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## WAS NOT ON SCH. SWALLOW.

### Capt. Daggett Came from Newfoundland by Rail.

Capt. George E. Daggett of Lockport, N. S., whom the St. John's, N. F., reports said had left that port for New York in the ill-fated sch. Swallow, was not in that craft having elected to come to North Sidney, C. B., by steamer and thence to New York by rail to attend to the disposition of the cargo of the craft.

He came through Boston yesterday and for the first time learned of the sad disaster. The Swallow, he said, carried a crew of six men as follows:

Capt. Francis Morris a young man belonging at Robertson's Head, N. F., was in command. He was about 28 years old. The mate was Charles Harnish aged 25 of Liverpool N. S., cook, William Rice, aged 23, of Pilley's island, N. F.; seaman Elihu Pattey of St. Anthonys, N. F. There were two other seamen on board, but Capt. Daggett did not know their names. He said they were both foreigners.

Capt. Daggett said that the Swallow was in splendid condition, staunch and well found and her cargo comprised 150,000 pounds frozen herring, 8000 feet of lumber and a quantity of cured codfish. The vessel was valued at \$4500 and the cargo at \$5000. There was some insurance on each.

The captain will go to the scene of the wreck and make an effort to recover some of the bodies.

At daylight yesterday the life-savers who were patrolling the beach east of Fire Island searching for the bodies of the crew of the Swallow, discerned the hull of the wrecked fisherman or what was left of it, a mile west of Oak Island.

That the little vessel had been stripped by the tempestuous seas of practically everything movable on her was made plain by the quantities of wreckage found on the beach. Of the fate of her crew there was no sign.

It is believed that the storm would have made escape from the diminutive craft impossible for the men on board of her.

Yesterday many barrels of clothing were washed ashore together with numerous articles of clothing. Nothing on the wearing apparel was found to give a clew to the identity of its owner.

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## KENT IS COMING.

### Canadian Attorney-General to Attend Fishery Conference.

Sir Robert Bond, premier of Newfoundland, has abandoned his proposed visit to Washington for a conference with the British ambassador, the Rt. Hon. James Bryce, and Secretary of State Elihu Root, on the fisheries question, but he will be represented at the conference by Attorney-General Kent. The latter left St. John last night for Washington.

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#### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Mooween, via Boston, 3000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. S. P. Willard, Bay of Islands, N. F., 500 bbls. frozen herring.  
Sch. Victor and Ethan, shore.  
Sch. Veda M. McKown, Bay of Islands, N. F., cargo of frozen herring.  
Sch. Flirt, Shelburne, N. S., full cargo of frozen herring.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cents.  
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.  
Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.  
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

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Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37 1-2, Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.00 for medium.

Sch. Spray 38,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Pontiac, 5500 haddock, 300 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 800 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Manhasset 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod \$5 to \$6; market cod \$5 to \$6; hake \$5 to \$7; cusk, \$4.50.

#### Herring Notes.

The St. Jacques, N. F., correspondent of the Western Star says:

"Herring are reported to be plentiful, but the industry is not yet in full swing, owing to the absence of the Americans, which fact all deplore, as 'the staple' is valueless."

#### Buoy Not Burning.

The Blonde Rocks gas buoy, a most important mark off the southwest Nova Scotia coast is reported not burning.

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## FISH TRIPS TO BE AUCTIONED OFF.

### NEW METHOD OF SELLING TO BE GIVEN TRIAL AT T WHARF.

### MANY ADVANTAGES CLAIMED OVER THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

A radical change in the method of auctioning the different trips brought in at T wharf, Boston, by the vessels will be made this week. Commencing Friday the trips will be sold by auction at the New England Fish Exchange, on the pier, instead of from the vessels as they arrive. Some of the skippers strongly indorse the new arrangement, while others are opposed to it, believing that they could do better the old way.

An arrangement of this kind has been favored for some time by most of the members of the Fishing Masters' Association and also by practically all the T wharf concerns, and has been talked over for several months.

The greatest bone of contention is found in the desire of those interested in the "exchange," so called, to deduct from each trip an amount equal to one per cent. of the gross stock, for the purposes of meeting the running expenses of the exchange. To this part many of the skippers object, saying that the amount proposed would give to the exchange somewhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per year, which they claim is too much.

It is understood that this was the only remaining hitch last week, and it now seems that the new plan of fish

buying and selling is to be given a trial, beginning on Friday next.

Some of the points claimed in favor of the new idea are that when a buyer buys a fare or part of a fare of fish, he must take the amount for which he puts his name on the card and at the price designated. Any dispute regarding poor fish or that fish are not as represented when sold is to be settled by a committee of three dealers who had none of the fish and three skippers of vessels other than the one in the dispute, their decision to be final.

Another good thing claimed for it is that a man gets for his trip, the price at which he sells; that there will be no drop because another vessel comes in and has to sell at a lower price. No matter what the vessel coming in later receives for her cod, haddock, etc., the other vessel must be paid just what its card calls for. This, if lived up to, will be one of the best things that ever happened for skippers and fishermen, as there has been far too much of selling for one price and settling up for a figure far below it.

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It is also claimed that the new arrangement will do away with "engaged" trips, one of the worst arrangements, when all are considered, that has ever been in vogue on T wharf and which gives the firms and a certain few vessels great advantage over many.

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#### Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The four salt cod fishing vessels sailing from Anacortes, Washington, landed a total of 631,000 fish in number the past season, the catch weighing 2,791,500 pounds.

A peculiar species of fish was a feature on the Grimsby, England, market recently, brought in by one of F. Barrett's trawlers. They generally resembled halibut, but were more elongated and sharper nosed, the under parts being a very dark grey. They were classified as a cross between halibut and megrims, both of which showed clearly in the fish as they lay exposed for sale. The largest would probably weigh one stone, varying to 4 or 5 pounds. They were not, however, a great success as a salable item.

A report on the records of the catches of plaice and soles obtained from Lowestoft, England, smacks has been completed, and will shortly be published. It deals with 4,929 hauls in the four years, 1903-1906, and shows that the average catch of plaice per six hours' fishing has markedly declined during the period. The catch of soles also declined, though after 1905 the decrease was very small, turbot showed a continuous decline, and brill until 1905, after which the average rose.

#### Pacific Fleet Suffered.

A recent gale on the Pacific coast did considerable damage to the fishing fleet in the neighborhood of the grounds frequented by the halibut fleet. Several of the New England Fish Co.'s steamers were caught in the gale and roughly handled. The Kingfisher lost two anchors and considerable cable and then finally succeeded in reaching a harbor on the British Columbia coast and then had to get permission in order to remain there, until after the gale had abated, from one of the Canadian fishery cruisers. On account of the spell of bad weather her catch was small, not exceeding 16,000 pounds, which will make a very unprofitable voyage.

#### Newfoundland Seal Fisheries.

This spring there will be a fleet of 22 steamers to prosecute the Newfoundland seal-fishery, an increase of one over last year. The steamers are as per tonnage: Florizel, Adventure, Belladventure, Bonaventure, Boethic, Newfoundland, Neptune, Terra Nova, Virginia Lake, Eagle, Erik, Aurora, Ranged, Vangurd, Bloodhound, Southern Cross, Iceland, Viking, Dina, Labrador, Algerine, Kite. There will be an increase of 384 men over last year, if the four new ships take full crews of 203 men each.

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Br. sch. Earl V. S., Bay of Islands, N. F., (bound to Boston), cargo of frozen herring.  
Sch. Ramona, shore.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.  
Sch. Galatea, shore.  
Sch. Leo, shore.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.  
Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.  
Sch. Flavilla, shore.  
Sch. Viking, shore.  
Sch. Stranger, shore.  
Sch. Mina Swim, shore.  
Sch. Genesta, shore.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.  
Sch. Walter P. Gouart, shore.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.  
Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, shore.

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**Boston.**

Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Athena, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
 Sch. Elizabeth W. Numan, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.  
 Sch. Ethel B. Panney, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod.  
 Sch. Seaconnet, 3000 haddock, 400 cod, 1000 hake.  
 Sch. Rebecca, 2200 haddock, 400 cod, 3000 hake.  
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 9500 haddock, 500 cod.  
 Sch. Motor, 1500 cod.  
 Sch. Mabel Bryson, 300 haddock, 5000 cod.  
 Haddock, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per cwt.; cod, \$6 to \$9.25; hake, \$4 to \$5.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. Oriole, whose arrival was reported yesterday had 900 barrels of frozen herring.  
 Sch. Lena and Maud sailed for New York this forenoon with her cargo of frozen herring.  
 Sch. Oriole will go to Philadelphia with her cargo of frozen herring.  
 Sch. Mooween came down from Boston yesterday afternoon to take out 3000 pounds of salt cod. She took out 37,000 pounds of halibut at T wharf, 17,000 pounds of which were white. On the halibut she stocked \$4070 so the crew's share will be over \$100, pretty good two week's work.

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**SCH. GRAMPUS TO LOCATE MACKEREL.**

**REQUEST OF MASTER MARINERS GRANTED BY FISH COMMISSION.**

For the benefit of the mackerel fleet and also for the cause of scientific research, the United States fish commission sch. Grampus will next season be engaged in the work of trying to locate the mackerel schools. This decision by the Bureau of Fisheries follows the request of the Master Mariners Association for the Grampus to engage in this work, which requests was indorsed and also made by the Board of Trade.

This morning the association received a communication from Dr. Hugh M. Smith, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries, in which the latter acknowledged the receipt of the request of the association asking the bureau to cooperate with it in locating the mackerel schools the coming season.

The letter states that this is a study in which the bureau is greatly interested, and it will be pleased to cooperate with the Gloucester fishermen to the fullest extent.

The United States fish commission sch. Grampus will be ready for the work, although the commission regrets that it has not available a staunch steam vessel able to make a search for the fish during the time that the schools are entirely absent from our shores.

The Bureau considers the suggestion of the association to have a practical mackerel fishing skipper on the vessel during the cruise a good one, and such a one will go.

The Bureau thanks the association for bringing the matter of locating the mackerel schools to its attention and hopes that it will prove the work of practical value to mackerel fishermen.

No special appropriation of Congress will be necessary for the work.

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**Cod Schools Driven Off.**

The cold weather had driven the cod schools off the Jersey coast and New York is again looking to Boston for its gilt edge steakers and markets, which accounts for the big brace in the cod prices at T wharf this week.

**Good Fish Day.**

The market boats have what appears to be a good fish day today. They all went out from here and Boston last night and are on the ground today. Should they strike fish, there will be a goodly fleet at T wharf tomorrow.

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**SCH. ROZELLA OLDEST FISHING CRAFT.**

**BUILT AT ESSEX IN 1840 AND IS NOW 69 YEARS OLD.**

A veritable veteran of the sea is the good schooner Rozella of Cranberry Isle, Maine, well known to this port from an intimate acquaintance and frequent visits during the past 20 years. The captain of the Rozella, Skipper Stanley, owns to the storms of 69 winters passing over the mast heads of his pet craft.

This oldest of Maine fishing craft, with her bluff bow, stump bowsprit and square, heavy stern, does not bear much resemblance to her fashionable, up-to-date knockabout descendants, but she serves the purpose still, and serves it well.

Every fall, for upward of 20 years at least, the Rozella has loaded cargoes

of dry fish for this port, after which she has gone to Portsmouth and taken on return trips of apples and vegetables. The Rozella regularly makes two or three such trips each winter season, even in the hardest weather.

Every summer she takes on her fishing gear and a good crew and lands numerous trips of fish, and good sized ones, too, at Southwest Harbor.

The Rozella has a good claim to being the oldest fishing craft in yearly commission in New England. She was built at Essex in 1840, and notwithstanding her 69 years, is as light at the wheel and as staunch in a sea way as ever she was. Her skipper thinks she can sail a bit to for an "old un" and fully expects her to live to see the celebration of her centennial.

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**GOT QUICK MONEY.**

**Crew of Sch. Mary E. Cooney Set Trawls Despite Cold.**

To receive \$40 for a few hours work is like hitting the right side of the stock market, but this is the luck that fell to the lot of the crew of sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, at T wharf, Boston, yesterday.

Capt. Frank Cooney took his craft out of here Monday with the rest of the market boats, and on Tuesday was one of the few who braved the weather and dense vapor to make a set. With his usual skill he strung out his dories on the edges of a little spot, well known to him, not far off Thacher's island, where he had been rewarded times before with a good haul, and again found the fish there. While those who set near him pulled back 2000 and 3000 pounds, his dories hit it for 14,000 pounds, and it was off for Boston for Capt. Frank.

Yesterday morning they wanted fish badly at T wharf and paid big prices, so the one hard chance set made a \$900 stock for the vessel and a \$40 check for each man of the crew for his few hours hard work.

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**LANDED HALIBUT FARE.**

**Sch. Monitor Arrived from Green Bank with 24,000 Pounds.**

Sch. Monitor, Capt. John McKay, after being out only three weeks, arrived this mornin' from Green bank, with a fine fare of fine fresh halibut about 24,000 pounds in all.

Capt. McKay reports some bad weather on the bank and made five sets for his trip. On the ground he spoke schs. Waldo L. Stream, Gladiator and Agnes.

Coming home, he came down through the Gully and saw no vessels, but sighted one chap jogging off the northeast light of Sable island. He had zero weather all the way along and iced up considerably.

The fare sold to the New England Fish Co. at 12 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

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**SCH. SALADIN HERE**

**Made Quick Passage Home from Bay of Islands.**

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, boomed into port last evening, after one of that well known skipper's hustling passages from the Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of frozen herring. The vessel left Lark Harbor last Friday, late in the day, and had what Capt. Morrissey called a good chance along, although he did admit there was plenty of wind, which was what was wanted, but outside of one breeze in the gulf, there was nothing to bother gliding along all right, providing the pounding of ice from deck and rigging was attended to, for it was a zero trip all the way.

The Saladin brings 750 barrels of frozen herring, and 25 barrels salt herring. Capt. Morrissey reports that when he left the bay ice had made out to Woods island, but there was no report of gulf ice. Coming out, he made a long hitch out into the gulf and saw no ice. Schs. Arkona and Smuggler left on Thursday, and schs. Aloha, Ingomar, Dora A. Lawson and Patrician were to sail Saturday, the day after he came out, which would wind up the herring season and clear the Bay of Islands, so that the season will end with all escaping being frozen in.

Practically all of the fleet are now expected here between tonight and Sunday.

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**THE HERRING FLEET**

**Fish Struck Off Shore Before Sch. Flirt Secured Cargo.**

Now that the herring fleet is known to be clear of Bay of Islands and on the way home, much interest centers in the trip of sch. Alice R. Lawson which left here Monday for the bay, and all are hoping that Capt. Joseph V. Bonia will be able to beat out the ice, get his salt herring cargo and get clear and home with his third cargo of the season.

The British sch. Earl V. S., from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of frozen herring, stopped at this port this morning on her way to Boston, where the cargo has been sold. The craft called at Lunenburg, N. S., on the way along.

Word from Antcosti yesterday was to the effect that the thermometer was about zero, no ice in sight and the wind north and light. At Bay of Islands yesterday the weather was fine and no gulf ice reported.

Sch. Flirt, which arrived yesterday afternoon from Jordan Bay, N. S., with 100 bbls. frozen herring and 400 bbls. salt herring, found herring plentiful when she first got there but after a few days a heavy southerly set in and broke up the fishing, the big schools of herring going off shore. Instead of taking frozen herring, the vessel began to load salted goods and as there was not fishing enough to keep two vessels going, Capt. Angus Hines started for home with 500 barrels, leaving sch. Lucinda I. Lowell there to take what fish could be caught. She had about 300 barrels when sch. Flirt left for home. The fish are large sized.

Capt. Hackett, who has made two Bay of Islands, N. F., herring trips this season in sch. Essex, has gone to his home at Woods island, Bay of Islands, sailing in company with Capt. Joseph V. Bonia, in sch. Alice R. Lawson.

The Br. sch. Clontonia, Capt. Mack, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of frozen herring, has arrived at Lunenburg, N. S.