

April 16.

Sch. Laura Enos, 2500 cod.
 Sch. Pearl, 1800 haddock, 200 cod.
 Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 4500 cod.
 Sch. Dart, 2200 cod.
 Sch. Teresa and Alice, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. [Louisa R. Sylva, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Mattakesett, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Rose Cabral, 2500 haddock, 1500 cod, 6000 hake.
 Sch. Cynthia, 45,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
 Sch. Yankee, 1000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
 Sch. Priscilla, 8000 cod.
 Sch. Emilia Enos, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Jessie Costa, 6000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 15,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
 Sch. William A. Morse, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Haddock, \$1.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$3.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. G. Melvin McClain is fitting sch. Parthia for south seining.

April 17.

MORE TROUBLE.

Official Washington Learns Through Congressman Gardner.

Of Practical Prohibition of Trawling on Labrador Coast.

A Washington despatch says: "A new question has arisen in connection with the fishing rights of American vessels in Canadian waters. In addition to prohibiting the use of trawls in codfishing off the Newfoundland coast by a local regulation, the Newfoundland authorities have also forbidden the use of trawls off the coast of Labrador until after August 15.

"This regulation, if enforced, it is said, will put the Gloucester fishing fleet to great inconvenience and loss, because after fishing off the banks for a time, the American vessels work northward and ply their trade off the Labrador coast during the summer. If they cannot use trawls at that time, Representative Gardner says they will suffer hardship. Mr. Gardner is seeing what can be done about the matter. It is difficult to meet the situation presented, because the Gloucester fleet has already sailed for the banks.

"Mr. Gardner said yesterday that Great Britain had not yet replied to the proposition of the state department for settlement of the questions arising out of the recent arrest of two Gloucester schooner captains for fishing with trawls in Newfoundland waters."

The action of the Newfoundland government changing the date of setting cod traps and also practically prohibiting trawling on the Labrador coast, was first made public through the Times of April 6.

The dispatch also says that Representative Gardner will leave soon for Naueim, Germany, to take the cure there. Mr. Gardner's heart has been causing him some trouble recently, although his doctors assure him there is no organic weakness, and that rest and a proper regime will restore him to his former good health.

April 17.

USED TRAWLS UNLAWFULLY.

St. John's, April 17.—Captain Wharton of the Gloucester, Mass., schooner Arkena was arrested at Cape Bay on a charge of violating the colonial fishing laws by using trawls within the three-mile limit. He was fined \$50. Two American captains were fined for the same offense last week and a third escaped.

April 17.

NATIVE ALEWIVES.

Two Buckets Taken in Blaney's Trap Yesterday.

Two buckets of alewives, the first of the season hereabouts, were taken in Blaney's trap at West Beach yesterday. A few days ago the trap took two barrels of herring, also the first of the season here.

April 17.

VERY BAD WEATHER.

Report of All Incoming Offshore Haddockers.

Sch. Belbina B. Domingoes Lost Cable and Anchors.

The steam otter trawler Spray arrived at Boston this morning with a very small fare, 22,000 pounds of fresh fish. The captain reports fishing on Western Bank and experiencing weather of the hardest kind.

Sch. Fame is also at Boston today after a two weeks off shore trip and her skipper reported the worst kind of weather imaginable. He said that the weather on the grounds would do credit to the month of January. On this account a ban was put on successful operations and the crew returned with only a handful of fish.

The mainsail of the schooner showed signs of the severe weather she had been up against on the way home, it being punctured with numerous holes, where the sharp wind had shotted it in many places.

Capt. Domingoes of sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, which arrived at this port yesterday, reports very heavy weather on Brown's bank. During one of the recent gales she parted her cable, losing an anchor and 100 fathoms.

April 17.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lillian, McKinley, Me., 700 qts. cured fish, 100 bbls. salted clams.
 Sch. Cynthia, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.
 Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2 to \$3 per hundred weight.
 Splitting prices, large fresh cod, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Steamer Spray, 12,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 400 halibut.
 Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
 Sch. Mettacomet, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Seaconnet, 6000 haddock, 600 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
 Sch. Fame, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Haddock, \$2.50 to \$5 per cwt.; cod, \$3.50 to \$5; hake, \$5.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. William Corkum will now fit sch. Romance for south seining.
 Sch. Cynthia will now fit for south seining under command of Capt. Geoffrey Thomas.

April 18.

MACKEREL SCARCE.

Seiners Are Hoping for Better Weather Next Week.

Comparison of the Spring Catch to Date for Years.

This has been a dull week as far as fresh mackerel are concerned, there having been not an arrival of the southern fleet since April 9. Better weather is hoped for next week.

The catch to date for several seasons is as follows:

- 1900—18 arrivals, 1610 barrels.
- 1901—29 arrivals, 3972 barrels.
- 1902—41 arrivals, 2972 barrels.
- 1903—24 arrivals, 1324 barrels.
- 1904—9 arrivals, 855 barrels.
- 1905—1 arrival, 30 barrels.
- 1906—24 arrivals, 2021 barrels.
- 1907—12 arrivals, 1022 barrels.
- 1908—17 arrivals, 1906 barrels.

Imports of salt mackerel to date at Boston are 24,475 barrels against 41,575 barrels last year.

April 18.

VERY HEAVY WEATHER.

Is the Lot of the Seiners of Southern Mackerel Fleet.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall Makes Harbor with Main Gaff Broken.

A letter received here yesterday from Capt. Frank H. Hall of sch. Ralph L. Hall of the southern mackerel seining fleet states that the craft had been obliged to make harbor, having broken her main gaff. In the letter Capt. Hall says that that weather has been exceptionally bad and that there has been no chance to look for fish, let alone trying to catch any.

April 18.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Brown's Bank, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.
 Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2 to \$3 per hundred weight.
 Splitting prices, large fresh cod, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Uncle Sam, 1000 haddock, 200 cod.
 Sch. Juniata, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Rita A. Viator, 4000 haddock.
 Sch. George H. Lube, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Massasoit, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Crescent, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Active, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Lewis Warren, 1400 cod.
 Sch. Ignatius Enos, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Diana, 1500 cod.
 Sch. Bessie and Mary, 800 haddock, 800 cod.
 Sch. Mary Edith, 1000 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Hattie F. Krowlton, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Valentina, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Ida M. Silva, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Manomet, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 2500 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Mattakesett, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Rebecca, 3500 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Edith Silveira, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Thistle, 500 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Helena, 1200 haddock, 400 cod.
 Sch. Nettie, 2200 haddock, 300 cod.
 Sch. Julietta, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Stranger, 2500 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; cod, \$4; hake, \$3 to \$5.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, will now fit for south seining.
 Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., of Boston will fit for south seining under command of Capt. Herbert Publicover.
 Schs. S. P. Willard and Arbutus are fitting for fished halibut trips.

April 21.

HARD WEATHER.

April of 1908 Will Be Long Remembered by Off Shore Skippers.

The skippers of the vessel coming in at T wharf from off-shore grounds say that they do not remember such fierce weather as they have experienced during the month of April on Georges, Brown's and La Have banks. It was only by chance that they could make a set of the trawls since the month set in, and some of them, including sch. Joseph P. Johnson, has been gone from 17 days to three weeks on a trip.

Sch. Matchless came home minus the jaws of the foregaff, which was carried away during the storm of last Sunday. The accident put the foresail out of commission and the vessel, which had been up against the hardest kind of weather, had a riding sail substituted for the foresail, which brought her home safely, together with the three lower sails.

April 21.

Maiden Trip.

The new knockabout sch. *Aspinet*, Capt. Brigham, of Portland, is at Boston today with a big maiden trip, 33,000 pounds of fresh fish.

April 21.

VERY SUCCESSFUL.**Bankers Make Big Cod Catches Off Rose Blanche, N. F.****Several of the Gloucester Fleet Share in Good Fortune.**

The Halifax Chronical of Friday says: "The codfishery at Rose Blanche and Channel, Nfld., this spring has so far proven one of the most successful in years. There are no less than 36 sail engaged in the industry at the above places, not to speak of the numerous small craft. Included in the fleet are a number of American vessels, including sch. *Arkona*, Capt. Newman Warton; sch. *Athlete*, Capt. LeRoy Spinney; sch. *H. M. Nickerson*, Capt. Rudolph; *Arcadia*, Capt. Keefe, and sch. *Massachusetts*, Capt. Carroll. The latter is only "fletching," and up to Monday had made several settings.

For the past several days bad weather prevailed, but nevertheless the catch is phenomenal. A week ago Capt. Wharton has 57 tubs or about 114 quintals, the result of one set. Capt. Thomas Bond, of Stone's Cove, Fortune Bay, N. F., arrived home Sunday with a 900 catch of dry quintals. This makes Capt. Bond highliner of the Newfoundland fleet.

The three schooners owned by Hollet Bros. of Burin are also home, sch. *Alameda* with 600, sch. *Australis*, 500 and sch. *Bohemia* 400 quintals. Kearly Bros., of Belloram, have four new vessels at the home port, every one of them averaging from 600 to 700 quintals.

It is estimated that the fish caught last week alone would realize nearly \$100,000. The small craft engaged in the industry have averaged per craft of three fishermen about 250 quintals each.

April 21.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. *Vera*, Georges, 13,000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 lbs. fresh fish, 2500 lbs. halibut
Sch. *Hattie L. Trask*, Georges, 3000 lbs. salt cod, 600 lbs. halibut.
Sch. *Teazer*, Brown's bank, 70,000 lbs. fresh cod, 2500 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.
Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2 to \$3 per hundred weight.
Splitting prices, large fresh cod, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. *Joseph P. Johnson*, 3000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. *Genesta*, 6000 haddock.
Sch. *Fitz A. Oakes*, 1000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. *Lochinvar*, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. *Flavilla*, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. *Olive F. Hutchins*, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. *Viking*, 600 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. *Aspinet*, 7000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. *Mettacommet*, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. *Pontiac*, 26,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. *Mary B. Green*, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. *Klondike*, 1100 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. *Motor*, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. *Reliance*, 1600 cod.
Sch. *Mabel Bryson*, 1200 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. *Mary E. Sennett*, 8500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. *Laura Enos*, 5000 cod.
Sch. *Georgianna*, 4000 cod.
Sch. *Minerva*, 3500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. *Dart*, 3000 cod.
Sch. *Wodan*, 1000 cod.
Sch. *Morning Star*, 8000 cod.
Sch. *Olivia Sears*, 4000 cod.
Sch. *Dixie*, 500 haddock, 9500 cod.
Sch. *Marion*, 6000 cod.
Sch. *Two Sisters*, 3000 cod.
Sch. *E. A. Hooper*, 1500 cod.

April 21.

Sch. *Lillian*, 2500 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. *Matchless*, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. *E. C. Hussey*, 8000 cod.
Sch. *A. B. Watson*, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. *Catherine and Ellen*, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Haddock, \$3 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$3.50 to \$6.50; cusk, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$3.50.

April 22.

LOUISBURG LETTER.**American Bankers There Report Rough Weather and Poor Fishing.**

A letter to the Times from its Louisburg, C. B., correspondent, dated April 15, states that the first American bankers to come there this season were schs. *Maggie* and *May* and *Orinoco*, which harbored there last week. When the letter was written, sch. *Orinoco* was still in port, sch. *Maggie* and *May* having sailed the previous day. Both vessels were in from the Peak and reported a great deal of bad weather and poor fishing.

The weather at Louisburg during April has been the worst that even the oldest inhabitant remembers. One of the fiercest snow storms of the season came April 1 and it had snowed on every day since excepting three.

There is a heavy body of ice off Scatteri, but the fishermen are in hopes that it will not hold on very late.

A company, known as the Louisburg Fishing Company, will begin operations there this summer and have purchased the *Lunenburg* sch. *Speculator* and will send her salt banking.

April 22.

BAD FOR SEINERS.**No Trips Have Been Brought in for Two Weeks.****Bad Weather Seriously Hampering Work of the Fleet.**

It is now two weeks lacking a day since any of the southern mackerel fleet has been reported in port with a fare.

It is known that the fleet has been up against unusually bad weather for this time of the year and has been unable to fish, thus putting quite a damper on a season that had started in with a rush and promised much.

The light might have also bothered, but the "darks" are now on; so that good weather is what is really needed, for from all reports, quite a lot of fish has been seen.

The vessels have stayed out well and harbored but little, all hoping for a let-up in the wind and a chance to get a school.

Quite a number of fares were landed during this corresponding week last year, but it was not until after May 1 that the southern seiners got in their best ticks. A year ago today eight big trips were at New York, selling at 25 cents for large and 7 cents for mediums, and three small fares at Fortress Monroe.

April 22.

Lunenburg Fishing Notes.

During the past week some dozen or more vessels have sailed on codfishing trips from Lunenburg, N. S., so that the season at this time is rather a busy one in fishing circles.

Several vessels from the inshore fishing grounds have arrived at that port, whose catches make quite a large aggregation. In addition to the above some half dozen new vessels are about completed and in a few days will be launched and fitted out for the bank codfishery.

Last week two vessels cleared from Lunenburg with full cargoes of about 5000 quintals of cured codfish for West Indian markets.

April 22.

BIG MONTH'S WORK.**Crew of Little Sch. *Mettacommet* Shares \$255.**

A share of \$255 a man for the past month is the record of the crew of sch. *Mettacommet*, Capt. Charles Nickerson, one of the little schooners of the market fleet. This is remarkable work.

April 22.

DID NOT CARE FOR OUR FLAG.**Newfoundland Officials Took Captains Forcibly Ashore.****LETTER GIVES PARTICULARS.****Cpts. Spinney and Rudolph Write Home of Recent Outrage.**

The following letter has been received by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., from Cpts. Spinney and Rudolph of the salt banking schs. *Athlete* and *Harry A. Nickerson*, and gives the particulars of their arrest by the Newfoundland authorities recently for violating the local fishery regulations.

From a reading of the letter it is evident the Newfoundland officials care little for the American flag and those under it; indeed they said they did not care for it and forcibly took the two captains ashore.

Channel, Port aux Basques,

April 7, 1908.

"Dear Sir:—We shall try and let you know how they are using us here. The first we knew we were served with an summons to appear before the court to answer to a charge of fishing off Channel. Well, we felt pretty safe, as we understood, without reserve, that we could fish where we liked off the treaty coast.

We then sent a telegram to Gloucester stating our troubles, and waited until Monday morning. Not getting an answer, we undertook to leave the port. (This means Port aux Basques, which is just across the harbor from Channel.)

"So we ignored the summons and got underway, but the wind was light and the ice was coming in. We came very near losing both our vessels, so we were both obliged to return for the benefit of all concerned."

"Clayton (Capt. Morrissey of the sch. *Arethusa*) got out a little ahead of us, and we do not know where he is. The last we saw of him he was in the ice and close to the rocks.

"Well, we did not go into court, so we ignored the summons and staid aboard our vessels, but the magistrate issued a warrant to take our bodies.

"So when we saw them coming we ran up the American flag and forbade them coming on the vessel's deck, but they said they did not care for the flag.

"As we did not want any row, we did not use force to prevent them coming aboard the vessel. They took us forcibly from the vessel, put us into a boat, and we were taken ashore and hurried into the magistrate's rooms.

"They gave us a kind of trial, but would not allow us to have anything to say. The magistrate fined us \$100 and costs of court of two months in jail.

"We at first refused to pay the fine, so were thrust in jail. We asked them why they did not seize our vessels, but they said they did not want the vessels; all they wanted was our bodies.

"Had we not received a telegram from Gloucester that the fines would be paid we were going to lay our two months in jail, which would have left the vessels without captains here for two months.

"We do not consider we were at fault in any particular, as we had explicit instructions that we could fish on the treaty coast anywhere. There is plenty of fish, but we have been so humbugged that the ice has come in and jammed us so that we cannot get out at all, on account of the officials detaining us.

"Now about the consul here. He is not fit to represent a Newfoundland dog. He refused to help us at all. He is a pretty thing to represent the U. S. government. When we asked him to help us he said he had something else to do and would not bother.

"It is no use. We have been served bad. We claim it is a disgrace to all concerned. What could we do in defense? All we could do was to take our medicine. It is a disgrace to the United States to have a consul here like him and to be used like we were on the treaty coast where we thought we had a right to fish.

"Now the ice has jammed us in here, and the probabilities are that we shall lose our baitings, which means 100,000 pounds of fish to us, because we would not have been caught in the ice fields if it had not been for this business, for now the harbor is full of ice and it is impossible for us to move, and there are other places we could have fished if we were not compelled to stay here.