

February 1.

W. A. WILCOX DEAD

Was Well Known to Fishing Interest of the Country.

Organized First Fish Bureau in This City in 1883.

The many friends of Mr. William A. Wilcox of the United States Bureau of Fisheries will regret to learn that he departed this life at Washington, D. C., last Sunday at 1.30 o'clock at the age of about 70 years.

Funeral services were held last Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the funeral parlors of Frey Bros., 18301 14th street, N. W., Washington, after which the body was sent to his boyhood home, Middlebury, Vt., where it was interred in the family lot.

Mr. Wilcox was one of the pioneers of the United States Fish Commission, and his whole career since 1878 has been one of close connection with the fishing interest of the country.

He was a native of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., moving to Middlebury, Vt., when a boy. For several years he was engaged in business in Memphis, Tenn., and St. Louis, Mo., part of the time being engaged in steamboating on the Mississippi river and its tributaries. In 1872 he came to Boston and connected himself with the fish firm of Franklin Snow & Co., and when that concern organized the Boston Fish Bureau, he was called to take charge of it. Many former attempts had failed, but he proved himself the right man in the right place, and built it on such a firm foundation and business principles that it has been a success ever since and a power in the fish world.

From 1878 to 1884 he was secretary of the Boston Fish Bureau and after that he came to this city and in January, 1885, organized the American Fish Bureau here, of which organization he was secretary until December, 1887. He also carried on the work of collecting information for that bureau and also for the United States Fish Commission.

In the latter part of 1887, the local bureau here went out of existence and Mr. Wilcox, who had been local agent of the United States Fish Commission in connection with his other duties, was appointed a regular agent of the commission, which position he held until the time of his death, with credit to himself and the department. He was an indefatigable worker and literally died in the harness.

In December, 1887, he was directed to obtain special information in Maine and Massachusetts for the International Fisheries Commission, and his work in this instance was exceptionally thorough and brilliant. On the completion of this, he was ordered to Washington for office duty, where he remained until June, 1888, when he was assigned to field work in Massachusetts.

Following this he was sent to canvas the fisheries of the Pacific coast, and since then his duties have taken him in every part of the country where fishing is carried on, including periodical four year trips to this city, where his friends were always glad to see him and give him every facility for conducting his work. Few men in the employ of the government had a wider circle of friends and those directly and indirectly connected with the fisheries than Mr. Wilcox.

A good faithful public servant has gone to his reward. By his friends and associates he will be greatly missed, but his memory will long remain with them.

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Newfoundland Legislature Adopted Resolutions.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says: The legislative tonight discussed at length resolutions protesting against the action of the imperial cabinet in "overriding the constitutional rights of the colony," by concluding the modus vivendi with the United States governing the fisheries of the west coast, in which American vessels are chiefly interested.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Vessels Sailed.

Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50. Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.

Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt. Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt. Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray. Salt herring, in bulk, \$2.50 per bbl. Froxen herring, (cargo lots,) \$2.25 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Seaconnet, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mooanam, 14,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Lucania, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Genesta, 5000 haddock, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 1500 haddock, 700 cod, 800 hake, 600 cusk.

Sch. Wodan, 400 cod.

Sch. Arthur James, frozen herring from Gloucester.

Haddock, \$4 to \$6.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$7; market cod, \$2.50 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$7; cusk, \$2.50 to \$4.

February 3.

HERRING NOTES.

Last Craft Loaded and Sailed from Bay of Islands.

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star of Wednesday has the following herring items:

"Bishop & Monroe's vessel Ionia, Capt. Rowe, which sailed from Bay of Islands, on the 9th inst., with a cargo of frozen herring on Halifax, was 13 days on the passage, having got quite a knocking about in the succession of storms that prevailed during that period.

"This season has been a pretty open one to date, and so far as we can learn there is no Gulf ice in sight from any part of the west coast up to Port Saunders.

"Sch. Francis Willard, loading frozen herring for St. John, N. B., came from North Arm to Middle Arm on Saturday, where she finished loading the same day, and sailed from there Monday. This closes the herring fishery, so far as concerns vessels, for this season."

Sch. Athlete has completed the discharge of her frozen herring cargo into the freezer here.

The British schs. Eva June and Muriel M. Young have completed the discharge of their frozen herring cargoes at Boston.

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FANCY PRICES.

Highest of Season for Fish at T Wharf.

Schs. Natalie J. Nelson and Susan and Mary Will Benefit.

They are just wild for fish at T wharf today. It is Monday, with cold, blowy weather and only about 110,000 pounds of fish there in six vessels.

This makes the prices there today the highest of the season, and schs. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, and Susan and Mary, Capt. Freeman Decker, the former with 50,000 and the latter with 30,000 pounds, will make big stocks, the former the largest of the season, probably.

Haddock are going at \$6 and \$7 per hundred weight; cod at from \$5.50 to \$8; hake from \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$5 and cusk \$4.50; fancy prices surely and high enough to suit the most hungry fishermen.

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Getting Rich Digging Bait.

Fishermen in Wellfleet are reaping a harvest in furnishing the Provincetown fishermen with razor fish for bait. Even the school boys make \$2 and \$3 a day digging after hours. The average fisherman will dig about nine buckets a day, which will open three buckets of meat, and will sell for \$3 a bucket. It is said that the razor fish found at Wellfleet are the largest and best meat of any on the Cape, and always demand about 20 per cent. more than at other places.

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Big Lobster.

The aquarium in New York city has received the biggest lobster it has had in years, this giant specimen, which came from Cranberry Isle, Me., measuring in length from the tip of its feelers to the tip of its tail, 34 inches. Its big crushing claw is 14 inches in circumference and about a foot in length, or as big as an ordinary sized lobster. The lobster's weight is 14 1-2 pounds.

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Fish Receipts.

The report of the Bureau of Fisheries for December shows that for that month 930,845 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$34,289 and 6,186,422 pounds of salt fish valued at \$103,661 were landed at this port and 5,421,000 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$184,727 landed at Boston.

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Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk, 500 pollock.

Sch. Pontiac, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Susan and Mary, 28,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 1500 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 12,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 4000 haddock, 8000 cod.

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February 4.

SKY HIGH PRICES.

Bad Weather and Few Arrivals Make Fish a Luxury.

Markets Ask 15 Cents Per Pound for Cod and Haddock.

Bad weather and few arrivals make fresh fish a luxury just about now. Indeed, fish is dearer than meat, with the markets quoting haddock and cod at 15 cents per pound, and halibut at 30 cents, and hard to get at that.

At Boston today haddock from the vessel are bringing \$5 and \$6 per hundred weight, large cod \$8, market cod \$6.50, hake \$3 to \$7 and pollock \$4. Of course there is only a handful of fish there, and these prices are for new goods. There simply isn't anywhere near enough to go round and the dealers are all hungry for them.

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