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The records for 1906 show **LOSSES** that during that year 82 sailing **AT SEA** vessels and 39 steamships were lost. Of the sailing vessels 25 were American, and 19 were English. Only one American steamship was lost. Six sailing vessels went forth from port and were never spoken or heard of.

Forty-three sailing craft were lost through going ashore when they ought to have stayed out in deep water. Eighteen steamships were stranded, three lost through collision, four burned, four foundered and 10 were broken up for the scrapheap, a junkman buying some of them to be remelted into steel plates. Twenty-three sailing vessels were condemned or made over into barges.

Collision was the principal cause of accident. No less than 121 steamships were in collision. Fifty-five vessels have been wrecked or damaged since February 14.

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SOUTHERN SEINERS.

Advance Guard Will Make Early Start This Season.

FLEET LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson Will Get Away Early Next Week.

The mackerel season of 1907 can be said to have opened, for today sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, will haul on Parkhurst's ways to fix up for the southern trip. For the past two days Capt. Jacobs and his crew have been at work getting things ready and stowed on board, and he expects to be all ready to sail the first of next week, being, as usual, the first to get away. He intends to go as far south as Cape Hatteras and should he fall in with an early school, would run to Fortress Munroe, there to land his catch and have it shipped to market from that point.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, will not be far behind Capt. Jacobs in making an early start. Early next week she will fit out and go on the ways and will sail by the last of the week, making the second of the southern mackerel hunters to get away before the snow is off the ground.

The latter part of March and first of April will witness the getting ready of the bulk of the early fleet, most of them figuring on the fish not showing much before the 3th or 10th of April and therefore being on the grounds in plenty of time to be in the game from the start. Last year this early southern seining fleet numbered 65 sail, or a little better. This year it will not be as large, the prospect at this date being that what is commonly called the early southern fleet will number a little less, about 55 sail or possibly a few over being the estimate.

Of course by the time the fish are up off No Mans Land, the fleet will be greatly increased, so that by Cape Shore time it would not be at all surprising if the mackerel seiners numbered between 80 and 90 sail. Especially would the fleet be materially enlarged if the southern fleet should have a good season.

As near as can be ascertained at this early date, the early southern mackerel seining fleet will be made up about as follows:

Gloucester.

- Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs.
- Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine.
- Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum.
- Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch.
- Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas.
- Sch. Arabia, Capt. John Matheson.
- Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron.
- Sch. Grayling, Capt. Joseph Smith.
- Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Moran.
- Sch. Avalon, Capt. Christopher Carrigan.
- Sch. Lottie G. Merchant.
- Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Charles Maguire.
- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ralph Webbar.
- Sch. Dauntless.
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall.
- Sch. Corsair, Capt. John Morash.
- Sch. Colonial, Capt. Lemuel Firth.
- Sch. Helen G. Wells, Capt. Edward McLean.
- Sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier.
- Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean.
- Sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.
- Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum.
- Sch. Speculator.
- Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. Fred. E. Carritt.
- Sch. Annie Greenlaw, Capt. George G. Hamor.
- Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland.
- Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross.
- Sch. Norma, Capt. Charles Doucette.
- Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar McKown.
- Sch. Corona, Capt. Benjamin McGray.
- Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Capt. John A. McKinnon.
- Sch. Hattie M. Graham, Capt. Gilbert Gallant.

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- Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior.
- Sch. Good Luck, Capt. G. Melvin McClain.
- Sch. ———, Capt. Alex. McCloud.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Lewis Carritt.
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley.
- Boston.
- Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis.
- Sch. Shenandoah, Capt. James C. Gannon.
- Sch. ———, Capt. John Perry.
- Sch. Arthur Binney, Capt. Rufus McKay.
- Provincetown.
- Sch. ———, Capt. Samuel T. Hatch.
- Boothbay Harbor.
- Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavey.
- New York.
- Sch. Mary P. Mosquita.
- Sch. Nourmahal, Capt. Jerry Cook.
- Sch. Roulette.
- Sch. Ruth E. Pember.
- Sch. Bertha and Pearl.
- Sch. Faustina.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Fish Market.

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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. Helen B. Thomas, 6500 haddock, 100 cod, 1000 hake, 200 cusk, 100 pollock.

Sch. Regina, 45,000 haddock, 4000 cod. Haddock, \$4.50 per cwt.; cod, \$5; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$3.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. William Iarkin is fitting sch. Sceptre for salt bank codfishing.

Sch. Lillian was at Portland yesterday.

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WANT NO COMPROMISE.

Cape Cod Fishermen Heard at the Buzzard's Bay Hearing.

"The only real sharks which the fishermen are afraid of are the sharks of the American Fisheries Company," said Rev. E. E. Phillips, a minister from Bourne, at the hearing before the committee on fisheries and game yesterday on the legislation, which proposes to open Buzzard's bay to trap and seine fishing.

The fishermen from the Cape turned out at the hearing in large number to voice their disapproval of the compromise offered some days ago in which it was proposed to open the lower half of the bay.

Others who opposed the legislation were James W. Hurley of Wareham, Horace B. Tobey, James F. Monahan, Russell and James W. Hurley.

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NEWFOUNDLAND STORMBOUND.

St. Johns, March 9.—A heavy blizzard has raged throughout Newfoundland, blockading railway lines and damaging shipping. An unknown fishing vessel foundered on the south coast of the island and seven men were lost. The high gale drove three schooners seaward, and the crews were obliged to abandon the craft to save their lives. Business in many places is at a standstill.

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LABRADOR'S ICEBERGS.

An Almost Endless Procession of All Shapes and Sizes.

It is the icebergs that make Labrador fascinating. They greet you when you steam out of the strait of Belle Isle, the northern gateway of the gulf of St. Lawrence, and head northward up the coast of Labrador. They come floating from the north, an endless procession, all shapes, fantastic, colossal, statuesque, even grotesque—a magnificent assemblage of crystal domes and turrets and marble fortresses. Your steamer picks its way carefully among them lest they be jealous of her intrusion and fall over upon her. And in the midst of this glorious company you come to Battle Harbor.

The settlement is on an island perhaps 200 yards in diameter, which is the outpost of a larger island, and plows the waves of the ocean like the prow of some gigantic ocean liner. In storms the spray leaps almost across its ledgy surface. A cove hides behind the bluff sea wall, and on its rim nestles a tiny village of whitewashed cottages. You climb the hill to the lookout. Away to the north and south spreads out the vast procession of the icebergs. They come out of the north, the fog surrounding their tops and streaming like smoke from their pinnacles. They move slowly southward, perhaps three or four miles a day. Some go directly south down the Newfoundland coast; some turn west as they approach the straits and are swept by the tide into the gulf of St. Lawrence.

Day by day from the hilltop you note their slow progress. Each day sees new forms emerging on the northern horizon, while old familiar bulks are lost to view in the south. Each month's icebergs are natives of a more northern region; hence the bergs of the late summer, though fewer in number, are individually larger than those of the earlier part of the season, because they have been longer in the making, coming from farther north.

June's icebergs are Labrador's own product and have broken off from the ice field that has filled the bays and extended far into the ocean in the previous winter. July's bergs come from Baffin Land, while the huge bulks of August are natives of Kane bay and the far northern rim of Greenland, where man has never been.—Boston Transcript.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore. Sch. Emily Sears, shore. Sch. Emerald, shore. Sch. Juniata, shore. Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, shore. Sch. Hortense, shore.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gladiator is now being fitted for salt bank codfishing under command of Capt. Joseph Spinney.

Sch. Oregon, from Philadelphia for this port, sailed from Delaware breakwater yesterday.

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STRUCK BIG FISHING.

Sch. Catherine G. Howard Gets Whole Trip in One Set.

The fishing on Georges of late has been very spotty and some vessels would make good catches, while others close to them would strike nothing. The most remarkable catch of the season was that made by sch. Catherine G. Howard, Capt. Freeman Decker, of this port, which is at T wharf, Boston morning.

The vessel was out only a few days ago and was fishing on Georges. There was considerable bad weather, but finally Capt. Decker got a chance to set out some trawls and a big haul was the result, fully 45,000 pounds of cod and haddock being taken. As this was a trip in itself, the Howard was headed for market with a fine fare, all caught on one set of the trawls.

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Many Arrivals at Boston.

It is shore boat day at T wharf, Boston, this morning, for out of 40 arrivals, an unusually large number, all but three are shore boats. Some of the crafts have fine trips, and as the prices are very good considering the size of the fleet in port, they will get a good thing out of it.

Lodge Visitation.

District Deputy James W. Brient and Past Master Workman J. Clifford Entwisle of John Edecott Lodge of Salem and Dr. Newhall, master workman of Puritan Lodge of Salem, will visit Fernwood Lodge, A. O. U. W., this evening.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of sch. Senators sold to the New England Fish Company and that of sch. Admiral Dewey to the American Halibut Company, each at 12 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

Spoken.

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AFTER MANY DAYS.

Several Arrivals at This Port with Fares of Fish.

For the first time since last Wednesday there are vessels in here from off shore with fares of fish. Sch. Senator, Capt. George Marr, came in yesterday with a nice fresh halibut trip and sch. Monarch, Capt. Daniel McKay, came in from Georges with a good trip of haddock and codfish. This morning sch. Admiral Dewey, Capt. James Bowie, arrived with a trip of fresh halibut. Several of the off shore fleet are now due and quite a number of arrivals are looked for this week.

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ANOTHER NEW VESSEL.

Capt. Lemuel Spinney To Have One of Entirely New Design.

Tarr & James of Essex have laid the keel for a new fishing vessel for Capt. Lemuel Spinney of this city, to be launched about the first of June. The craft is to be 120 feet over all, 21 feet 6 inches beam and 11 feet 8 inches depth of hold.

Capt. Spinney, who is known to all as one of the smartest master mariners that Gloucester ever produced, is to have some original ideas embodied in the construction of the vessel, and all who know him realize that these ideas are the result of his many years of experience on the fishing grounds and cannot help being of material value in vessel construction.

When the new craft is launched, she will be fitted for halibuting, the line in which Capt. Spinney first made the start of his remarkable record, and will sail on her first few trips under the command of her able owner.

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SARDINE SEASON DELAYED.

Eastport, Me., March 11.—On account of the destruction of the weir property along the Maine and New Brunswick shores of Passamaquoddy bay by drift ice, the opening of the sardine season will be considerably delayed. The bay has been filled with heavy drift ice, which has swept away fishing appliances, causing damage estimated at about \$50,000. It will be late in the summer before the conditions prevailing last fall can be re-established.

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SEALING FLEET SAILS.

St. Johns, March 11.—At daybreak today the sealing fleet of 23 steamers sailed for the north to begin the taking of the annual harvest of seals off the Labrador coast. On account of the inshore winds which have prevailed and which have packed the ice heavily along the coast, the work of the fleet this season is expected to be unusually difficult. The fleet carries 3891 men.

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Liverpool Salt.

Sch. Race Horse of Rockland, Me., is at this port from Boston with a cargo of Liverpool salt for Orlando Merchant.

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Sch. Monarch, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

- Sch. Actor, shore. Sch. Ellen C. Burke, via Boston. Sch. Emily Cooney, shore. Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore. Sch. Emily Sears, shore. Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore. Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore. Sch. John M. Keen, shore. Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore. Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore. Sch. Emerald, shore. Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.

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- Sch. Muriel, 47,000 haddock, 20,000 cod. Sch. Catherine G. Howard, 37,000 haddock, 8000 cod. Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, 10,000 cod. Sch. Flavilla, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake. Sch. Stranger, 12,000 haddock. Sch. Viking, 6000 haddock, 600 cod. Sch. A. C. Newhall, 600 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. William A. Morse, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Nokomis, 12,000 cod. Sch. Minerva, 2400 haddock, 1400 cod, 500 hake. Sch. Priscilla, 8000 cod. Sch. Pontiac, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake. Sch. Mooween, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 16,000 hake, 10,000 cusk. Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock. Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake. Sch. Mary C. Santos, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod. Sch. Shephard King, 13,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake. Sch. Margaret Dillon, 5000 haddock, 300 cod, 8000 hake. Sch. Yankee, 32,000 cod. Sch. Louise R. Sylva, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Mattakesett, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod. Sch. Clara G. Silva, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 2500 haddock, 300 cod. Sch. Rebecca, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Seaconnet, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Maud F. Silva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Flora J. Sears, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Albert Geiger, 10,000 cod. Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 2500 haddock, 12,000 cod. Sch. Ida M. Silva, 1700 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Saline, 700 cod. Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 14,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake. Sch. Dorothy, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake. Steamer Isabel, 6500 cod. Sch. Florida, 15,000 cod. Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake. Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 4200 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1500 haddock, 1200 cod. Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod. Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.90 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$3.50 to \$6; pollock, \$5; cusk, \$3.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, The Gully, 22,000 lbs. halibut, 3000 lbs. cod.

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NEW HALIBUT MARKET.

Demand at St. John's, N. F., and Good Grounds Believed Close By.

The St. John's, N. F., Trade Review says: "We don't think that anybody has ever tried for halibut off the coast in this neighborhood, but, if there are any out there, there will be big money in them for the men who first start in the business. It is a small halibut that doesn't weigh 100 pounds, which, at 10 cents per pound (which would be about wholesale rate landed to the dealer), means a ten dollar bill, or more than the value of two quintals of uncured codfish."

"We do not know if Yankee halibutters have caught any fish off St. John's, but they have, from time to time, captured good fares on ledges from Baccalieu north to Cape John. There is no pipe dream about this business; there is an assured halibut market, at least during the winter months, in St. John's, and there is money in it for the first movers in the fishery."

WILL GO MACKEREL NETTING.

Well Known Seiping Skipper To Try Nets Instead of Seine.

Capt. Solomon A. Rowe, one of the Nestors of the mackerel seining fleet and who did well last year in sch. William H. Cross, will not try seining this season, but has decided to go south, netting. Accordingly he has been to Portland and bought the little sch. S. H. Pinkham, 19.67 tons gross, 18.69 tons net, built at Kennebunk in 1877. The craft will be brought here and fitted out and Capt. Rowe will start south with the early ones. Everybody wishes him success.