Aug. 3.

FRENCH STEAM TRAWLERS

Why Have They Been So Successful on the Grand Bank?

Newfoundland Sees Great Menace in Large Fleet of Them.

In speaking of the success which has attended the operation of the three French steam trawlers on the Grand Banks, the St. John's, N. F., Herald, says:

"It is a remarkable thing that the French should be so successful in this nature in view of the ill-luck which has marked the experiment when tried from this side of the water. Everyody here is familiar with the disappointing result which followed the work of the steam trawler Magnific, operated from this port a few years ago by Bowring Brothers."

"Prior to that a Yarmouth, N. S., concern employed a steam trawler with equally indifferent effect, and the past two years a steam trawler, the Spray, has been operating out of Boston, but her work has not been such as to encourage the employment of others of her class.

"In the light of these facts, the alleged success of the French boats, which seems to be admitted in Lunenburg and Gloucester, suggests the reflection whether it is a mere temporary condition or whether some change has taken place in the movements of the fish wheih enables the beam trawls to be worked more advantageously than heretofore.

"At any rate, the problem is one of more than passing interest to our merchants of fisherfolk, because the crossing of a large fleet of French trawlers to the Grand Banks might represent a great menace to the future ascendancy of Newfoundland in the world's fish markets."

Aug. 5.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, Rips, 2500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston, 185 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Thalia, via Boston, 38,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Onato, Western Bank, 175,000 lbs. fresh fish, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Minerva, via Boston.

Todavs Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

Market price large western cod to split, $2.50 per cwt., medium do., $1.55.

Large eastern cod, $2.50, medium do., $1.50

Market price fresh large Rips cod, $2.50 per cwt., medium do., $1.55.

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

Market price salt Rips cod, $4.12 1-2 cwt. for large, $3.12 1-2 medium, $2.50 for snappers and $2 for haddock and $1.50 for pollock

Fresh round pollock, 80c per cwt.

Market price fresh hake, $1.30 per cwt.

Large fresh mackerel, 15 cts. each.

Fresh medium mackerel 8 cts. each.

Market price fresh cusk, $1.75 per cwt.

Dressed fresh pollock, 85 cts. per cwt.

Fresh whiting, 50c per bbl.

Salt mackerel, $15.50 to $16.25 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Rebecca, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Alcina, 1500 haddock, 33,000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, 15,000 large fresh mackerel, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.

Large cod, $2.50 per cwt.; market cod, $1.75; fresh mackerel, 16 cts. each.

Provincetown Notes.

Capt. Frank Gaspe rolled up the rattling stock of $5650 in trawler Louise Cabral during July. His crew share cannot be far from $575, $60 more than his crew share of the full season last year. He is fast forging to the front rank of the Bay State's most successful skippers.

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DYNAMITING OF FISH SHOULD BE STOPPED.

It is gratifying to read that strenuous measures are being taken on the Maine coast to stop the reprehensible practise of dynamiting of fish.

Should this practice be allowed to pass unnoticed there, it would soon grow to great proportions and rapidly spread to all the states along the Atlantic seaboard. It is not only a most mean kind of a way of taking fish, but it also works irreparable injury to the schools of fish and the fishing grounds as only a small percentage of the fish killed are secured, the rest going to bottom and fouling the ground, thus preventing the fish from returning to the place again in goodly numbers.

Fishery Commissioner James Donahue of the state of Maine, whose home is at Rockland, and who is a practical fisherman as well as a large fish dealer, is after these dynamite pirates in good earnest and has already had several of them in court, where they have been fined heavily. It is certainly for the good of the Atlantic fisheries that he keeps up his good work until the practice is stamped out.

It is a positive fact, so claimed by expert fishermen, that submarine explosions are a great injury to the fish business, wherever practised, both the large and small fish being more or less destroyed and frightened from their old familiar haunts, the present scarcity at Eastport, Me., claimed to be largely due to the same. Commissioner Donohue has asserted his determination to suppress it, and the sooner those engaged in the illegal practice realize this and discontinue, the better it will be for themselves and all concerned.

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SEAL POACHERS CAUGHT.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 5.—Advices have been received of an attempted onslaught on seals by the Japanese sealing schooners Kaike and Midori on the seal rookery at Copper island, which is guarded by Russians. Three sailing boats and 12 men were captured and one man shot by Russians.

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TALES OF THE DEEP.

Lobster Man Fined $1255; Crustacean Travelled Some.

One of the heaviest penalties ever imposed in Rhode Island for violation of the short lobster law was imposed Saturday when Ellis Wilbur of Little Compton was fined $1255 at a special session of the district court.

When arrested Wilbur is said to have had 251 of the crustaceans which were under the legal length. Wilbur pleaded not guilty and gave bail.

A despatch from Portland says:

At Seal island, Nova Scotia, a few days ago, was captured a lobster the middle flipper of whose tail bore an identifying mark made by the Maine fish commissioner two years ago, when a number of seed lobsters were liberated in Maine waters.

The distance between the place where the marked seed lobsters were placed and the lobster in quetsion was found is about 120 miles.

Aug. 5.

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Sch. Eglantine, Maine Coast, 180,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Sceptre, Grand Bank, 220,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Georges, 103 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Corona, Georges, 196 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Patrician, Georges, 125 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Minerva, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, via Boston, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Preceptor, Bacalieu Bank, 35,000 lbs. halibut, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Rebecca, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Parthia, Georges, 240 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, Georges, 97 bbls. salt mackerel.

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Dressed fresh pollock, 85 cts. per cwt.

Fresh whiting, 50c per bbl.

Salt mackerel, $15.50 to $16.25 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Harvester, 9000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 40,000 cod.

Sch. Dorothy, 3000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Sch. Grace Otis, 1000 haddock, 27,000 cod.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 10,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Matchless, 6000 haddock, 32,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 1000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Steamer Spray, 20,00 haddock, 10 00 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 78 swordfish.

Sloop Morning Star, 4000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 20,600 haddock.

Sloop Eva Avina, 3000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sloop Olivia Sears, 500 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 92 swordfish.

Sch. Rose Cabral.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 83 swordfish.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 28,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 73 swordfish.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, 100 swordfish.

Sch. Buema, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. James and Esther, 45,000 cod.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 7000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Etta B., 3500 cod, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Grace Choate, 60 swordfish.

Haddock, $3.25 to $3.50 per cwt.; large cod, $3; market cod, $1.50; pollock, $1.75; swordfish, 7 to 8 cts. per lb.

Mackerel Notes.

There were no fresh mackerel fares in, up to 8 o'clock this morning.

Sch. Corona, Capt. Benjamin McKay, arrrived at this port Sunday from Georges, with 196 barrels of salt mackerel. Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry W. Curtis, also arrived from Georges with 150 barrels of salt mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty came from Boston with 150 barrels of salt mackerel.

Sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer, arrived from Georges this morning with 125 barrels of salt mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty secured her fresh mackerel off Sankaty Head, Capt. Cameron reports lots of fish there and not wild, but the swift tide bothered the setting of the seine.

Sch. Lucania went out from Boston Saturday afternoon without coming down to land her salt mackerel.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked $4520 as the result of her recent seining trip, the crew sharing $105.08. Capt. Heckman has made a big season's work, having stock now of $15,000 and this without starting early out south.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch Pearl. Neilson, Capt. Joyce, from this port, with 1500 sacks salt for the Seacoast Canning Co., discharged her cargo at warehouse A, at Eastport Me., last week.