

STRUCK IN NORTH ARM.

Best Herring Spurt for Eight Years Reported There.

Receipts Here Thus Far Behind Last Season.

Telegrams from Bay of Islands, N. F., last evening state that the herring prospect continues fair in the Middle Arm and that the vessels are loading salt herring, also that some of them have done quite well since Sunday.

It is the general opinion among the skippers at Bay of Islands, as well as the vessel owners here, that although there is a fair amount of herring there at present, it does not compare in quantity with the body which usually strikes in each year. Letters from the Middle Arm recently say that the captains are of the opinion that the body of herring now in the Arm will remain there, all signs point that way. There are lots of whales and birds there now, and this, they say, surely indicates the presence of a body of herring.

Sch. Senator Gardner arrived at Wood's island last Saturday.

The way things looked there last Sunday a week's fair fishing would nearly load many vessels and send several on the way home.

On Monday it was mild, with light snow and southerly wind, but a good day to haul nets, after the Sunday lay off, so a good catch was looked for.

As showing how backward has been the herring fishing this season, it should be noted that up to date, but four vessels have arrived, each with a fare of salt herring, while the same time last season had witnessed the arrival of 13 herring cargoes two consisting entirely of frozen herring and one of half frozen and half salt herring. Three of these cargoes came in British bottoms.

The weather map indicates that the prevailing wind on the Cape Shore recently has been easterly, so some of the craft which sailed for home last Sunday and Monday are looked for by Monday morning.

Laughlin McLean of Wood Island has chartered sch. Ellen and will load her with frozen herring for the American market.

Sch. Aloha and Arkona arrived at Bay of Islands, N. F., Saturday.

Salt herring are reported in parts of the Middle Arm.

Large catches are reported in North Arm, more herring being reported there than for the past eight years.

There are good signs of herring at Lark Harbor.

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Ipswich Bay Netters Doing Poorly.

The Ipswich Bay cod netting fleet has been doing poorly of late. The boats have been landing at Rockport and Portsmouth, but some of them have given it up and come up off this port and Plymouth to set their nets.

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Large Take of Cod Eggs.

The United States fish commission steamer Phalarope took about 3,000,000 cod eggs Thursday from fish caught by the bay fishermen in the bay off Plymouth.

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Mackerel Notes.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston this year to date are 38,307 barrels against 18,841 barrels at this time last year.

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LOST GEAR.

Several of the Shore Boats Suffered Off Here Yesterday.

Several of the shore boats which put in here last night and today to harbor from the storm, got up against it off here yesterday. They set early and the storm came up so quickly that it caught them with their trawls out and they had a hard time getting part of it back, most of them losing some while several were obliged to leave \$100 worth behind.

LANDED AT BONNE BAY.

Says a Late Report Concerning Crew of Sch. M. B. Stetson.

Later advices concerning the loss of sch. M. B. Stetson, state that the craft foundered in a big gale and that the crew were taken off and carried into Bonne Bay, N. F., by sch. Patrician of this port. Other reports had it that they were taken to Bay of Islands. Full details of the loss of the craft are anxiously awaited.

TROUBLE OVER NETS.

Capt. Malloch of Sch. Indiana Before Inspector O'Reilly.

Settlement Allowed but Court Made Strong Comment.

A fishery case heard at Brake's Cove before Inspector O'Reilly on Wednesday, the cause of action rising from sch. Indiana, Capt Almon D. Malloch of this port, accidentally fouling and carrying away a fleet of nets belonging to Michael Robinson and Mathias Payne of Trout River, Bay of Islands, N. F.,

The plaintiff, Mathias Payne, sued Capt. Malloch for the sum of \$12, the price and value of a herring net carried away by his vessel, and which was picked up by a fisherman named Slaney and detained by order of Capt. Malloch's mate.

The plaintiff had two fairly good nets set off the cove. One net was so damaged and torn that it was useless. The other was new altogether with anchors and moorings and was picked up by Slaney. The defendant claimed that he gave Robinson a practically new net and also gave them their own torn so damaged that it could not be repaired, and that he considered that this was ample compensation, and so detained as his own the net picked up by Slaney and claimed by plaintiff Payne.

The court allowed the parties to settle the matter among themselves, which they did by Capt. Malloch giving up the net.

Under the present form of the action, the court allowed a settlement by the defendant giving up the net, but made strong comment on the unlawful detention of those fishermen's gear and stated that had the men taken action in another form, substantial damages might have been maintained against the parties responsible.

Few such cases as the above ever happen. The method of dealing with the fishermen is as a rule: If a vessel accidentally fouls or damages gear, ample amends have always been made by the masters, who, with few exceptions, generally lean to the weak side and treat the fishermen liberally.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, shore.
- Sch. Almeida, shore.
- Sch. Good Luck, shore.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Ida M. Siva, shore.
- Sch. Galatea, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
- Sch. Flora J Sears, shore.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
- Sch. Sarati, shore.
- Sch. Reliance, shore.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Ramona, shore.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
- Sch. Viking, shore.
- Sch. Ralph Russell, shore.
- Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore.
- Sch. Mettacomet, shore.
- Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
- Sch. Valentina, shore.
- Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
- Sch. Georgianna, shore.
- Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, shore.
- Sch. Appomattox, shore.
- Sch. Flavilla, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Schs. Valentina and Rose Standish pollocking.

Today's 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 Geck handline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Boston.

- Sch. Seaconnet, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.
- Sch. Mattakesett, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Mertis H. Perry 1500 pollock.
- Sch. Genesta, 2200 haddock, 100 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 13,000 pollock.
- Sch. Leo, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.
- Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.
- Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 pollock.
- Sch. Washakie, 3600 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.
- Haddock, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.; cod, \$4 to \$4.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$4; pollock, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee was at Liverpool, N. S., Friday.
 Steamer Pet is on Parkhurst's railways.
 Sch. Mettacomet is on Burnham's railways.
 Sloop Defenderr, with 2500 lbs. fresh fish, was at Portland yesterday.

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SCH. REBECCA FLOATED.

Came Off with Yesterday's Tide, but Little Damaged.

The Boston fishing sch. Rebecca, which went ashore at Race Point early yesterday morning, was floated on high water yesterday, having apparently suffered but little damage.

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 from 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 fishermen 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 reasonable to suppose that some of the vessels in the Arms will be loaded shortly.

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Fine Trips.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Capt. Owen Whitten, arrived yesterday from a deck handling trip to Western bank with a fine fare, 60,000 pounds of salt cod. This is the second fine trip of this nature which Capt. Whitten has made this fall.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas, has the banner fare at T wharf, Boston, this morning, coming from the eastward with 88,000 pounds of fresh fish, 80,000 of which are haddock. The latter were started at \$3.50 per cwt., which means a stock of over \$2000 for the fortunate craft.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Moonam, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, stocked \$1800 as the result of her haddock trip at Boston Saturday.

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NO HERRING ARRIVALS.

Some of the Newfoundland Fleet Were Expected This Morning.

Contrary to expectations none of the herring vessels that were supposed to have left Bay of Islands, N. F., last Sunday and Monday have arrived up to this morning. From this, it is thought that they must either have struck pretty hard weather coming along or else they did not leave until later in the week.

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SCH. ROBIN HOOD ASHORE

**Was Driven on Woods Island, N. F.,
During a Storm.**

**Is Loaded with Herring and Cod
for This Port.**

Sch. Robin Hood, Capt. Stillman Malone, of Lubec, Me., is ashore at Woods Island, Bay of Islands, N. F. No particulars are given.

Sch. Robin Hood was formerly a Gloucester vessel, being sold a few years ago to Lubec parties, and has been of a long voyage on the Newfoundland coast. She had secured about 90,000 pounds of salt cod and put in at Bay of Islands, N. F., a few weeks ago and finished up by taking salt herring for the rest of her cargo.

She was bound to this port to market her fare and it was thought that she had sailed the first of last week. Evidently she was delayed and driven ashore from her anchorage off Wood's island during a heavy wind.

On account of lack of apparatus and material with which to conduct floating operations, the craft is in a bad position.

The message telling of the stranding of the vessel made no mention of captain or crew, but it is thought that they got ashore all right, otherwise the message would have told of the loss of men.

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FISH RECEIPTS LIGHT.

**But Eight Fishing Arrivals at This
Port in Nine Days.**

**Large Fleet of Boats at Boston with
Small Fares.**

Fresh fish continue in light receipt both at this port and at Boston. This morning there are 25 vessels at T wharf, three being off shore trips. The market boat fares show a slight improvement in quantity but the bulk of their catch is pollock and hake, the much desired cod and haddock still being shy.

Pollock appear to be everywhere. Ipswich bay is reported alive with them and even sch. John J. Fallon, from the off shore grounds has 25,000 pounds of them in her trip. "Ministers," the fishermen call pollock, while after being landed they often become known as "Boston Bay blues" and "winter bluefish." Even these are in very light receipt as compared with the enormous catch of last season.

At this port there is but one arrival, which has salt cod. Fish have been in very light receipt here for some time, there having been but eight arrivals here with fish since a week ago Sunday and all together they have not had a good-sized haul of fish. Many pollockers and market boats have been in port here on stormy days with fish but have not landed, going out and getting another day's fishing and then marketing at Boston. It is the regular winter dullness, only a little worse than usual.

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

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Boats, 35 bbls. fresh herring.

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Boston.

Sch. Flavilla, 2500, haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Julietta, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Athena, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 16,000 pollock.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 1000, haddock, 500 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 6000 hake, 7000 cusk.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 5000 cod.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 1500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. John M. Keen, 2100 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Good Luck, 17,000 pollock.
Sch. John J. Fallon, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake, 25,000 pollock.
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 1000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Appomattox, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Cynthia, 80,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Cherokee, 4000 cod.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 5000 cod.
Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Hortense, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Quonnapowitt, 17,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 9000 cod.
Sch. Volant, 15,000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$5.52; pollock, \$1.50

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream was at Shelburne, N. S., last week for water and supplies.

Sch. Titania was at Shelburne, N. S. last week to make repairs on her windlass and to take water and supplies.

Sch. Lillian was at Shelburne, N. S., last week for a new main gaff.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, which is at Boston today, reports breaking her foregaff.

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GRAMPUS TO HAUL UP.

**Poor Success This Season Collecting
Pollock Eggs.**

**Capt. Hanson Will Have Steamer for
Cod Egg Work.**

The United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus arrived at this port yesterday and will haul up for the winter. The craft has been engaged in collecting cod and pollock eggs, and Capt. Hanson of the schooner will now continue the work of collecting cod eggs for the Ten Pound Island hatchery in the Newport steamer Seven Brothers, which has been chartered for that work, the Grampus being too deep draft for work around Plymouth, where the egg collecting will be done.

A crew of five men went to Newport today to fit out the steamer and bring her around the Cape. Capt. Hanson will have a crew of 12 men and possibly more to assist in the work of egg taking when the craft goes into commission.

Capt. Hanson reports that the season, as far as collecting pollock eggs is concerned had been a very poor one compared with the past few years. In all he has collected since October 28 about 55,000,000 pollock eggs, which he calls a small take. He says that the body of pollock has been off shore all the fall and has not come inside the Ridges.

Yesterday he was over in Ipswich bay, and the boats there, some 15 sail, were doing nothing, but up off Newburyport beach, close in, those who were working with seines made fine hauls of small pollock and market cod.

The scarcity of pollock has caused the captain to give up trying to get any more pollock eggs and to give his attention to the cod catchers off Plymouth.

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Nova Scotia Lobster Season.

The Nova Scotia lobster fishing season opens today. It is expected that the operations will not be so extensive as in previous years.

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WORSE AND MORE OF IT.

**Dogfish Aid Bad Weather to Bother
the Fishermen.**

**Skippers from the Eastward All Tell
Hard Stories.**

All the offshore haddockers at T wharf, Boston, yesterday and today report the worst possible weather on the Cape Shore and Western Bank, and as if this were not enough hamper on them in their fishing operations, the dogfish ate the fish when they did get a chance to set. Fortunate indeed was the skipper who was able to get clear of these pests, for he was sure to find lots of fish.

Capt. Hipson of sch. Quonnapowitt had been out three weeks, about all that time bucking gales on Western bank. He schooner had her foregaff broken and some of the deck fittings swept away by a heavy sea which boarded her.

Capt. Geoffrey Thomas of sch. Cynthia, which had such a Klondike trip yesterday, and was the lucky man out of the whole bunch, had the bad weather, the same as the others, but fortunately set clear of the dogfish right on the finest kind of a haddock spot, and by fishing hard and making the most of every chance picked up the big fare which put them "on easy street."

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, who knows Western bank as well as he knows the way from Chisholm's wharf, where he lays his vessel, to his home on Marchant street, said that this was one of the worst trips he ever made to the eastward. It blew about all the time, and when it didn't blow, the dogfish got in their work. The fishing on the bank was very spotty and the trip was a hard one all around.

Capt. John Lowrie of the big gasoline sch. Elizabeth Silsbee had been down Liscomb way and later tried up off the cape. He told the same story as the others, bad weather and dogfish and plenty of both, with fish very scarce, a most undesirable combination.

Fish are a pretty good price at T wharf today, as they were yesterday, but they are worth all they are paying for them when the danger and hard work in catching them is considered.

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BAD WEATHER, FISH SCARCE

**So Reports Capt. George E. Heckman
of Sch. Slade Gorton.**

**Probable Cause of Long Trips by Sev-
eral Vessels of Fleet.**

A telegram to the Times this afternoon from Capt. George E. Heckman of sch. Slade Gorton, one of the winter haddocking fleet of this port, reports that vessel at Goldboro, N. S., today for a harbor. Capt. Heckman also reports very bad weather and fish scarce.

A large number of the larger vessels are known to be down that way and making rather long trips, and probably they are finding conditions the same as Capt. Heckman states, which accounts for their not being to market when expected.

Capt. Heckman and his crew are evidently interested in the result of the recent election here, for he wanted to know who was elected mayor and how the city went in the license question.

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Lost Part of Trawls.

The little shore fishing sch. Julietta, Capt. Peterson, which has been doing so well recently, reached Boston yesterday with a small fare and reported losing quite a lot of her trawls on a rough set off here Saturday morning. It came on to blow so hard that the dories could not go to haul, so the crew considered them "planted" for keeps, went to market with their fare.