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SALT STEAMER HERE.

Alicia Arrives After Passage of Twenty-Eight Days.

Brings Big Cargo To Relieve Present Short Supply.

After a pasage of 28 days the British steamer Alicia arrived at this port from Trapani this morning with 3000 tons of salt for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The steamer brings the first salt cargo of the season, and her arrival has been anxiously awaited for several days, as a large number of salt bankers are waiting to take salt and be off on their long trips and there is very little salt on hand, the warehouses having practically none, and what there is being in the big pens at a few of the wharves.

The Alicia is no stranger here, as last year she brought the first salt cargo of the season, being 30 days on the passage. Capt. Robert N. Miller, the pilot, picked her up outside early last evening and brought her up the harbor to anchor in the deep hole, just before 7 o'clock this morning. The discharge of her cargo will begin at once and stevedore T. E. Reed will hustle things.

Another steamer with salt is on the way for this port, the Mariner, consigned to Fred Bradley, having sailed from Aviza, Spain. The craft was reported to have left February 15, but Mr. Bradley, the consignee, is positive that she did not get away on the date reported, but thinks she started some days later.

The captain of the Alicia reports very heavy weather on the passage. He expected to make the trip in 24 days, and attributes the severe gales and heavy sea for the delay. Despite the bad weather the craft sustained no damage. She had 3100 tons of salt and this morning early schs. Sceptre and Athlete were alongside of her to take salt. One of the lighters was also there for a load.

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HAD HARD WEATHER.

Big Sea Struck Sch Senator on Grand Bank.

Capt. George Marr of sch. Senator, which arrived from a halibut trip to Grand Bank yesterday, had very hard weather throughout the trip.

On the first trip the crew pulled back 7000 pounds of halibut and all looked fair for a big trip in quick time, but the next day found the craft riding out a heavy gale at anchor. One heavy sea came on board and hitting the gurry kid, took it overboard bodily, not a board of it being seen afterward.

After this there came days and days of hard weather and the crew fairly had to steal a chance to set the gear. Between blows a nice trip was picked up and the vessel started for home.

On the way home more heavy weather and one more bad gale was encountered, the foresail, brand new and just out of the loft, being burst, fair play.

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FISHING THROUGH THE ICE.

Smelters Taking Advantage of Few Days Before Season Closes.

Smelt fishermen are taking advantage of the few days which remain before the close season is on, and Essex river each day is covered with an army of sportsmen.

Yesterday the fishing was not as good as it has been, although some fish were taken averaging large and unusual size. The season closes on Thursday at midnight until June 1.

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Good Trip.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James M. Goodwin, arrived this morning with a fine fare of 75,000 pounds of fresh fish, haddock and cod. The trip sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company, and as prices are still pretty good, Capt. Goodwin and his men will profit accordingly.

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Main Throat Irons Carried Away.

Sch. Claudia of this port, before reported at Halifax, N. S., for repairs, was in to replace her main throat irons which had been carried away.

Halibut Sale.

The 1200 pounds of fresh halibut of sch. Ella M. Goonwin sold to the American Halibut Company at 14 cents per pound.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Senator, Capt. George Marr, stocked \$1900 as the result of her recent short halibut trip, the crew sharing \$37.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Georges, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1200 lbs. halibut.

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 10 cts. for gray.

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

Haddockers' fresh halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

Boston.

Sch. Onato, 40,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Orinoco, 45,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Susan and Mary, 40,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Frances Whalen, 1500 haddock, 4000 cod, 40,000 hake, 9000 cusk.

Sch. Winnifred, 25,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Vera, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 25,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6000 cod.

Sch. Speculator, 55,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Flirt, 57,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Quannapowit, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 30,000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 33,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Juniata, 5000 haddock.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$4.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Arthur Binney of Boston is here to go on the Rocky Neck ways for painting, etc., preparatory to fitting out for her southern mackerel seining trip.

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CAUGHT COD ON MUSSELS.

Fish Famine at Lanesville Relieved by Haul of Market Cod.

The fish famine which has prevailed at Lanesville for the past two months was relieved today, when Frank Saunders, one of the dory fishermen, came in with 500 pounds of market cod which he had caught in Ipswich Bay. This is the first haul of any account landed there for a long time. Capt. J. W. Merchant, who is W. E. Demett's agent there, took the trip, and he says the demand is so great that instead of shipping the lot away, he is going to sell them at retail right there. The curious thing about the catch is that it was caught on mussels, that being the bait Mr. Saunders used.

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CANSO AGENCY TO STAY.

Consul General West Convinces Officials of Its Value

Secures Change in Sick and Disabled Seamen's Relief Law.

The visit of Consul General West, of North Sydney, C. B., to Washington, has been productive of one good result at least, and it will be pleasing news to the fishing interest in general to learn that as a result of his efforts, the consular agency at Canso, N. S., which the state department intended closing some time ago, will not be discontinued.

Consul West discussed this question at length with the department officials, and his arguments were so strong and convincing that the officials were convinced of the value of the consular agency there and it will remain.

It was thought by the department that this consulate, in such close proximity to Hawkesbury, could be easily dispensed with. The consul, however, was of a different opinion. He pointed out that Canso was the most convenient station on the Atlantic coast and the one to which the fishermen of Gloucester invariably went on their way out for bait and supplies. The agency at Hawkesbury was 30 miles distant and could not do the work as satisfactorily as is done at Canso. He urged upon the department that the interests of a large proportion of the millions of capital invested in fishing at Gloucester demanded that the station be retained.

Consul West also had a long conference with the officials in regard to his proposed change in the system under which relief is afforded sick and disabled seamen. Consul West thinks 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 duty.

As a result of the consul's representations to the Washington authorities, it has been decided that hereafter such seamen will be sent to the port of shipping and there the obligations of the United States government will cease.

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STRUCK ICE AND SANK.

Fishing Schooner Goes Down Near Dreaded Romer Shoal.

The fishing schooner Hattie Douglass of New London, Conn., was struck by a field of ice and sunk near Romer beacon while approaching the Sandy Hook bay for a harbor last night. Capt. Isaacson and his crew, Oscar Gerg and John Erickson, took to their dory and landed on the beach at Sandy Hook. The floating ice tore a hole in the starboard bow and the water poured in so rapidly that the schooner sank in 15 minutes. Her cargo was 200 codfish.

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SALT BANK COD FLEET.

Vessels Which Will Engage in This Fishery.

FEW LESS THAN IN 1906.

Fishery Now Conducted During Ten Months of the Year.

Already some 10 or 12 of the New England salt bank codfishing fleet have sailed on their long trips. Some, no doubt, have stopped in on the Nova Scotia shore for bait and to take out their licenses, etc., but several before this are undoubtedly on the bank and fishing.

Time was when the banking season was much shorter than at present. Then vessels did not start until spring had fairly opened and were through and settled up for their trips early in the fall. Now the season begins in February and ends about the last of November, these two dates being the extremes of early departures and late arrivals.

There is no discounting the fact that the salt bank codfishery has come to be looked upon as an almost all the year round fishery, there being but two months in the year when it is not now followed from this port.

The New England fleet this year promises to be somewhat smaller than last year. In 1906, the fleet numbered 55 sail, while as at present figures the 1907 fleet will not exceed 45 or 46 sail, and it may drop below these figures.

The reduction in the size of the fleet is due to the loss of several vessels during the Newfoundland herring season just passed, while several vessels which have usually gone salt banking have been sold during the past few months, and also because it is probable that more vessels will remain in the shack fishery this year than last.

The fleet this year is a splendid one, comprising all fine staunch vessels of large size and big carrying capacity. It is noticeable that quite a lot more of them than usual will go dory handling, this branch of the fishery being very successfully conducted last season.

The New England salt bank codfishing as planned by the vessel owners at the present writing, comprises the following craft, although it is possible that a few more may be added later.

Gloucester.

- Sch. Helen F. Whitten, Capt. Fred Ushell.
- Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Fred LeBlanc.
- Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel.
- Sch. Aliee R. Lawson, Capt. Warren Forbes.
- Sch. Athlete, Capt. Leroy Spinney.
- Sch. Soepre, Capt. William B. Larkin.
- Sch. Senator Gardner, Capt. Vincent Nelson.
- Sch. Essex, Capt. Clifford Vanamberg.
- Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Angus Hines, dory handling.
- Sch. Dora A. Lawson, Capt. Robert Winslow, dory handling.
- Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham, dory handling.
- Sch. Valkyrie, Capt. Henry Locke, dory handling.
- Sch. A. E. Whyland, Capt. Fred Morrissey.
- Sch. W. E. Morrissey, Capt. C. Hiram Forbes.
- Sch. Elector, Capt. Clayton E. Morrissey.
- Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis.
- Sch. Horace B. Parker, Capt. Jesse Moron.
- Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Lovitt E. Hines.
- Sch. Bohemia, Capt. Ormsby Seeley.
- Sch. S. P. Willard, Capt. John McInnis.
- Sch. Maggie and May, Capt. Alex. McEachern.
- Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton.
- Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Charles Rudolph.
- Sch. Titania, Capt. Wilson Cahoon.
- Sch. Mabel D. Hines, Capt. Staley Hines.
- Sch. Judique, Capt. John Glinn.
- Sch. Gladiator, Capt. Joseph Spinney.
- Sch. Blanche, Capt. Donald McCoish.
- Sch. Georgie Campbell, Capt. Robert Wilson.
- Sch. Meteor, Capt. Alex. Haines.
- Sch. George Parker, Capt. Roderick H. McNeil.

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In addition to these, the Gordon-Pew Fisheries Co. will probably send one or two more, Gardner & Parsons may send one, one may go from Orlando Merchant's and Cunningham & Thompson may have one more.

Bucksport, Me.

- Sch. Elizabeth N., Capt. William H. Goodwin.
 - Sch. T. M. Nicholson, Capt. Lester Gillie, dory handling.
 - Sch. M. B. Stetson, Capt. Peterson, dory handling.
 - Sch. Willie Matheson, Capt. Fred Dore.
- #### Provincetown.
- Sch. American, Capt. Patrick Va'e, dory handling.
 - Sch. Monitor, dory handling.
 - Sch. Gladstone, dory handling.
- #### Orland, Me.
- Sch. Lizzie Griffin, Capt. Anderson, dory handling.

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- Sch. Speculator, via Boston.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
- Sch. John M. Keen, shore.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

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Boston.

- Sch. Esther Gray, 9000 cod.
 - Sch. Tecumseh, 13,000 cod.
 - Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 9300 cod.
 - Sch. J. F. McMorro, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Rose Standish, 6000 haddock.
 - Sch. Teresa and Alice, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. Mary Edith, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. Frances V. Silva, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod.
 - Sch. Rose Dorothea, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Emilia Enos, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
 - Sch. Emily Sears, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. Valentihna, 20,000 cod.
 - Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 600 cod.
 - Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 6500 haddock, 500 cod.
 - Sch. Annie Perry, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 hake.
 - Sch. N. A. Rowe, 9000 cod.
 - Sch. Rita A. Viator, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
 - Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Haddock, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; cusk, \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$7; pollock, \$4.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson is now all ready for her southern seining trip and Capt. Jacobs expects to sail Thursday afternoon.

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Bait Is Scarce.

Frozen bait is getting mighty scarce and there is little to be had at any price. The shore boats report that \$4.50 per hundred weight is being charged at Boston for Newfoundland frozen herring, and that there is very little, even at that figure. Some of the boats here have been taking some tinker mackerel and spurling which have been in the freezer here and which are bringing \$4 per hundred weight.

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MADE BIG MONEY.

Haddockers Had Best Season for Many Years.

Some of Their Stocks Run Up Over \$20,000 Mark.

It has been a good many winters since the haddock fleet has done as well, on the average, as during the season now drawing to a close. Not only has the fleet as a whole done well, but some have done extra big.

There are quite a number of crafts with stocks of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to their credit since last fall and there are also a few who have even gone over the \$20,000 mark. The crews of many of the vessels have from \$300 to \$500 shares to show for their winter's work and some have even gone over the latter figure.

Hardly a day has passed since last fall but what the Times has published stories of one or more big trips and big stocks by some of the haddockers. The good work of the haddock fleet has been caused, not by big trips, because these have not been very plenty this season; but by the fine prices which have been sustained generally throughout the season, both here and at Boston.

It has been a winter that the haddockers like; hard weather and a not too plentiful amount of fish on the banks. This has, of course, made the big prices, as the fish trade has been bigger than ever. Last season, fish were so plenty and the market so low in consequence that several millions of pounds of haddock and cod were brought here from Boston and sold to split at splitting prices. This season, all the fish that has been brought here from Boston to split would be covered by 100,000 pounds. Therefore the difference to the pocketbooks of the fishermen between this season and last is very marked.

During the past two months sch. Francis Whalen, Capt. Larry Norris, stocked \$3500, her crew of 22 men sharing \$220 each.

Capt. Enos Nickerson of the new knockabout sch. Pontiac has also been "going some." The craft was launched the first week in January and fitted soon after, and since she sailed on her maiden trip, a stock of over \$7000 had been rolled up in the shore fishery.

The crew of sch. Yankee, Capt. John T. Dench, shared \$67 each as the result of their recent five days codfishing trip down off Plymouth.

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NOT ALL COMING.

Part of French Otter Trawl Fleet To Try Iceland.

About Eight or Ten Will Fish Over Here.

From present appearances the big fleet of 30 French steam otter trawlers which were expected to pursue the fisheries with their ground sweeping nets the coming season will not be seen in full force on the North Atlantic banks on this side of the ocean this year.

Confidential reports received here from North Sydney, C. B., a few days ago state that last year the steam trawlers found extra fins codfishing on the banks around Iceland and that some great catches were made there.

In consequence of this our informant writes that the majority of this new French fleet will go to the Iceland banks this year and give the fishing grounds there an exhaustive test with the otter trawl.

Not all the fleet will go to Iceland, however, for it is learned that the new company will not put all its eggs in one basket, but that eight or ten of them will come to the banks on this side of the ocean and drag their nets over the grounds most frequented by our local salt bankers.

It is claimed that upon the result of the catches on the banks here as compared with those on the Iceland grounds will decide the movements of the French company's whole big steam trawling fleet in 1908.