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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.

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CAPTURED RIGHT WHALE.

Mammal Was Disporting Itself in Provincetown Harbor.

A fierce fight with a right whale occurred in Provincetown harbor last week in view of the people who assembled on the wharves and lined the shores. Some fishermen returning from their traps, saw the whale cavorting in the upper part of the harbor in pursuit of food. They quickly brought word ashore.

Capt. Joshua L. Nickerson, who has spent a large part of his 60 years in pursuit of whales, quickly assembled a boat's crew, and started out. He found the whale thrashing around, apparently having a fine time among the small fish which covered the surface of the water.

As soon as he caught sight of the boat, the whale made for open water, but he was a little late, for Capt. Nickerson, after an exciting chase of less than a mile, succeeded in planting a bomb lance where it would do the most good, and followed it with another, the explosion of the two killing the creature just within Long Point light.

He proved to be what is called a right whale, about 40 feet in length, and will yield 40 barrels of oil, and 100 pounds of bone, worth altogether \$600.

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DIGBY FISHING VESSEL LOST.

Crew Reached Shore in Boats After Craft Struck Ledge.

The Digby fishing sch. James W. Cousins, Capt. Harry Ross, went ashore on Old Man's Ledge, off Pubnico, N. S., a few miles from Yarmouth, a few days ago.

She left on January 3 for the fishing grounds at Brown's Bank, and had a very successful trip until when, heading for Pubnico Harbor, she was driven ashore by a stiff south easter in a thick fog.

She instantly went to pieces. The crew were able to reach shore by the boats. The cargo, valued at two thousand dollars, was also a total loss. She was built at Shelburne in 1900.

Fish Scarce at Boston.

Boston has just about a mouthful of fresh fish at T wharf this morning, nine of the market boats being in with only 50,000 pounds in all, not enough to make more than an ordinary off shore trip. Prices hold good in consequence so the crews will get something for the chances they have been taking.

At Boston also is the Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Earl V. S., from Bay of Islands, N. F., via her home port and here, with a mixed herring trip, 420 barrels of salt bulk, 280 barrels of pickled and 350 barrels frozen.

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FISH PRICES UP.

Fresh Cod Sold at \$9.25 at T Wharf Today.

With fresh cod bringing 9 1/4 cents per pound, out of the vessel, at T wharf, Boston, this morning, a fresh fish dinner will cost as much as beef steak today.

Nine of the shore boats which succeeded in getting a set yesterday are at T wharf today with fares ranging from 1500 to 13,000 pounds, the high boat being sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney.

Haddock are up to \$5.50 and \$6.50 and the \$9.25 on cod is the biggest price T wharf has seen for many a day.

The storm of last night sent most of the shore boats scurrying in here, and this morning about 80 of them were here for harbor. Quite a number of them came piling in after dark and one got mixed up with a herring vessel lying at anchor in the stream, several others got tangled with her and for a while there was much excitement and a general lowering sails. No serious damage resulted. Some of the boats in here set yesterday, but got few fish.

There were no arrivals with fish at this port this morning, but several of the Bay of Islands herring fleet are expected along at any moment.

Fresh cod 9 25

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Saladin, Bay of Islands, N. F., 750 bbls. frozen herring, 25 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Monitor, Green Bank, 24,000 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Schs. Thomas J. Carroll, Victor and Ethan, Viking, Mina Swim, Clara G. Silva, Walter P. Goulart, Ida S. Brooks, Mary Edith, Emily Sears, Rita A. Viator, Minerva, Maud F. Silva, Emily Cooney, Annie and Jennie, Ida M. Silva, Genesta, Teresa and Alice, Leo, Edith Silveira, Flora J. Sears, Buena, Washakie, Thomas Brundage, Manomet, Galatea, Matiana, Margaret Dillon, Flavilla, Stranger, Juniata and Bessie M. Dugan, had-docking.

Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cents.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3.00 for markets.

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.

Boston.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Valentina, 4500 cod.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 2500 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 5000 haddock, 300 hake.

Sch. Hobo, 1800 cod.

Br. Sch. Earl V. S., 420 bbls. salt bulk herring, 280 bbls. pickled herring and 350 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Little Fannie, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 500 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, \$4.80 to \$5 per cwt.; cod, \$4.80 to \$5; hake, \$2.50.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

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Miscellaneous Movements.

The Lunenburg, N. S., schs. Juniata and Coronation, with frozen herring, arrived at their home port from Bay of Islands, N. F., last week.

Sch. Catherine G. Burke was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday, and sailed.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES.

Important Conference Held at Washington Yesterday.

An important conference on the Newfoundland fisheries was held at the state department, Washington, today. It was participated in by Secretary Root, Ambassador Bryce and Messrs. Aylesworth and Kent, ministers of justice from Canada and Newfoundland, respectively.

The United States government is anxious for an early agreement, so that the treaty may go to the senate for ratification at this session.

WITH HERRING CARGO.

Sch. Tattler Arrived Home from Bay of Islands This Morning.

Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, arrived this morning from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a partial load of salt and frozen herring, having 550 barrels of frozen, 100 barrels pickled and 150 barrels salted. She had a good passage home and met no ice in the gulf.

Lobster Found in Cod.

The Cable Brothers of Provincetown, while fishing off Plymouth last Tuesday, caught a large codfish, which, when opened, revealed a lobster of about one pound weight which the fish had swallowed. The fish was landed at O'Neill's wharf.

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N. E. FISHING EXCHANGE OPENED.

MOST OF THE SKIPPERS WILLING TO GIVE PLAN A FAIR TEST.

ONE PER CENT. RULE THE ONLY OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE.

The New England Fishing Exchange began operations at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, and like any innovation in any line, the new method of buying and selling trips of fresh fish, together with the buyers-skippers agreement, came in for much comment, both favorable and unfavorable.

Some of the skippers kicked and many of the fishermen growled, but who ever saw a smart skipper who wouldn't kick, or a good fisherman who wouldn't growl? The fact remains that most of the skippers of vessels going to T wharf have signed the agreement, which shows that the new plan will be given a fair test. True, many of the skippers who signed are not wholly satisfied with the articles of agreement, but put their names down with the feeling that almost anything would be better than the old methods of buying and selling employed for years on T wharf.

Members of the exchange voted the innovation a rousing success, but the skippers of vessels were not so enthusiastic.

When the skippers neared the fish pier heretofore, they have received a cheering welcome and had bids for their fares shouted at them from the caplog. All this was changed yesterday, and the fishermen do not like the change.

The scene at the opening was a lively one. The skippers were jostled and their tempers were disturbed. They received good prices for their fares, however, and this restored their good nature.

Under the new regulations skippers are compelled to pay one per cent. of the proceeds of their catch to the exchange, and to this they object, although admitting they are pleased with most of the other rules. The average yearly receipts from sales of cargoes at T wharf are \$2,500,000, and this deduction means that about \$25,000 will go to the exchange, all contributed by the skippers.

One of the skippers, voicing this discontent, declared yesterday that he would put an auction flag over his vessel if he would have to pay for selling what he and his crew secured by hard labor.

Another skipper declared that if he couldn't collect the money for his fare, he would go back to his old farm down in Maine.

Although the skippers objected to the forced contributions to support the exchange, they all agreed that there was some protection for them and their crews in the new method of conducting the fish business. Whether this protection is worth the price they are forced to pay for it, is what they are now considering.

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COMMISSIONER BOWERS' REPORT

Calls Attention to Need of Protection of Migratory Fishes.

In his annual report made public recently, George M. Bowers, United States Fish Commissioner, says:

"The most serious condition now confronting the American fishery industry is the failure of the state to afford adequate protection to migratory fishes in state and interstate waters."

Mr. Bowers graphically depicts the great destruction wrought to certain species of fish and makes an earnest appeal for their preservation. Pointing to the history of the New England fisheries as a warning, the commissioner declares that some of the states seem yet absolutely indifferent to the crying needs of fisheries for species of similar habits, whose obliteration, he says, is certain unless radical corrective measures are taken.

Mr. Bowers states that the fish most in need of consideration are the shad, the striped bass and the sturgeon on the Atlantic coast, and the salmon on the Pacific. Mr. Bowers declares that "factional and personal considerations have been allowed to interfere with the passage of the needed laws and the condition remains unrelieved."