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FISHERY CRAFT LOST.

But 168 Fishermen on Board Reached Land Safely.

A report reached San Francisco that on August 19 the American ship Lucille, commanded by Captain McInnis, was wrecked during a storm off Alaska. The Lucille, having on board 39,300 cases of salmon and 1200 barrels of salt salmon, parted her mooring at Nushagak, on Bristol Bay, lost both of her anchors with their chains and went ashore on a sand spit at the mouth of the Nushagak River. Within twelve hours her masts went overboard and the ship and cargo became a total loss. She had on board 168 men, all of whom reached the shore in safety.

MARINE DISASTERS.

Three French Crews Recently Given Up as Lost.

There is mourning at Cancale, France, for three fishing schooners, the Bordelaise, Alice-paul and Marsellaise, which sailed for Newfoundland in March and which are given up as lost. The crews number seventy-eight.

At Ingonish, N. S., recently Thomas and Edward Wadman, 20 and 25 years of age, respectively, were drowned in a heavy sea and while returning from a fishing trip.

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Good Stocks.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, stocked \$2220 as the result of her recent short shack trip, the crew sharing \$60 clear.

Sch. Hortense, Capt. Frank Viator, stocked \$1100 on her recent short trip, the crew sharing \$35.50.

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ON CAPE SHORE

Mackerel Are Evidently Very Plenty at Present Time.

Nine Hundred Barrels Fresh Due at Boston Today.

The Dominion Fish Bureau of Saturday reports mackerel plenty at Liverpool, fair at Lunenburg and a few being taken at Cheticamp.

Evidently there must be a lot of mackerel on the Cape Shore for on the Yarmouth and Halifax steamers due at Boston today are 900 barrels of these fish, fresh, making over 1500 barrels since Saturday.

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Canadian Fish Market.

Recent Halifax advices state that the downward tendency of local quotations continues, as returning bankers report a fair average catch. It is almost too soon to forecast the aggregate of the Newfoundland and Labrador fishery. Business generally in fish circles has been rather dull, and a recovery in prices is not to be expected, except for strictly prime hard cured fish. The era of high figures for the leading staple of the trade is evidently coming to an end.

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Good Trips.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, arrived yesterday afternoon with a good trip, 140,000 pounds of fresh fish, and sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, arrived this morning with a good fare of the same size and 1000 pounds of halibut.

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Fine Stock.

Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porpo, stocked \$2512.92 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$50.51.

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DOGFISH EXTERMINATION.

Fish and Game Commissioners Visited Canadian Factories.

Venture a Profitable One for Fishermen and Government.

Special to the Times.

The fish and game commissioners have returned from an extended trip through the state of Maine and the Maritime Provinces, where they have been making an elaborate investigation of the dogfish problem, and it is believed that the commission, in its next annual report to the legislature will recommend a system by which the fishermen will benefit through the wiping out of the marine pirate, and the state will also derive a benefit from handling the fish caught.

The commission visited the dogfish plant at Canso, where a factory has been in operation for two seasons with excellent results. It consists of a building approximately 100 by 25 feet, equipped with kettles for steaming or cooking the fish, with facilities for drying to get the water out, and the scraping and grinding machines. The number of hands employed varies with the amount of fish coming in, as do the hours of labor, it being necessary to run the plant day and night to keep up with the supply brought in by the fishermen, as it was stated that the dorymen of Canso find it profitable to fish only for dogfish when they are running well.

When the commissioners were at Canso the dogfish had just begun to run, so the season was not in full drive and the plant was not being run at its full capacity. The first process after landing the fish is the drying, to get rid of the water, which is followed by the cooking process for the extraction of its oil, and the taking out of the livers, which are also subjected to a treatment for the extraction of oil. The residue then goes to the grinders and is made into scraps, which is the form in which the fish is shipped to the New York market.

The factory pays the fishermen at the rate of \$5 per ton for all the fish they can bring in, and after the treatment at the factory, they are sold to the New York market at from \$28 to \$30 per ton. While there is of course a great shrinkage during the treatment and this increase in price does not indicate the profit on the treatment, still the price received makes the venture a profitable one for the Canadian government.

It has also been ascertained that the disagreeable oily odor of the fish can be removed by treatment with live steam; the cartilaginous skeleton and the connective tissue of the skin is utilized in making glue and if the sterilization is made with live steam, the flavor of the flesh is found to be so modified that the proper amounts can be fed to hens without causing the disagreeable fishy taste in the eggs that is noticed when the fish is fed to the hens in Massachusetts.

The results from the opening of this factory were an immense surprise, as it had not been realized how many dogfish had been hooked and thrown overboard. One fisherman with two trawls set 1500 hooks to each trawl and as soon as the second trawl was set nearly every hook was found to have a dogfish. In one day three dories brought in seven tons, three small schooners brought 17 tons, and a small steamer landed eight tons, making 32 tons delivered at the dock the first day. It is not at all unusual for a dory fisherman to make \$7 or \$8 a day.

In view of the showing made by this Canadian factory, it is believed that the commissioners will recommend the establishment of a factory in Massachusetts, and the Essex county members of the house and senate should see to it that it is located on the North Shore.

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Big Swordfish.

The largest swordfish of the season were landed at Boston yesterday, one sent up from Rockport going 712 pounds. The ten fish on sch. Watauga averaged 430 pounds each. The boat fishermen are evidently finding quite good picking on swordfish on Middle Bank and Jefferies, as 13 were sent to Boston yesterday from Rockport.

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Good Trip.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, arrived this morning from a short shack trip, with a good fare, hauling for 140,000 pounds of fresh fish and 1500 pounds of halibut.

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MAY BE INVESTIGATED.

Charge That Firm of A. Booth & Co. Fixed Prices of Fish.

Authorities Will Act If Illegal Combination Is Found.

A despatch from Chicago says that a statement made by Louis M. Polakow, publisher of a fish trade journal, was made the basis yesterday of a report that federal investigation might be made of the affairs of A. Booth & Co. who went into the hands of a receiver last week. Polakow declared that the prices of fish to dealers throughout the country were dictated by the Booth company, and that he was ready to give the district attorney details concerning daily meetings of representatives of A. Booth & Co. and certain supposedly independent fish houses, which were in reality controlled by the Booth company, he said, for the purpose of fixing prices.

Assistant District Attorney Shirer admitted that the department of justice is watching developments in this direction, but said that he is not in position to say much about the case. "If reports are true that meetings were held to fix the prices of fish," he said, "and if the books of the company reveal an illegal combination, the government will take full cognizance of the case when the time arrives."

Preparations were made today for a meeting of the creditors' committee at the Corn Exchange bank.

The meeting of creditors of A. Booth & Co. scheduled for yesterday was postponed until today to await the arrival of eastern bankers who hold paper of the failed firm. The present creditor's committee of four will be increased to nine, the additional members being representatives of eastern banks.

Jacob Newman of the creditors' committee, stated yesterday that there had been no official talk of federal proceedings based on allegations that the Booth concern was a monopoly in restraint of trade.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lucania, Cape Shore, 140,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Eglantine, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Grace Darling, via Boston, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Nokomis, via Boston, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dictator, via Boston.

Sch. Lillian, Bass Harbor, Me., cured fish.

Sch. Margaret, Bacalieu Bank, 80,000 lbs. salt cod, 50,000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, Bacalieu Bank, 130,000 lbs. salt cod, 50,000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Boats, 400 bbls. fresh herring.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.; gutted 70 cts.

Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25; snapper \$2.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Bank halibut 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Flitched halibut, 7 1-4 cents per lb.

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

Salt mackerel, \$20 per bbl.

Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.80 per cwt. for large and \$3.15 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.20; mediums, \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.60 to \$1.65; haddock, 90 cts.; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$3.62 1-2 per cwt., medium, \$3.12 1-2.

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Boston.

Sch. Winnifred, 20,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 12,000 hake.
 Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 8000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
 Sch. Clara G. Silva, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake, 7000 pollock.
 Sch. Arizona, 5000 pollock.
 Sch. Esther Gray, 15,000 pollock.
 Sch. William A. Morse, 12,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
 Sch. Annie and Jennie, 10,000 pollock.
 Sch. Regina, 23,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.
 Sch. Terra Nova, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 15,000 hake.
 Sch. Rose Standish, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
 Sch. Thomas Brundage, 1000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
 Sch. Lafayette, 14,000 pollock, 2 swordfish.
 Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 600 haddock, 6000 cod, 55,000 hake, 5000 cusk.
 Sch. Laura Enos, 12,000 pollock, 5 swordfish.
 Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, 8000 pollock.
 Sch. Priscilla, 11 swordfish.
 Sch. Mineva, 4000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 3000 hake.
 Haddock, \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$3.50; hake, 60 cts. to \$1.50; pollock, \$1 to \$2; swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Annie M. Parker was at Canso on Saturday.
 Sch. Tattler was at Shelburne on Saturday.
 The LeHave, N. S., banker Ambition arrived home Saturday with 2200 quintals of salt cod.
 Sch. Ella G. King was at Rockland Saturday for water, with 20,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

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THE FLITCHING FLEET.

Three More Home from Far North Yesterday.

Five Remaining Vessels Are Expected Home Very Soon.

Three of the flitched halibut fleet arrived yesterday from the far north, each with good fares.

Sch. Margaret, Capt. Samuel Colson, had 80,000 pounds of salt cod and 50,000 pounds of flitched halibut.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, Capt. Henry Arsenault, hailed for 50,000 pounds of flitches and 130,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, Capt. James Hayes, which came in just before nightfall, hailed for 100,000 pounds of flitched halibut and 5000 pound of salt cod.

Sch. Admiral Dewey has been to the northward all the time, striking her best fishing nearly up to the 58th parallel. After July, the fishing fell off and but little was done.

Sch. Margaret, which had been to the northward of 58 degrees also found the halibut playing out and went to the southward, in 49.10, where she got her codfish. This craft did not go to land once after starting on her trip, getting her supply of ice and water three times from icebergs.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley was also well to the northward for a time but came to the southward earlier than sch. Margaret and struck big codfishing.

There are now five of the flitching fleet to arrive, schs. Oregon, S. P. Willard, Essex, Arbutus and Massachusetts, and according to latest reports all are now to the southward on the codfish ground and are expected home soon.

Schs. S. P. Willard and Massachusetts have been to the southward for some time, but schs. Essex, Arbutus and Oregon have only recently arrived there from the northward. Some of the vessels are well fished on codfish and also have from 40,000 pounds to 70,000 pounds or thereabouts of flitched halibut. The outlook is that the flitched halibut fleet as a whole will fall a little short of last year on the catch of flitches and exceed last year on salt cod.

Of the vessels which arrived home yesterday, sch. Admiral Dewey has been out since April 15 and sch. Henry M. Stanley since April 21, while sch. Margaret did not leave here until June 4, being the last of the fleet to get away.

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WITH BIG FARES.

Several Pacific Codfishermen Arrived from Long Trips.

Former Gloucester Man Was High Line Fishermen.

The Matheson Codfish Co.'s big sch. Fanny Dutard arrived at her home port, Anacortes, Washington, a few days ago with a big fare, having 160,000 codfish in count, or about 700,000 pounds, caught in the Behring sea. The vessel, which has been gone since April 5, carries 35 men. The company is daily expecting the arrival of its other codfisherman, the brig Harriet G. which carries 28 men, with a good trip.

The codfishing sch. Harold Blekun arrived at Seattle a few days ago with 102,000 fish in count and sch. Vega also arrived there the next day with 170,000 fish in count.

The first mate of the Matheson sch. Fanny Dutard, above mentioned, is William Kelson, a former well known Gloucester fisherman. He was high line of all on board with 10,700 fish in count, which shows that he is keeping up his reputation made here as a crack-a-jack fisherman.

HAD GOOD FISHING.

Two of the Salt Bankers Heard From Into Land Recently.

Sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, was at Cape Broyle, N. F., yesterday bound to the westward. Capt. Morrissey hailed for 250,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Blanche, Capt. William Morrissey, was at North Sydney, C. B., hailing for 180,000 pounds of salt cod and also bound to the westward. Both vessels have evidently had good fishing on their second trips, and will probably finish up to the westward and come home.

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BURNED ON QUERO.

Crew of Blazing French Fishing Craft Took to the Dories.

Advices from St. Pierre, Miq., tell of the loss by fire at sea of the French fishing schooner Le Mille on Quero Bank last Thursday night. While the schooner was at anchor a pail of oil was accidentally overturned on the stove and within a few moments the entire fore-castle was in flames. The crew had only time to gather a few garments together and take to the dories. They were picked up by sch. Adventurer.

Fine Set of Spars.

The United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus has just been fitted with a fine set of spars by the Union Spar Co. of this city, of which Charles H. Andrews is manager. The matter of furnishing the spars was let out at contract which was secured by the Union Spar Company. The main mast is 70 feet long, and the foremast 60 feet, both of the best Oregon pine of superior quality and perfect girth. Capt. Augustus F. O. Hansen and the crew of the Grampus are well pleased with the new set of spars.

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Sharks Bother Trawlers.

Sharks are causing considerable damage and worry to fishermen, according to report from several skippers coming in from Georges at T wharf. Sch. Clara G. Silva, Capt. Manuel Silva, which reached T wharf Tuesday, lost 30 tubs of tawls. Fish are plentiful on the grounds, but the sharks, which are unusually numerous, destroy the lines in trying to get the fish. High tides and heavy currents are also doing damage to buoys and gear. Capt. Silva was obliged to expend \$250 for new lines to replace the ones lost on the banks.

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LOTS OF MACKEREL.

Twenty Thousand Were Taken at Lunenburg, N. S. Yesterday.

A Boston Fish Bureau dispatch of yesterday says that 160 barrels of fresh mackerel were taken at Liverpool, N. S., yesterday, also that 20,000 mackerel were taken the same day in the traps at Lunenburg and that the nets also made fair catches.

The Fish Bureau also says that the light keeper at Mt. Desert rocks reports mackerel schooling off there and that sch. Dauntless got her fare there.

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FISHERY CONGRESS.

Members Will Enjoy Short Cruise on Fish Commission Sch. Grampus.

The members of the Fishery Congress which meets in this city the first of next month will be afforded every opportunity to study the fishery industry from every point of view. The members will be quartered at the Surfside hotel during their stay here, and a committee from the board of trade will arrange a fine programme for their entertainment. During their stay in this city, the members of the congress will enjoy a sail in the bay on the United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus, which is now at this port and will remain here for some time, and will be fully equipped to adequately accommodate the party which will make the trip.

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Fish Concerns Incorporated.

Newburyport Fish Cold Storage Co., fish, capital, \$30,000. President, Charles A. Bliss; treasurer, James H. Higgins; clerk, Edward A. Hale, all of Newburyport.

Eldred & Haley, New York, fish, oysters and sea food, capital, \$20,000. Incorporators, Calvin T. Eldred, 301 Monroe street; Irvin Haley, 62 South Elliott place; John A. Lamphea, 610 McDonough street, all of Brooklyn.

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 Sch. George H. Lube, shore.
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