

March 5.

REACH HOME.

Newfoundland Commissioners Will Report to Supreme Court.

Believed That Very Little New Evidence Was Secured.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., yesterday says:

Little new evidence of importance is believed to have been secured by Agents Kent and Howley, who recently visited Boston and Gloucester with a commission from the supreme court to take testimony from masters of American fishing vessels respecting the methods of hiring Newfoundlanders outside the three mile limit. They have returned here and will at once submit the report to the full bench.

The case now before the supreme court was appealed from a magistrate's court, where two colonial fishermen were fined for joining American vessels outside of the three mile limit, and assisting the Americans inside the limit.

The case will decide the validity of the Newfoundland law governing the engagement of colonial fishermen by foreign vessels.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Teaser, Quero Bank, 27,000 lbs. halibut, 8000 lbs. salt cod.
Steamer Mohawk, Eastern ports, fish for George Perkins & Son.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Ralph Russell, Georges.
- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges.
- Sch. Wm. H. Rider, Georges.
- Sch. Moonam, haddocking.
- Sch. Volant, Georges.
- Sch. Lucania, haddocking.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, haddocking.
- Sch. Stranger, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.
- Sch. John M. Keen, haddocking.
- Sch. Hope, haddocking.
- Sch. Juniata, haddocking.
- Sch. Arbutus, Georges.
- Sch. Kineo, halibuting.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos, haddocking.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.
- Sch. Pythian, haddocking.
- Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
- Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, haddocking.
- Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, halibuting.
- Sch. Norman Fisher, Georges.

Today's Fish Market.

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.

Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt cusk, \$2.50.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.
Georges handliner halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Boston.

- Sch. Frances V. Silva, 3000 haddock 1500 cod.
- Sch. Valentina, 20,000 cod.
- Sch. Terra Nova, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Haddock, \$3.25; large cod, \$5 to \$5.75; small cod, \$4.

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Probate Court.

At a session of the probate court at Salem on Monday, inventories of \$1904.96 were filed on the estate of James Crowley of this city and \$6230.68 on the estate of John C. Choate of Essex.

Good Stock.

Sch. Teaser, Capt. Peter Damsky, stocked \$2450 as the result of her recent Georges halibut trip, the crew sharing \$71.

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THROUGH THE ICE.

Many Are Enjoying Fine Smelt Fishing in Essex River.

The finest kind of smelt fishing has been discovered in Essex river and yesterday some big hauls were made by the disciples of Isaak Walton, who were on hand. The fish are taken through holes cut through the ice in the river and it is said that their appearance in the river at this time of the year was discovered by accident. The smelt fever has taken a strong hold in Essex since the first haul, and today many are "fishing for" these delicate and delicious fish. Most of the fish taken are of very large size.

BIG WORK.

Crew of Sch. M. Madeleine Shared \$120 in Ten Days.

The crew of sch. M. Madeleine, Capt. Roland Brewer, of this port, have been getting in some great licks recently. In the past ten days, the craft has made three trips, fishing off Plymouth and getting codfish, landing them a T wharf. Yesterday afternoon she was there with a fare of 24,000 pounds. On these three trips, in ten days time, the crew made the big share of \$120 to a man.

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Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Teaser sold to the New England Fish Company at 12 cents a pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Effie M. Prior, Brown's Bank, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Dictator, Brown's Bank, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Stranger, shore.
- Sch. Juniata, shore.
- Sch. Rebecca, shore.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Theresa and Alice, shore.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
- Sch. Metamora, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

- Sch. Bomance, via Boston.
- Sch. Manomet, shore.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Reliance, shore.
- Sch. Julietta, shore.
- Sch. Gracie, shore.
- Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
- Sch. Minerva, shore.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Belbira P. Domingoes, shore.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
- Sloop Azorean, shore.

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Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt cusk, \$2.50.

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Boston.

- Sch. Seaconnet, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 cusk.
- Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 cusk.
- Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 4500 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Joseph W. Cromwell, 9000 haddock.
- Sch. Hope, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 600 pollock.
- Sch. M. Madeleine, 24,000 cod.
- Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Sadle M. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- W. W. Sennett, 4500 haddock.
- Sch. Raymah, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 55,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Illinois, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
- Sch. Crescent, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.
- Sch. Flavilla, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake, 5000 cusk.
- Sch. Georgianna, 45,000 haddock, 500 cod. Haddock, \$3 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$4 to \$4.50; hake, \$3.50 to \$6; cusk, \$3; pollock, \$5.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Claudia of this port was at Halifax yesterday for repairs.
Sch. T. M. Nicholson is taking out her fare of frozen herring at Boston. It is understood that Capt. Thomas M. Nicholson of Bucksport, owner of the vessel, is handling his own cargo.

March 7.

FIRM INCORPORATED.

North Sydney Concern to Handle Big French Fleet.

The Times' Exclusive Story Receives Full Confirmation.

Confirmatory of the Times exclusive story, published some time ago, of the coming of 30 French steam trawlers to the North Atlantic fishing grounds this coming season and that the firm of G. M. Graham of North Sydney, C. B., who has associated a French gentleman with them in their business, was to be the agents and fitters of the big fleet which was to make North Sydney its headquarters, a North Sydney dispatch in the Halifax Chronicle says:

"Letters patent for the incorporation of the G. M. Graham Company, Ltd., North Sydney, have been issued. The largest shareholders are G. M. Graham of this town, John Carry of Florence, John McGibbon of Scotland and Edward Lacroix of St. Pierre.

"The latter gentleman is now special representative of a large fish concern with headquarters in Paris, said to be the largest organization of fish dealers in the world. Previously they made St. Pierre the fitting out station for their fleet, but realizing the many advantages to be gained by coming to North Sydney, they decided to increase their fleet of trawlers and other fishing craft, and make this place their port of call.

"This coming season, therefore, it is expected the big French Union of Fishing Concerns will send no less than twenty trawlers to prosecute the fishing in these waters, and the immense benefit to be derived by the merchants and others here will mean much for North Sydney.

"The object of the new company is described as that of ship chandlers and brokers, and they will carry on a general fishing and fish curing business in conjunction with their brokerage business.

"The company have also purchased several small fishing vessels and are now negotiating for the purchase of a clipper auxiliary schooner, which will be used in prosecuting the fisheries off the Cap. Breton coast."

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Good Stocks.

- Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, Capt. Martin Guthrie, stocked \$2100 as the result of her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$65.
- Sch. Shade Gordon, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked \$1900 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

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QUEER FISH.

Found in a Barrel of Irish Mackerel at Davis Bros. Wharf.

In unpacking a barrel of Irish mackerel a few days ago, the men on Davis Bros. wharf came across a fish, which was not a mackerel by any means. It was about the size of a small mackerel, the flesh being very white. The fish was split the same way as a mackerel, the skin being a sort of light gray, which looked as though it might be very bright and shiny when the fish was alive. The tail was deeply grooved and the fins at the gills were noticeably long and slender. The head was rather blunt and from the mouth to the tail, the back is a perfect ellipse in shape. The other side, from the under jaw to the tail, is quite straight. Nobody has been able to name the fish, but it is thought that it is some fish that frequents the Irish coast and is found in proximity to mackerel schools as pogies and others are here.

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Newfoundland Frozen Herring Are High.

Bait is scarce and high at present and at Boston the shore boats are paying \$4.50 per hundred pounds for Newfoundland frozen herring.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson, now taking out at T wharf, Boston, is shipping considerable to Philadelphia and other places.

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BIG ICE FLOES.

Encountered on Grand Bank by Steamer Cheronea.

The Thompson line steamer Cheronea, bound from Calais, France, for New York, which was reported as passing cape Race in damaged condition March 4, has arrived at Placentia, N. F.

Capt. Liswell stated yesterday that the steamer came in contact with huge ice floes off the Grand banks. Some of her plates were indented, and a slight leak was started in her forward compartment.

March 7.

BUZZARDS BAY HEARING.

Delegation of Master Mariners at State House Today.

A delegation of the Master Mariners Association is at the state house today to appear before the committee on fisheries and game at the adjourned hearing on the bill to allow the use of nets and seines in the waters of Buzzards Bay. The Master Mariners will appear in favor of the bill.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Vessels Sailed.

Today's Fish Market.

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Boston.

Sch. Olga, 38,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 7000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Shepherd King, 9500 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Catherine & Ellen, 50,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Tartar, 50,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 3800 haddock, 300 cod, 200 hake.

Sch. Pontiac, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1800 hake.

Sch. Matchless, 35,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; hake, \$3.50 to \$8; pollock, \$5.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Daniel McColish will now fit sch. Blanche for salt bank codfishing.

Capt. Alex McEachern is fitting sch. Maggie and May for salt banking.

Sch. Georgie Campbell will fit for salt banking under command of Capt. Robert Wilson.

Capt. John Glynn will fit sch. Judique for salt banking.

Capt. Charles Forbes is fitting sch. Pauline for Georges handline codfishing.

Sch. Jessie Costa of Provincetown has fitted and sailed on a fresh halibut trip.

March 8.

SEND IN YOUR CLAIMS.

Congressman Gardner Calls Attention to an Important Matter.

Many Small Owners and Captains Not Heard From.

The following letter from Congressman A. P. Gardner calling the attention of having all claims against Great Britain or any of her dependencies in his hands on March 11, is of much importance, especially in this city, where there are claims of firms, vessel owners and skippers amounting to many thousands of dollars.

All who have these claims should hasten and get them in Capt. Gardner's hands as quickly as possible. The letter reads as follows:

Washington, D. C., March 6, 1907.

To the Editors Gloucester Daily Times, Gloucester, Mass.

Dear Sirs:—Will you kindly call the attention of your readers to the fact that now is the time for them to send me their fishery claims against Great Britain or any of her dependencies.

For the most part the claims of the large firms against Newfoundland are all in, but few of the small owners or captains have not yet communicated with me. Not many Canadian claims are at hand, either from large or small owners.

Claims should be made out in the form of a memorandum, accompanied by vouchers and a written statement of explanation.

Nothing may come of this effort, perhaps; but it will cost nothing except the trouble.

All claims should be at hand on March 11 at the latest.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) A. P. Gardner.

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CAPT. ROBBINS HOME.

Reports a Good Red Snapper Season at Pensacola.

Capt. Parker Robbins of this city has returned from his annual winter red snapper fishing out of Pensacola, Florida. He reports that the fish have tended on the shore this season and that since the first of the year he smacks from Pensacola and near by ports have done extra well.

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GREAT SMELT FISHING.

Essex River Lined with Sportsmen Seeking Elusive Beauties.

Fish Remarkably Large and Many Good Catches.

It is safe to say that smelt fishing in Essex river will be an established pursuit at Essex next winter. The strike of Warden Nixon of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission this week, has fairly set the fishermen of the town into state of excitement. Ever since the day when the warden located the fish, the river in the locality of the strike has been fairly alive with men and boys, all fishing. Some of them fished all day and many fished well into the night, by lantern light. The smelt are an extra big run and fully half of them are by far the largest ever taken in this vicinity, easily running from 10 to 13 inches in length.

Warden Nixon was convinced that there were smelt in the river, and that if he could locate them, he could open up a source of income for many people, as fresh, home caught and unfrozen smelts command a very fancy price in the Boston market.

In speaking of this strike, he said that he wished he could have made it earlier in the season as it would surely have been a source of considerable revenue for many people. As it is now, some will make something out of it, and besides there will be many people who will have smelt in abundance on their tables.

The close season on catching smelt comes on at midnight, March 14, thus giving the fish a chance to spawn unmolested. It is safe to say that every day up to that time will find the river black with men and boys, all eagerly fishing. Many have gone up from here, and beside enjoying the sport, have brought home good catches.

Warden Nixon has given all the fishermen who care for it the benefit of his knowledge

and experience as to the best way to catch them and the proper kind of bait and gear to use, for fishing for smelt through two and three feet of ice is far different than fishing for them in the open water of the docks in the fall of the year. Many have followed his advice and have made big hauls. Mr. Nixon is certainly to be complimented for his work of locating the fish and using his best efforts in showing the fishermen how to fish for them to the best advantage.

Local smelters as well as Essex men have got the fever in earnest, although many of them had given up the sport, since last November until next July. Yesterday several of the local crack smelters, including A. W. Flye, Charles W. Rich, Albert Casey, Fred Reynolds, Hiram Nickerson, Osman Babson and others, left on the early afternoon car and fished until dark through the ice on the river.

Fully 50 anglers were on the river during the afternoon in the vicinity of Story's shipyard. Of course everyone was first obliged to cut his own hole, which required from 15 to 25 minutes according to the thickness of the ice.

But the successful fisherman was the fellow who had the real bait. Minnows and shrimp at this time of the year are out of question so each had to use what they could get. The best fishing was done by those having frogs leg dipped in carimue. The fish would bite quickly, and owing to their tender mouth it would be necessary to land them quickly, or they frequently shake loose from the hook.

Although it probably appeared cold sport to the many spectators, the fishermen nevertheless enjoyed themselves. Some of the smelters fish with as many as three lines, heavily leaded, owing to the strong undertow.

Among the successful fishermen the past few days has been the small boy. He has no fancy gear, but gets there just the same. With an axe and chisel he cuts his hole and with a bit of cord and sinker rigged to home made traps, and with no other bait than blood worms, he manages to get a fair catch. He has nothing to sit on but is content to squat on the ice and wait for a nibble.

This forenoon the smelt men were out early endeavoring to break through creeks in hope of securing a supply of minnows while others sought frogs for afternoon fishing.