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HAS NO FROZEN HERRING.

Sch. M. B. Stetson Bound Home from Salt Magdalen Trip.

Movements of Others of Capt. Nicholson's Vessels.

Sch. M. B. Stetson, which was frozen in at Lark Harbor, Bay of Islands, N. F., last January, and wintered there very comfortably and without damage, not going ashore as has been reported in other papers, is on the way home from the Magdalen Islands with a cargo of salt herring.

She left Bay of Islands when the ice broke up about the first of the month, and having no cargo of any kind, went to the Magdalens, reaching there from the northward, and there remained until the herring struck, when she quickly loaded and started for home, not being bound to Rockport with Newfoundland frozen herring for the freezer, as some papers have reported.

Sch. Elizabeth N., of Bucksport, which wintered in the ice with the Stetson, has completed the discharge of her frozen herring at the Rockport freezer and has been on the railways at this port to paint and fix up for her usual salt bank dory handline codfishing trip.

Two of Capt. T. M. Nicholson's Bucksport fleet have already sailed for the banks, schs. T. M. Nicholson and Hiram Lowell, while two others beside the Stetson went to the Magdalens for salt herring cargoes, these latter being schs. Willie Swift and William Matheson. On their return, they with the Stetson, will also probably fit for salt banking.

CRUISER SEARCHED IN VAIN.

Two St. Pierre Bankers with 40 Men Now Given Up.

The French cruiser D'Estrees has returned to St. Pierre and reports having failed to find the two French fishing schooners, Blanche and Laffamme, which sailed for the banks several weeks ago.

The vessels are now given up as lost with 40 hands, all told.

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POLLOCK SCHOOLS QUITE A BLESSING TO GLOUCESTER.

For the past three weeks the little gasoline boats which fish out of this port and also some of the small schooner boats and sloops have been making good money right in sight of home—right at the mouth of the harbor on some days, and at no time out of sight of the headlands of Cape Ann.

This stroke of good fortune, which is good fortune in no less than three ways, comes from the fact that a large body of pollock has struck on this coast, and that the schools have seemed to pick out Gloucester as a sort of headquarters, although the schools are spread from Chatham to Monhegan.

Big hauls have been made and the fish are still here, so more catches are in prospect. Often the poor pollock, or "minister," as the fishermen call them, are a much despised fish, as they generally bring only a small price, less indeed than any other ground fish, but this spring, at home here at least, pollock has been "king."

As has been said, the striking of this big body of fish has worked for good in three different directions. First it has kept in steady and profitable employment the crew fully 20 small craft, remunerating them so well that often shares of over \$100 per man has been made in a week.

Second, the hauls have been large and this fact has given a lot of work to the splitters, those old and young men who work on the wharves, splitting, cleaning and heading the fish as quick as they are landed, thus enabling them to make quite an extra dollar.

Third, it has given the fish dealers a supply of fish which they wanted and which they needed in their business. In some quarters there is talk that about all that are needed have been landed, but be that as it may, the price still stays at \$1.10 per hundred weight, which, as round pollock go this time of the year, is quite a stiff figure.

And so the humble pollock, by sheer force of numbers, aided by the fact that he was needed, has worked good in three different directions all at the same time. Long may the pollock stay on our shore and may he put in appearance off here every spring in goodly numbers. This is the prayer of the gasoliner and small boat fishermen.

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Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; bake, \$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, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. or gray.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.62 1-2 per cwt., medium do., \$1.80.

Large eastern cod, \$2.50, medium do., \$1.75

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.75 per cwt., medium do., \$1.80.

Market price, salt bank cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.

Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.60 for market, \$2.50 for snappers and \$2 for shack.

Fresh round pollock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Market price fresh hake, \$1.40 per cwt.

Large fresh mackerel, 19 cts. each.

Salt medium mackerel, \$13 per bbl.

Salt tinkers, \$5 per bbl.

Market price fresh cusk, \$1.75 per cwt.

Cox's ledge dory handline salt cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for mediums

Boston.

Sch. Jesse Costa, 3000 haddock, 39,000 cod, 5000 halibut.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 2500 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 8000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 5000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 3000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake, 8000 cusk.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 37,000 cod.

Sch. Emilia Enos, 4000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Lucy B., 1000 cod.

Haddock, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$1 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.25 to \$2; halibut, 10 and 8 cts. per lb.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Terra Nova, Independence II. and Diana were at Halifax, N. S., on Saturday.

Sch. Rita A. Viator is fitting for sword-fishing.

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FIVE MILES OF ICE.

Still Hangs Stubbornly Along Cape Breton Coast.

Loss to Shipping and Fishing Interests Very Heavy.

Reports yesterday from Cape Breton state that there are still five miles of ice off that coast and that shipping is practically paralyzed and fishing at a standstill. The ice has destroyed thousands of nets and lobster pots. Shipments of coal and iron are held up and steamers going to sea are driven back to port by the ice. This condition of affairs is unprecedented there at this time of the year. The hanging on so long of this vast ice field means a loss of thousands of dollars, not only to the Cape Breton fishermen, but to those of other countries who plan to fish off there at this season of the year. Besides the loss to the shipping and coal interests will be very large.

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TWO OYSTER BOATS.

Now Building by A. D. Story for Long Island Parties.

Mr. Arthur D. Story of Essex has received a contract from Long Island parties, for the construction of two oyster boats of about 60 tons each. The crafts will be flat bottomed and will be constructed with an eye to putting in auxiliary power, if it is wanted later.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Marsala, Rips, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Ramona, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Ella G. King, Georges, 19,000 lbs. salt cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. John M. Keen, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary E. Silveira, via Boston.
- Steamer Angelia B. Nickerson, shore.

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BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER.

Regarding the fishery troubles of this country, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, when so many papers, not at all versed in the fishery laws of either side, or the treaties bearing upon the matter, are putting out column after column of condemnation of New England's position, would that there were more, on either side who would view the situation in the same calm light as does the Halifax correspondent of the New York Fishing Gazette in the following paragraphs:

"Blood is thicker than water, and the claims of humanity are never disregarded on our coasts and harbors in spite of the wrangles of politicians on both sides of the line. In connection with the general question of rights an article in April number of the National Review discusses the various phases of the Newfoundland end of the modus vivendi in such a clear cut but moderate vein of argument as to render its careful perusal well worth while.

"It is a thousand pities that this long standing fishery question can not be definitely adjusted for all time on an equitable basis—conserving not alone international territorial rights, but what is of even greater importance, the rights of the hardy class of fishermen of each nationality, who certainly need official encouragement and protection by their respective governments if any class of workers do."

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Herring Plenty at the Magdalens.

Sch. Centennial, at Port Mulgrave Monday bound home from the Magdalen Islands with a cargo of salt herring, reports herring very plenty now at the latter place.

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CAPT. CORKUM HIGH LINE.

Sch. Priscilla Smith Has
Another Fare at New York
HAS 30,000 MEDIUM MACKEREL

Sch. Saladin at Newport with
Small Trip of Large Fish.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, is at Fulton market, New York, this morning, with a fine fare of 30,000 fresh mackerel, selling at eight cents each. This means another big stock for Capt. Corkum, bringing this season's work thus far up to at least \$12,000 and putting him high line of the fleet at the present time, which is certainly most creditable to this hustling master mariner, particularly so as his craft has no auxiliary power. She is a very fast sailer, however, and capable of making very quick passages to market.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar McKown, is at Newport, R. I., this forenoon with 45 barrels of large fresh mackerel.

The netting sch. Lafayette arrived at New York yesterday with 800 large fresh mackerel.

Schs. Effie M. Prior, Natalie J. Nelson, Marguerite Haskins, Gossip, Fannie E. Prescott, Esperanto, Independence II., Parthia, Mary E. Harty, Selma, Arabia, Patrician, Corsair, Ralph L. Hall, Lena and Mand and Diana were at Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday. They had seen no fish up to that time.

Schs. Natalie J. Nelson and Slade Gorton were at Lunenburg, N. S., May 22, and sch. Mary E. Harty was there May 24 and sch. Danntess was there May 25.

Sch. Monarch was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday.

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RECORD HAUL.

Former Gloucester Vessel Gets
Monster Weakfish Catch.

Among the catches the most interesting at Fulton Market, New York, last week was the fare brought in by Wilson & Barry's sch. the Kentucky, formerly of this port. She brought in 2074 bushes of weakfish, totalling over 120,000 pounds. This is the largest single haul of weakfish ever recorded and brought into the market.

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REGULAR HURRICANE

Has Raged off Louisburg Since
Last Saturday.

A despatch from Louisburg yesterday states that a gale of hurricane violence has raged off there since midnight Saturday and still continues. If the wind is so heavy there, there surely must be quite a heavy wind on the Cape Shore also. This will make it bad for the mackerel seining fleet.

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FISHERMEN SUFFER.

St. Peters, C. B., May 31.—Hundreds of nets, lobster traps and gear were swept away yesterday by drift ice and the loss is estimated at \$20,000. This heavy loss on the very eve of the mackerel fishing is a severe blow to the fishermen.

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VERY BAD WEATHER.

Fresh Halibuter Squanto Saw
Lots of Field Ice.

Spoke Several of the Salt Bankers
on Quero Bank.

Sch. Squanto, Capt. Daniel McDonald, arrived Wednesday night from Quero bank with a small trip of halibut. She had previously shipped home 20,000 pounds from a provincial port.

Capt. McDonald reported very bad weather, it being as cold as winter time, and there being several bad gales, including heavy weather all the way home from the bank.

Off Scatteri he reported a big field of ice, in which the craft was caught and remained 24 hours before getting free. Another vessel which Capt. McDonald did not know also got in the ice and damaged her bow and headgear.

As he was unable to get to the northward for ice, he went on Quero bank and fished there. Quite a number of the salt bankers were on that ground and some of them had done fairly well. He spoke sch. A. E. Whyland with 420 tubs and also sch. Gladiator, which had found fair fishing, and sch. Dora A. Lawson, all these on the eastern part of Quero. The halibuting sch. Teazer, which had baited at Harbor Bouche, was also seen by the Squanto, as was the shacking sch. Ella M. Goodwin.

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AFTER SUPPLY OF WATER

Sch. Admiral Dewey Put In at
Bay Bulls, N. F., Last Week.

The fitched halibuter Admiral Dewey, Capt. James Hayes, of this port put into Bay Bulls, N. F., a week ago Wednesday for a supply of water before going north. A message was sent to the customs authorities at St. John's, asking permission to supply her.

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Sch. Clara E. Block Island, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Sheffeyld, Rips, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Squanto, Quero Bank, 10,000 lbs. halibut, 7000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Ocean View, shore, 18,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Edward S., shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Cormorant, shore, 3500 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Mystery, shore.

Sloop City of Everett, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.

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Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 9000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 600 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Pearl, 701 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alho, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 6000 haddock, 18,000 cod,

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 27,000 cod.

Haddock \$4.50 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod \$2; pollock, \$1.25; hake, \$1.25; cusk, \$1 to \$1.60.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Triton, Capt. Sawyer, formerly of this port, now hailing from Boothbay Harbor, is here to engage in pollock seining.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury will fit for Georges handling, under command of Capt. Edward Groves.

June 1.

MIGHTY BIG WORK.

Little Market Fishing Sch. Yankee Stocks Nearly \$15,000

This Since Last September 12,
and the Crew Shared \$814.71

Sch. Yankee, owned and commanded by Capt. John T. Dench of Lynn, formerly of this city, being one of the leading shore fishermen out of here for many years, came here on Friday to fit for swordfishing.

Of all the big fleet of shore fishing boats of her size and many of the larger ones, none have had such a successful winter fishing season as she.

Starting in on September 12 last and tending on the Boston market, fishing most of the time off Plymouth, the Yankee up to May 30 has made the remarkable stock of \$14,698.98. The crew, too, shared in this prosperity, each man getting for his share the sum of \$814.71, which is certainly big compensation since the middle of last September up to the present time.

Capt. Dench has always been one of the highliners and several years ago also used to do big in the sloop Venus. The news of his big winter's work will be very gratifying to his many friends here, who hope that he will keep it up.

June 1.

WILL COUNCIL CONFIRM?

Chances of Renewing Newfoundland Modus Vivendi Discussed.

Ottawa Journal, one of the leading Canadian papers, in commenting on the recent decision of the Newfoundland supreme court upholding the validity of the Newfoundland bait act and speaking on the probability of an appeal to the British privy council, said, among other things:

"The case, of course, will be taken to appeal, and it is interesting to observe that already, in commenting on the decision, the conservative press in London is said to have taken the view that whatever the result of the appeal may be, the British government cannot consent to a renewal of the modus vivendi under existing conditions. That is to say that the British government cannot allow its desire for the maintenance of Anglo-American amity to override the right of Newfoundland to make and administer laws within its own jurisdiction.

"The problem would be solved to the satisfaction of the imperial authorities, doubtless, if the judicial committee of the privy council were to upset the judgment of the Newfoundland supreme court. If the final court, however, confirmed the Newfoundland judgment, the British government would be obliged either to nullify the Newfoundland legislation or affect a new arrangement with the United States in respect of the whole matter on the Atlantic fisheries."