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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Maggie and May, salt banking.
Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, haddocking.

Todays Fish Market.

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Boston.

Sch. James W. Parker, 45,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 700 halibut.

Sch. Almeida, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Kate Maxwell, 6000 cod.
Sch. Minerva, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Juno, 55,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Cynthia, 40,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 36,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Laura G. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 6000 haddock, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, 4000 cod.
Haddock, \$2.60 to 3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$4.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mattie Brundage of Boston will fit for Rips fishing.

Several of the seiners now fitting are waiting patiently for the snow to get off the fields, so that they can have their seines spread on the fields to dry.

Sch. M. L. Wetherell is on Burnham's railways for painting, etc.

March 16.

OFF FOR SOUTH.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs Expects To Sail This Afternoon.

First To Sail and Also First To Land Last Season.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs of sch. A. M. Nicholson expects to sail for the southern mackerel fishing grounds at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and will be the first of the fleet to get away this season.

Last year, Capt. Jacobs was also the first to sail, getting away March 17, which fell on Saturday. Last year Capt. Jacobs landed the first fare of fresh mackerel, arriving at Fortress Monroe, Va., on the afternoon of March 31 with 15 barrels of medium fish, about 3000 in count, going about a pound apiece. The fare was landed at William Baulch's establishment and were shipped to George T. Moon at Fulton Market, where they brought 20 cents each.

The fare was taken 40 miles east of Cape Henry and was the earliest landed for nine years. In 1897, when in sch. Ethel B. Jacobs, Capt. Jacobs arrived at New York on March 29, with 100 barrels of fresh mackerel.

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Will Go Pacific Codfishing.

Capt. Angus Matheson of Provincetown, will command one of the Union Fish Company's (San Francisco) barks in the coming season's codfishery and will fish in waters upon the Asiatic side of the ocean.

March 16.

GARDNER FILES CLAIMS

Aggregating \$50,000 on Behalf of Gloucester Parties.

Many Other Claims from Here Have Already Been Filed.

Congressman Gardner yesterday filed with Assistant Secretary of State Bacon claims against Canada, Newfoundland and Great Britain aggregating more than \$50,000 on behalf of Gloucester parties.

The claims against Newfoundland, aggregating about \$25,000, are for customs dues, on ice and salt, licenses and fines imposed by Newfoundland on the treaty coast.

Mr. Gardner included several claims for "consequential" damages. He wants Great Britain to pay for the loss of fish that the Gloucester fishermen might have caught, had they not been subject to delays, etc., by the Newfoundland laws.

Beside these claims just presented, there are others, many of long standing, that have been before the department in regular form for many years, and which will bring the total amount of Gloucester's claims to several times the \$50,000 which represents the amount of these claims just put in.

Among the former claims, which are for large amounts, are these of Capt. Solomon Jacobs, who has Behring sea claims, Newfoundland claims and a claim regarding sch. Ethel B. Jacobs when on the Irish coast, all of which are in the hands of a law firm at Washington: the claim of Capt. Jesse Lewis, growing out of the seizure and confiscation of sch. David J. Adams on the Cape Shore, May 6, 1886, and the claim of Capt. Edward Morris for the seizure and confiscation of sch. Frederick Gerring, Jr., on the Cape Shore, several years ago. All these claims have been regularly presented and have received a certain amount of consideration by the state department.

The idea of putting this last batch of claims in at this time is to have all of them together, in the hands of the state department, so that they can be brought up and considered when this country and Great Britain get well into their work of settling all matters affecting them and their dependencies in North America, which work has already been commenced and a settlement hoped to be reached before 1908 comes in.

March 16.

CANNED DOGFISH.

Have Checked the Fertilizer Movement in Nova Scotia.

The Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard has an article in its last issue which shows that the catching of dogfish is to be taken very seriously from now on, as private capital is beginning to make quite a success of canning them and selling them on the road, instead of having them go to the reduction works and be turned out as fertilizer as was formerly the case. The Coast Guard says:

"It is intimated no more dogfish reduction works will be established anywhere in the Maritime Provinces. Once this way was considered a great stroke of economy for riding the sea and enriching the land at the same time. Like most other great enterprises, it took considerable money to purchase the raw material and keep the mills grinding, but their direct benefits were shared by a large number of fishermen, around a wide extent of shore, who had no difficulty in landing boat-loads of dog-fish, when the more marketable kinds were scarce. Then it came into the head of private capital to can those scaly marauders, and with a bonus from the public chest, turn a pretty penny out of the common plague. It is not certainly known how the new venture is flourishing, but it appears to have checked the fertilizer movement."

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Brought Fish Here To Split.

Sch. Almeida, which has been fishing over off Plymouth, came from Boston yesterday, being unable to get her fare taken out there, and sold the trip to Davis Bros., to split.

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BOND AND LAURIER GOING

Will Attend Coming Colonial Conference at London.

The colonial conference will soon be held in London and the sessions will be held at the colonial office. It will last three weeks and all the colonies of Great Britain will be represented by delegates. Premier Laurier of Canada and Premier Bond of Newfoundland will be in attendance. Among the important questions set down for discussion will be the modus vivendi between this country and Great Britain regarding the Newfoundland fisheries.

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Gasoline Engines for Netters.

The Provincetown mackerel netters Ratler, Briganza and Irie are being fitted with gasoline auxiliary engines.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Almeida, via Boston, 11,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Lillian, Maine ports, 900 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Dictator, Georges, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, returned.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 5000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Wesley W. Sennett, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Wm. A. Morse, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Julietta, 2500 haddock, 800 cod.
Haddock, \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Maggie and May and Mabel D. Hines sailed yesterday on salt bank trips. Schs. Sceptre and Georgie Campbell will sail today.

Schs. Corsair and Esperanto, which will be in the southern seining fleet, are on Parkhurst's railways for painting, etc.

Sch. Arabia is on the Rocky Neck ways, painting up before fitting out for her southern seining trip.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson is on the Rocky Neck railways getting ready for a salt bank trip.

Sch. Constellation will begin on Monday to fit out for her southern seining trip.

March 18.

LOTS OF FLOUNDERS.

Steamer Spray at Boston with 11,000 Pounds of These Fish.

The steam otter trawler Spray reached T wharf, Boston, yesterday with a good trip, 62,000 pounds of fresh fish. The Spray had a hard time making fast to her berth at the end of T wharf and was nearly three-quarters of an hour reaching the pier, because of the heavy southwest wind which was blowing.

Beside her good catch of cod and haddock, the Spray struck a fine spot of flounders and brought in 11,000 pounds of these sweet fish.

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SPONGE FISHERS.

The Greek Girl Divers of the Island of Himla.

"We were cruising in the Mediterranean in the late fall," said a globe trotter, "and on a golden afternoon we stopped beside a little fleet of sponge divers. Nearly nude the divers sat on the edge of the boat. They held big stones that would help them descend. One at a time they inhaled three or four long breaths and then plunged with their great stones into the blue water.

"One boat interested us. Its divers seemed so graceful and young. We drew nearer, and, by Jove, the divers were all girls. They were young Greek girls from Himla, an island near Rhodes. It seems that in Himla the sponge diving is carried on by girls altogether. These girls seemed very expert. Their dark hair knotted on their shapely heads, they reclined on the sun warmed deck till their turn came. Then, graceful as stage dancers, they leaped overboard and in the sea's dim green depths tugged at the black sponge growths.

"The captain said the Himla girls were not permitted to marry till they had brought a certain quantity of sponges from a certain specified depth."—New York Press.

March 18.

BIG HADDOCK TRIP.

Sch. *Lucania* Strikes Nearly a Bare Market at T Wharf.

Sch. *Lucania*, Capt. Martin L. Welch, arrived at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, from Georges, with one of the biggest trips of the season, having 85,000 pounds of cod and haddock.

The *Lucania* struck nearly a bare market, as beside herself there were only the otter trawler *Spray* and four shore boats, the latter with small trips. The combination of being Monday morning and with fish scarce, in this latter part of Lent, made the prices high, the *Lucania's* fare being started at \$4 for haddock, \$5 for large cod and \$2.50 for market cod. The vessel stands to make one of the biggest stocks of the winter.

Crpt. Welch reported a very heavy south westerly gale outside yesterday, the wind being nearly 50 miles an hour at times.

The Boston papers this morning all tell about the 55 mile an hour gale in the bay yesterday and that the wind blew 40 miles an hour in Boston harbor. The Boston Post says that it was a grand sight when the *Lucania* came speeding up the harbor, with four lowers on her and going at race horse speed, fairly buried in foam and spray from the southwest gale.

March 18.

THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

To Be Made of Claims Filed by Congressman Gardner.

Energetic Congressman Left for Home on Saturday.

A Washington despatch says that Representative Gardner left for home on Saturday, after filing with the state department a number of claims of Gloucester fishermen against Newfoundland and Canada growing out of the fisheries dispute. They include the claims of the vessels Frederick Gerring, Jr., Davy Crockett and Argonaut. Some of the claims are rather old. Mr. Gardner has been in conference several times with Solicitor Scott of the state department regarding the matter.

The department is entering upon a thorough investigation of the Gloucester claims, with a view to ascertaining their justice. Those which are deemed worthy will be presented to the government of Great Britain through diplomatic channels.

March 18.

WITH RUDDER MADE OF CABLE

Sch. *Monitor* Made the Voyage Home from Banks.

HAD TO LEAVE GOOD FISHING.

Credit Due Ingenious Capt Jack McKay and His Crew.

Sch. *Monitor*, Capt. John McKay, arrived yesterday from Grand Bank with a fare of halibut, after the roughest kind of a trip. Incidentally that the craft was able to come home without going to some port for important repairs, much praise is due to Capt. McKay and his men, all of whom are old time experienced halibuters.

The *Monitor* was far over on the southern edge of Grand Bank, and amid the fiercest kind of weather, Capt. McKay and his men were endeavoring to secure a trip of fish. On March 3, the craft was anchored in latitude 43.06, waiting for the weather to come half decent, so they could string out their gear.

During this ride out, in some unaccountable manner, the rudder of the *Monitor*, which had been beaten by the heavy seas, dropped off, and the craft, 680 miles from port, was left practically helpless. Capt. McKay and his experienced crew, however, figured this as one of the incidents of a winter voyage, and at once went to work to put the craft shipshape. The only thing that bothered them was that they were on good fishing, and with the chance of making one of the best trips of the whole winter.

They took an anchor stock, and by cutting one end of the cable into strips of suitable length, made a rudder that they thought would answer, and after they had it done and swung all right, tried to work back to the spot of good fishing. Things came so that it became a question of trying to make some Newfoundland port or taking the chance of making home, 680 miles distant. They had a fair trip on board, but they hated to leave the good fishing, but finally headed for home.

Capt. McKay and his men had showed great ingenuity in making the improvised rudder and hoped that it would work. Of course the regular steering gear was out of commission, but with three ropes on each side of the vessel, over the quarter, and extending forward as far as the main rigging, they hoped to be able to manage their craft. Events proved that their labors had not been in vain, for it answered the purpose, and though unwieldy, they were able to shape a decent course. Then they started for home, leaving the good fishing behind them. Capt. McKay says that the Lord seemed to favor them, for which ever way the wind came, it gave them a pretty fair homeward bound course, and they reached here all right, although of course it took quite a while.

The ingenuity of Capt. McKay and his crew in thus making a rudder so far from home and bringing the craft safe to port, from such a long distance, without going to a Newfoundland or Nova Scotia port to repair, is deserving of the highest praise and credit. It meant a great deal to leave good fishing, with the prospect of a big trip ahead, and it was a fine job to bring the craft the whole 860 miles with the jury rudder without further accident to the craft. It was a performance deserving of much credit.

Beside losing her rudder, the *Monitor* also paid other tribute to the terribly bad weather, as her gurry kid was washed away while on the bank by the heavy seas and the bulwarks were also stove.

March 18.

CAPT. JACOBS STARTED.

Sch. *A. M. Nicholson* Off for South at 1.30 O'clock This Afternoon.

Sch. *A. M. Nicholson*, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, got under way here at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon and sailed for the southern mackerel grounds, being the first of the fleet to get away.

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FRESH HALIBUT FLEET.

Skippers Are All Hoping for Another Good Season.

List of Crafts Now After These Much Desired Fish.

No branch of Gloucester's fisheries has shown such a percentage of gain in amount of fish landed the past year as has the fresh halibut industry. This increase was very gratifying, as the fishery had apparently about run out during the three or four previous years and the fleet has dwindled sadly. Last year, however, came a decided change for the better, and this following a little increase in 1907 over the previous year induced owners to put more vessels into the fishery, with the result that last season found quite a respectable fleet engaged.

The number has been held up this year, and the season thus far has been a good one, nearly every vessel getting in one or two fine trips, and receiving good prices therefor. The fleet is now all out, but will be due again shortly, when more good trips are hoped for.

The fleet at present comprises about 22 sail, but will undoubtedly be somewhat larger later on. The vessels comprising the fleet are among the finest and the captains are all skilled halibut catchers. The crafts at present engaged are as follows:

- Sch. Admiral Dewey, Capt. James Bowie.
 - Sch. Agnes, Capt. _____
 - Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. James W. McHenry.
 - Sch. Tacoma, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson.
 - Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Owen A. Whitten.
 - Sch. Senator, Capt. George M. Marr.
 - Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Forman Spinney.
 - Sch. Paragon, Capt. William J. Hermon.
 - Sch. Niagara, Capt. Augustus Peterson.
 - Sch. Margaret, Capt. Samuel Colson.
 - Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Capt. Isaac Merchant.
 - Sch. Kineo, Capt. John G. Stream.
 - Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. Joseph V. Bonia.
 - Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porper.
 - Sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadding.
 - Sch. *Monitor*, Capt. John H. McKay.
 - Sch. Caudia, Capt. Robert Keefe.
 - Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Oscar Benson.
 - Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream.
 - Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey.
 - Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. John Martin.
 - Sch. Jessie Costa, (of Provincetown).
- In addition to these, Capt. Alfred Johnson will probably go later in some craft, and two or three more may be added to the fleet.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. *Monitor* sold to the New England Fish Company at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

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TRAIN LOAD OF HALIBUT.

Due at Boston Tomorrow from the Pacific Coast.

The New England Fish Company has a special train of ten cars loaded with fresh halibut due at Boston from Vancouver, B. C. tomorrow, being the catch of the company's steamers on their recent trip.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. *Monitor*, Grand Bank, 40,000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Boston.
- Sch. Galatea, shore.
- Sch. Stranger, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Shepherd King, shore.
- Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
- Sch. Valentina, shore.
- Sch. Minerva, shore.
- Sch. Mattakesett, shore.
- Sch. Actor, shore.

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Boston.

Steamer Spray, 44,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 11,000 flounders.

Sch. Lucania, 65,000 haddock, 120,000 cod, 200 halibut.

Sch. Shepherd King, 14,000 haddock, 100 cod, 200 hake, 700 cusk.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 800 haddock, 7500 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 6500 haddock, 1600 cod.

Haddock, \$4 to \$4.85 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hake, \$3.50 to 6; cusk, \$3.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. George Smith, the well known down east skipper, formerly of Sch. Fannie A. Smith, will command sch. Eglantine in the shack fishery this coming season. Capt. Smith is expected here the first of this week to begin to fit out.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott will now fit for south seining under command of Capt. Lewis Carritt.

Capt. John F. Vautier, after a winter as mate of a big coastwise craft, is here to fit sch. Pinta for south seining.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, is all fitted for southern seining and will sail today or tomorrow.

March 19.

SMALL SPRING FLEET.

Lunenburg Bankers Will Not Get Away Very Early.

First Fleet Will Only Number About Twenty Sail.

Only twenty fishing schooner of the Lunenburg, N. S., salt fishing fleet will make the early spring trip to the Grand Banks. The first visit to the fishing grounds will be later this year than in former seasons, owing to the great quantities of ice on the shores.

Some work has already begun in getting the schooners ready, and in a short time the preparations will be in full swing, when the water front will be a very busy place.

The schooners which clear early use frozen liquid in the first operations. The vessels will fit out in Lunenburg but will get their bait at Canso.

Sch. Beatrice S. Mack, which has been up here with herring, commanded by Capt. Mack, will be the first to sail and was expected to get away yesterday.

The others of the fleet will be:

Sch. Juanita, Capt. Selig.

Sch. Acme, Capt. Richardson.

Sch. Eva June, Capt. Schiare.

Sch. Hiawatha, Capt. Cook.

Sch. Henry L. Montagne, Capt. Cook.

Sch. Defender, Capt. Knickle.

Sch. Alexander, Capt. Winters.

Sch. Anguadilla, Capt. Silva.

Sch. Shamrock, Capt. Winters.

Sch. Coronation, Capt. Miller.

Sch. Mattawa, Capt. Corkum.

Sch. Lila D. Young, Capt. Spindles.

New schooner, Capt. Freeman Corkum.

The captains are having no difficulty in shipping crews. Several of these craft are well known here, through being in the herring fleet that have brought cargoes here and to Boston, among them schs Eva June, Defender, Coronation and Lila D. Young.

March 19.

LANGSFORD WHARF SOLD.

Well Known Local Fish Dealers Made the Purchase.

WELL LOCATED ON HARBOR COVE

Cold Storage Plant and Freezer To Be Erected Later

Purchases of wharf property and improvement of present plants seems to be very much in vogue just at present, and the latest purchase is one of more than ordinary interest, because of what it may bring forth in the near future in the line of what this port has for some time needed greater accommodations.

Messrs. Benjamin A. Smith, Fred A. and Frank C. Pearce, together, have bought of John E. Somes of Boston, formerly of this city, the wharf and uplands fronting on Harbor Cove and facing Rogers street, comprising the good sized wharf and two buildings formerly occupied by the fishing concern of T. A. Langsford & Son. The wharf has fine dock room on both sides and good water at the head.

At the head of the wharf, at present, is a public boat landing, and stage, which for several years has been controlled by Mr. Joseph Hayes. The wharf has also been used by many vessels needing wharf room and for transient wharfage. The wharf is a good one and well situated, being between the wharves of Davis Bros. and the Gloucester Cold Storage Company, and very easy of access.

It is understood that no immediate change will be made, but that the idea of the purchasers is to later erect a good sized cold storage plant and freezer.

March 19.

HARD TO BEAT.

Gloucester High Line of Tampa Snapper Fleet.

Reuben Rafuse Brings News of Gloucester Men There.

Mr. Reuben Rafuse, a well known Gloucester fisherman, has just returned from Tampa, Florida, where he has been engaged in red snapper fishing for the past winter season.

Rafuse was one of the crew of sch. Elsie F. Rowe, formerly of this port. He says that about all the vessels had a fine season, doing better than any of the other gulf ports.

Sch. Two Forty, formerly of this port, was high line of the fleet and she was and is in command of Capt. Stephen Cole, a well known master mariner of this port, who went mackerel seining and to Newfoundland for many years. Mr. Rafuse says that Capt. Cole rolled up a big season's work and although he and those in the Rowe did well, Capt. Cole and his crew were ahead of them.

He says that there are several old Gloucester fishermen at Tampa, among them Peter Martin, James Roach and Ted Clifford, all of whom wanted to be remembered to their friends in Gloucester. He also saw Capt. John Marshall a few times and says he is doing well freighting in sch. Carrie W. Babson.

With a Gloucester skipper high line at Tampa and another, Capt. Cooney, high line at Pensacola, it would seem that Gloucester skippers are hard to beat wherever they are put or whatever fishing they go at.

March 19.

POOR LITTLE ROBIN.

Flew on Board Sch. Monitor Off Sable Island.

Completely Exhausted and Tenderly Cared For, But Died.

The man of sch. Monitor, which took out her halibut yesterday, tell a sad little tale of a robin, which, driven far from home by fierce winds and buffeted about, made their hospitable deck, but was so far gone that it died.

The vessel was driving home from the Grand Bank with a fare of halibut and all canvas was being carried in order to make market as soon as possible. A few days ago during a drizzling rainstorm, the craft was passing Sable island, when one of the crew on deck noted a small bird winging painfully toward them. As it came nearer he put out his hands and the poor little thing flew straight into them and curled up, completely exhausted.

All of a sailor's tenderness was lavished on the little fellow, which was a robin, such as are seen around here in hundreds, later in the season, but the dear little chap was evidently too far gone from its long flight and hard usage in heavy storms to recoup its strength and after three days it passed away, much to the sorrow of the hardy fellows who had grown much attached to it and reckoned on bringing it around to health and landing it safely on shore when they arrived here.

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TAKE THE "SHORTS."

And Protect Mature Lobsters by New Legislation.

Fisheries and Game Committee To Report Bill This Week.

During the coming week the fisheries and game committee will undoubtedly report the new short lobster bill. This measure, if it becomes law, reverses the policy of the state in that it makes for the protection of the mature rather than the young or short lobsters.

The chairman of the fish and game commission, echoing the note sounded by Senator Bullock of New Bedford, says that the state has been wrong in permitting the taking of the larger lobsters and prohibiting the taking of the "shorts." So he submits a measure to provide for the construction of lobster traps to be so constructed that the mature lobster can't get in.

This would give the Massachusetts market, so he contends, the benefit of the "short lobster," so much sought after, instead of letting New York and Rhode Island enjoy that delicacy while the people of Massachusetts "obey their laws."

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