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FROST STRIKES IN.

Good Sharp Nip Reported at Bay of Islands, N. F.

Light Snap About the Same Time Last Season.

Frost has struck at Bay of Islands, N. F., and some of the herring fleet there have begun to load frozen cargoes.

This good news was contained in a despatch to the Boston Fish Bureau yesterday afternoon. The despatch said that the frost was a good one and that five vessels had left for home on Sunday, schs. Indiana, Claudia, Henry M. Stanley and T. M. Nicholson with cargoes of salt herring and sch. Clintonia with frozen herring.

Last season the first frost came to Bay of Islands on December 7, just a day later than it struck in this year. Last season, however, the frost was a very light one and practically no herring of consequence were frozen on it, for next day it came in mild again and continued so, until another frost spurt put in appearance on December 16 and 17. Some herring was put down on this nip, but again it came in mild and stayed that way until December 21 and 22. On these dates there was good frost and some of the vessels profitted thereby. From then on almost up to New Years it alternated, day and day, first mild and frost. Later there came several frosty days, but the season as a whole was a poor one for securing quick bang-up cargoes of frozen goods.

According to the Fish Bureau despatch, this frost this season was a good one; if so, it has come early, as it is not generally looked for much before Christmas week. Its arrival may interfere with the loading of salt herring, but one who goes to or sends vessels to Bay of Islands, must be prepared to put up with whatever comes whenever it comes.

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Halibut Sale.

The fresh halibut fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the American Halibut Co. at 11 cents per pound for white and 8 cents per pound for gray.

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Gresham Here.

The revenue cutter Gresham, which was recently at Bay of Islands, N. F., and came home about three weeks ago, is in port.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Aspinet, shore.
Sch. Helen G. Wells, shore.

Todays Fish Market.

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

Salt Georges cod, large $4.00, mediums, $3.25.

Salt bank dory handline cod, $3.62 1-2 per cwt. for large and $3.25 for mediums.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, $3.37 1-2; mediums, $3; snappers, $2.

Bank halibut 11 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

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

Eastern salt shack trip cod, $3.25 per cwt. for large and $3 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, $2.00; mediums, $1.60; Eastern cod, large, $1.90; medium, $1.50; cusk, $1.60 to $1.65; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

Eastern deck handline cod, $4.00 for large and $3.25 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Vesta, 3000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 6500 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 500 haddock, 4500 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Athena, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Mina Swim, 1500 haddock, 800 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Manhasset, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 16,000 hake.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 5000 cod.

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Sch. Nettie, 200 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Nautilus, 1500 cod.
Sch. Washakie, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake, 9000 pollock.
Sch. Gracie, 2500 cod.
Str. Quartette, 50 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Motor, 400 haddock, 800 cod, 300 hake.

Haddock, $5.75 to $6; per cwt.; large cod, $5.75 to $6.75; market cod. $3.50 to $6.75; hake, $3 to $5; pollock, $2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Ralph K. Grant, with cured fish for this port, was at Boothbay Harbor yesterday.

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HAD A FINE RUN.

Sch. Essex Little Over Four Days to Bay of Islands.

Sch. Essex, Capt. Hackett, is not considered one of the flyers of the fishing fleet, as she was built away back in 1889. She is rather "full in the face" and her stern and midship section are of generous dimensions, in fact she was not built for a flyer, but she can certainly sail in good shape as her latest achievement shows.

She letf here late last Thursday afternoon for Newfounudland and had a good chance along, just clearing the gale of that day on the Cape Shore, and reaching Woods island very early Tuesday morning, just getting in clear of the bad gale which raged down that way on Tuesday.

Somehow or other it is the old class vessels generally that make fine passages down to Bay of Islands, but it takes the "tooth picks" to grind off the quick passages to the westward.

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Green Smelt About Over.

A letter received at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, from Prince Edward Island told of a small consignment of green smelts sent and at the same time notified the dealer that it was probably the last shipment of green smelts from there for this year. There will be plenty of frozen smelts, however, and as the weather is growing colder there they will be frozen on the ice as soon as caught. A car of frozen smelts was received yesterday morning from St. John, N. B., and a small quantity of barrel smelt and some green smelts in boxes arrived.

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WITH SINGLE DORIES.

Sch. Pontiac Caught Fresh Fish Fare on Cape Shore.

Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson, which arrived at Boston on Tuesday, returned from her first trip to the Cape Shore, and Capt. Nickerson had the distinction of taking the first single dory fisherman there, and also of being the first of the regular shore fishing vessels to go down that far for fish.

Capt. Nickerson had been absent two weeks on the trip, and during that time he and his men had a hard time. While the people ashore were enjoying days of almost exceptional fine weather, they were having a hard time with storms and gales. For days they could not get out in the dories to set their trawls, on account of bad weather. In the few sets of the trawls they made they had good luck.

The Pontiac was out in the southeast storm of Monday and Capt. Nickerson describes it as somethng fearful. Fortunately he had the wind astern and his knockabout fairly flew through the water, while immense waves followed and threatened to wash everything from the deck.

At noon hew as off Thacher's island, and as he did not dare to head across the bay for Boston, he came to anchor and lay there for several hours until the wind had changed. Capt. Nickerson had the good luck to meet with good prices, and will stock about $1800, which will give each of his men in the neighborhood of $45 for a share.

Sch. Mystery had been further than sch. Pontiac, and Capt. Willam H. Goodwin reported fishing on Western Banks. He also had met with bad weather, and was able to make only three sets of the trawls, and took about 65,000 pounds of fish, mostly haddock and cod.

He has a larger crew than sch. Pontiac, and although he will stock about $2000, his men will get about the same as those on sch. Pontiac as shares.

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DEEP SEA DIVING.

A Descent of Thirty Fathoms Marks the Limit of Safety.

The depth to which a diver can descend is limited by his power for withstanding the pressure of the water. Apparently a descent of thirty fathoms (180 feet) of water marks the limit of safety for even a few divers who possess the necessary physical fitness in combination with a disregard for danger beyond the average.

Records in deep sea diving have to be accepted with the proverbial grain of salt. It has been claimed that a diver reached thirty-three fathoms and a half while engaged in salvage operations recently on the west coast of South America, and yet again another diver working on the same wreck is reported to have brought up three bars of copper from a depth of forty fathoms at the expense of his life.

An expert who has superintended a large number of diving operations has found that very few men, whatever their build, are capable of combating the severe strain which is brought to bear upon their physical energies for a few minutes at a depth of twenty or thirty fathoms. Many of his divers dared not venture below ten fathoms. Of 352 divers employed at greater depths thirty were seriously injured, and the result was fatal in ten instances.—Harper's.

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FISH AND GAME LAWS.

Uniform Regulations Recommended by New England Commissioners.

The fish and game commissioners of the several New Enlgand states were in conference Tuesday forenoon at the state house and discussed various suggestions of legislation to be recommended to their respective legislatures in order to make the laws relative to fisheries and game more uniform, as outlined by the recent congress of governors. Chairman Field of the Massachusetts fish and game commission presided and each state in New England was represented at the conference. No formal action was taken but it is expected that before the conference adjourns, resolutions will be adopted setting forth what legislation in the opinion of the commissoners ought to be adopted.

MONEY IN POLLOCK.

Crew of Sch. Annie and Jennie Shared $43 Each.

With all kinds of shore fish scarce, there is big money in pollock, as the price has been good all the week. The little sch. Annie and Jennie, Capt. Joseph Cooney, had 22,000 pounds at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, and her crew profited for their two days work to the extent of $43 to a man, one of the best pollock shares of the winter.

Provincial Lobsters Coming.

The season for importing lobsters from the Provinces will begin December 15, and the dealers are looking forward to that time for a big consignment of lobsters. The native lobsters have been fairly plenty this year, and the price has been kept down, but with the arrival of the lobsters from the provinces it will go lower.

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FOR QUICK REPAIRS.

Sch. Saladin Made Halifax After Recent Heavy Gale.

Engine Disabled, Jumbo Gone and Fore Gaff Broken.

The gasoline auxiliary sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons, which left here Saturday afternoon on a frozen herring voyage to Newfoundland, put in at Halifax on Tuesday with her engine disabled, her foregaff broken and jumbo blown away.

The vessel must have encountered the recent heavy gale in the Cape Shore and had it very severe.

Capt. Parsons lost no time after striking port getting the repair work under way and expected to be all ready to put to sea last night.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mabel, Owl's Head, Me., cured fish.
Sch. Monitor, St. Peter's Bank, 18,000 lbs. halibut. 4000 lbs. salt cod.
Boats, 15 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.

Todays Fish Market.

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

Salt Georges cod, large $4.00, mediums, $3.25.

Salt bank dory handline cod. $3.62 1-2 per cwt. for large and $3.25 for mediums.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, $3.37 1-2; mediums, $3; snappers, $2.

Bank halibut 11 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

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

Eastern salt shack trip cod, $3.25 per cwt. for large and $3 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, $2.00; mediums, $1.6fi; Eastern cod, large, $1.90; medium, $1.50; cusk, $1.60 to $1.65; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

Eastern deck handline cod, $4.00 for large and $3.25 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Volant, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Galatea, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Pythian. 5000 pollock.
Sch. Emily Sears, 18,000 pollock.
Sch. Ramona, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 500 haddock, 500 cod 9000 hake.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Mary Edith, 1200 haddock, 1200 cod, 3000 haddock.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 2500 haddock, 1300 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Dorothy, 2400 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 7000, haddock, 1000 cod, 4500 hake, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 5000 haddock 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Julietta, 1000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Esther Gray, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Mettacomet, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch Valentinna, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Leo, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 6000 hake.

Haddock, $5 to $5.25 per cwt.; cod, $3 to $5.25; hake, $2 to $3.50; pollock, $2 to $2.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Vera was spoken on St. Peter's Cank recently by sch. Cavalier.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, which sailed from this port December 2, harbored at Canso, N. S., during the Monday gale.

Sch. Effie M. Prior is now in command of Capt. Lewis Carritt, in the winter haddock fishery.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott was at La Have, N. S., on Monday and cleared.

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SENT LOT OF SQUID.

But T Wharf Dealers Had No Sale for Them.

The commission men at T wharf, Boston, received a disagreeable surprise yesterday morning. There was a large lot of barreled fish on the Cape Cod freight train, and as none of the commission men had been notified by their people that they had shut off on herring and ground fish, the consignees made arrangements to deliver goods as quickly as they arrived at the teams.

When the latter arrived at the wharf, however, it was found that nearly all the barrels contained squid. There was also a lot of squid on the vessels, and there was little sale for the fish in the usual market among the Italian wholesalers, and the commission men found themselves with a lot of squid on hand for which there was no demand either for food or bait.

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FROZEN HERRING FARE.

Sch. Annie M. Parker Is Now on the Way Home.

Schs. J. J. Flaherty and Robin Hood Coming with Salt Herring.

Yesterday's advices from Bay of Islands, N. F., were to the effect that the frost of the first of the week did not hold and open weather followed. It is thought that the cold snap now here may perhaps reach there in a few days.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty has sailed for home with a big cargo of salt herring and her skipper, Capt. Charles Rudolph, will with out doubt hustle her along.

Sch. Annie M. Parker is also on the way home. She has a full cargo of pan frozen herring, being the second of the frozen herring fleet to start for home.

Both schs Flaherty and Annie M. Parker are supposed to have got away Tuesday or late Monday.

This now makes seven vessels on the way home, schs. Clintonia and Annie M. Parker with pan frozen herring cargoes and schs. T. M. Nicholson, Indiana, Claudia, Henry M. Stanley and J. J. Flaherty with salt herring cargoes.

It is probable that sch. Corona is also on the way home with salt herring, and sch. Robin Hood with a cargo of salt cod and salt herring is coming here to market her fare and is believed to be on the way.

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HIGH LINE FISHER.

Gloucester Boy Leading Snapper Fleet at Pensacola.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin Arrived with Good Fare.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, recently sold from this port to Pensacola parties, and which sailed from here November 3, under command of Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling, has arrived at her destination all right and with all well on board.

Capt. Spurling had a good passage down and went on the fishing bank before going to port, so that when the craft got in, he had a big fare of red snappers on which the crew shared $30 each, which is certainly starting in well.

Reports of good red snapper fishing at Pensacola still continue and the season is one of the best. Capt. Frank Cooney, son of Capt. Frank Cooney of sch. Mary E. Cooney of this port, and who is a well-remembered Gloucester boy, is high line of the red snapper fleet out there to date. He has always been one of the leaders of the fleet there and several times has been high line. He formerly commanded sch. Cavalier, but of late has been in a new gasoline auxiliary craft.

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FAVOR LEASING CLAM FLATS.

New England Fish and Game Commissioners Go on Record.

So alarming has become the decrease in the shellfish beds throughout New England that at a conference of the fish and game commissioners from the various states at the state house, Boston, yesterday, a resolution was adopted recommending the leasing of lands below high water mark, as a measure of protection. The resolutions are as follows:

1st. That it is the opinion of this conference that the land between high and low water, should be made more available for the cultivation of mollusks.

2d. That such areas should be leased for the purpose of securing individual opportunities for cultivation.

3d. Such leases should be controlled by the same in order to secure the maximum amount of protection to the lease holders, permanency of policy, freedom from petty politics and greater responsibility in administration.

A committee consisting of the chairman of each board of state commissioners was appointed to prepare resolutions relative to the alarmingly increasing injurious effects of pollution of the valuable streams and coastal waters by the unnecessary dumping of sewage, manufacturing waste and other debris and urging legislatures to consider these resolutions and to be present at the State house at next Monday's meeting.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ramona, via Boston, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Emma F. Chase, Portland, cured fish and smoksd herring.
Sch. Pythian, shore.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, shore.
Steamer Osprey, Portland.

Todays Fish Market.

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Eastern deck handline cod, $4.00 for large and $3.25 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Emerald, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Norman Fisher, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Seaconnet, 4500 haddock, 500 cod, 600 hake, 200 pollock.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mocanam, 25,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Thos. J. Carroll, 1500 haddock, 300 cod, 500 hake, 2500 pollock.

Haddock, $2.50 to $4.25 per cwt.; large cod, $4.25 to $4.50; market cod, $2.50; pollock, $1.75.

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Herring Notes.

A special to the Times from Bay of Islands, N. F., dated Tuesday and Wednesday, gives encouraging reports from the herring fishery there, and the latest general news form the American fleet.

The letter states that since Sunday more good reports have come to Birchy Cove from the Arms. The steamer Atlantic came in Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock and made the report that all the vessels had obtained large catches on Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Acker of the steamer also said that both Goose and Penguin Arms were full of herring. The statement is doubtless true as the Atlantic brought 400 barrels of herring down with her, which of itself is a pretty good indication that herring are plentiful.

It was blowing a heavy gale on Wednesday, too hard of the fishemen to haul their nets, so the fish must have been taken on Tuesday. During Tuesday night the wind hauled to the northwest and came in quite cold.

A craft which was taken to be sch. Arkona, came in Tuesday evening and four other recent arrivals are reported at Woods Island. It is reasonabte to suppose that some of the vessels in the Arms will be loaded shortly.