience on Georges.

Capt. Larkin Nearly Lost and Steering Gear Badly Damaged.

Sch. Onato of Boston, Capt. J. Henry Larkin of this port, which arrived at T wharf Boston, yesterday badly iced up, had been through an experience which tested her seaworthiness to the utmost. While running down to pick up her first dory, she was struck by a heavy squall and hove down. While in this helpless position a sea struck her aft damaging the steering gear. Capt. Larkin had a very narrow escape from being drowned, the same sea knocking him down and washing him into the lee scuppers.

The accident happened last Wednesday, while the vessel was fishing on Georges. Early that morning the crew left the Onato to haul trawls. At that time the weather was fine and all hands left in the dories with the exception of the captain and cook.

In the afternoon it commented to snow and the skipper decided to run down and pick up the dories. There was little wind, but the mainsail was closely reefed, which proved most fortunate.

The schooner was bearing down on the first dory when without warning she was struck by a furious squall and with her sails snapping she was thrown almost on her beam ends. Before she could recover a monster comber broke on board.

It struck the wheel with a crash, demolishing the wheel box and knocking the wheel and heavy iron steering gear off the block on to the deck. The skipper was thrown into the lee scuppers and narrowly escaped being washed overboard in the flood.

The schooner fell off in the trough of the sea, where she lay with the seas making a complete breach over her. She creaked in every timber and the two men on board feared she would never recover.

The cook rushed from the galley and with the skipper tried to get the steering gear back in place, but in this they were unsuccessful.

The craft was in danger of being sent to the bottom as wave after wave pounded her and kept her on her beam ends. Fortunately the schooner had drifted down on the first dory and the two men in it saw the perils of the men on board and at the risk of their own lives they jumped on board.

It took the united efforts of the four men to get the steering gear back in place, where it was securely lashed. Then the other dories were picked up. The escape of the vessel was almost miraculous.

February 23.

Fine Stock.

Sch. Squanto, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked \$3700 as the result of her recent 22 days halibut trip. The craft weighed off 41,000 pounds of fish, selling at 10 1-2 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray. This is certainly a dandy trip for being so short a time gone.

February 23.

CAPT. FOSTER'S CLAIM.

Congressman Gardner Will Endeavor To Secure It for Him.

Capt. John C. Foster of this city is at Washington, D. C., in the interest of his claim against the fish commission for damages sustained by steamer Columbia owned by him and chartered to the commission. The claim amounts to \$500. Capt. Foster consulted with Representative Gardner in regard to the matter and an effort will be made to get provision made for paying the claim in one of the big appropriation bills.

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BAIT ACT TOO RIGID.

St. Johns, Feb. 23.—The fishing industry of the French colony of St. Pierre and Miquelon has declined 65 percent in the past 20 years and the population of St. Pierre has declined 35 percent, according to statistics laid before the Newfoundland legislature. The falling off in the fish trade is attributed to a rigid enforcement of the Newfoundland bait act.

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HIS WORK APPRECIATED.

Mr. A. B. Alexander Returned to Washington Thursday.

Vessel Owners and Skippers Speak Very Highly of Him.

Mr. A. B. Alexander, assistant in charge of the division of statistics and fisheries of the Bureau of Fisheries, and who for the past two seasons as diplomatic agent of the state department has represented the United States with the American herring fleet at Bay of Islands, N. F., returned to Washington Thursday afternoon, having completed his work here in connection with his observations and labors of the season just passed.

During his stay here, since coming from Bay of Islands, Mr. Alexander has met and talked with all the herring vessel owners and skippers and has secured a great amount of material which will be very valuable to the department in the working of permanently settling all contentions between this country and England, regarding treaties, fishing rights, etc., which work is now in progress.

Mr. Alexander's work at Bay of Islands the past two seasons is too well known here to need extended comment. Sufficient to say that he returned to his post at the capitol, bearing the confidence of the entire American herring fishing interest, owners, skippers and men as well, and the thanks of all for his good work, all of which has been performed in his usual quiet, but correct and determined manner.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Pythian, shore.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Juniata, shore.
- Sch. Speculator, via Boston.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Kernwood, shore.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
- Sch. Effie M. Prior, Georges, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Schr Squanto, via Boston, 4000 lbs. fresh fish, 1000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston.
- Sch. Susan and Mary, via Boston.
- Sch. George H. Lubbee, via Boston.
- Sch. Mattakesett, shore.
- Sch. Flavilla, shore.
- Sch. Rebecca, shore.

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Salt headline 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.

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Boston.

Sch. Flirt, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 200 halibut.

Sch. Onato, 6,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Valeriana, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50; large cod, \$4.50 to \$4.80; market cod, \$2.50.

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THIRTY OTTER TRAWLERS

French Steamers To Operate on Grand Banks.

North Sydney, C. B., Will Be Made Base of Operations.

A letter from St. Pierre, Miquelon to a member of one of the large vessel outfitting firms of that place, who is now in this city on a business trip, gives some important information regarding the fishing of the French bankers this coming season.

The letter says that this season the French will operate a fleet of 30 steam trawlers on the Grand Bank and other codfishing banks, using the otter trawl in a similar manner to the Boston steam trawler Spray. Last season the French operated two of these trawlers, and, encouraged by their success, have had more built or purchased, and this spring will see a fleet of 30 of them on the familiar fishing grounds.

Naturally the advent of this fleet of 30 steam trawlers, dragging over the bottom and taking in all forms of fish life, immature and otherwise, will be looked upon askance by the fishermen of all nations fishing on these grounds in sailing vessels and with common trawls and handlines. The success or failure of this new and big fleet will be watched with greatest interest.

The letter also states that it is understood at St. Pierre that Mr. Gordon McG. Graham, one of the largest outfitters and ship chandlers of North Sydney, C. B., and who is well known to our vessel owners and captains, has associated with him recently a French gentleman, and that he will act as a sort of business agent and outfitter to this big fleet, North Sydney being selected as the base of operations on account of the ease and lack of delay with which the frequent necessary coalings can be made there.

The proposition is a big one and a radical departure from the time honored lines and methods of salt fishing.

February 25.

PARADISE FISHES.

These Creatures Live In Odd Nests Composed of Air Bubbles.

Paradise fishes come from Japan, and their nests are very odd indeed, for they are composed of air bubbles. Unlike goldfish, they will breed and raise their young in an aquarium or even in a glass globe, and they raise three or four broods each year.

Ordinarily the male paradise fish is of a dull silvery color, but when he goes a-courting he puts on a brilliant coat, striped with streaks of red, blue and green. When the female fish is ready to lay eggs, she builds her nest by swallowing air and making bubbles, which are held together by a sticky secretion that comes from her mouth.

The eggs rise in the water and find a resting place among the air bubbles, to which they cling. The female fish tries to swallow the eggs, but her husband drives her away and keeps guard until the eggs are hatched. If the air bubbles burst, the male fish blows some more, so that the nest is always floating on the surface of the water.

At the end of five days the young are hatched out. They cannot swim, but cling like tadpoles to the air bubbles. If one falls, the father fish catches it in his mouth and blows it up among the bubbles again. He does not leave his little ones until they are able to swim, and then they take care of themselves.

February 25.

DRESSED FISH AT WHARF.

Too Cold To Do That Work on Middle Bank.

An unusual happening took place at T wharf, Boston, early yesterday morning, after sch. Sadie M. Nunan made fast. Her crew, because of the intense cold on the grounds off the Middle Bank, had to abandon the idea of dressing their fish and waited until they reached T wharf. This occurrence seldom, if ever, happened before.