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JANUARY WAS HARD MONTH.

Some Market Fishermen Made Only \$15 to \$20 During the Time.

January was a hard month on the market fleet as a whole, the crews of some not sharing over \$15 to \$20 for the whole 31 days.

Capt. John Grady of sch. Rex, which came from Boston last night, reports the hardest kind of weather on La Have bank and the Cape Shore.

SALT FISH TRADE IMPROVING.

Full Gangs Now Working Whole Time at All the Lofts.

The salt fish trade, which has been very dull for some time has picked up the past week and is now brisk.

At all the fish firms, full gangs are working whole time and things have taken on a lively air.

Coaster Found Adrift.

The coaster J. Arthur Lord, a frequent visitor to this port, was towed into Vineyard Haven Monday night by the revenue cutter Acushnet.

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Today's Receipts.

- Sch. Hope, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Edith Silveira, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Paragon, halibuting. Sch. Dictator, halibuting. Sch. Gladiator, halibutning.

Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cts. Salt Georges cod, large, \$4; mediums, \$3.00.

Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Emily Cooney, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Mary B. Greer, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

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- Sch. Hortense, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake. Sch. Galatea, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

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FISHING ARRIVALS SCARCE.

Only One Offshore Trip at This Port Since Last Wednesday.

When a large port like Gloucester cannot spare up more than one fishing arrival from off shore in a whole week it is certainly pretty dull music in the fish line.

Beside the one lone off shore craft to make the port there has been beside one vessel from Boston, with a handful of fresh cod to split and four shore boats with a few fish which they boxed and shipped to Boston on their own account.

Half a dozen of the market boats, with two off shores and the steam trawler Spray are all that have arrived at Boston since last report.

With every promise of a good fish day today, the whole market fleet went out last night and is on the ground this morning ready to make the most of a good chance to set.

FROZEN HERRING CARGOES.

Several Vessels at Beeton Reported Discharged.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall will go to Boston with her cargo of frozen herring, Capt. Frank H. Hall having sold the frozen fares to the Boston Merring Co.

Sch. Hiram Lowell, it is reported, will take her frozen herring to New York.

Sch. Oriole has taken out half of her load of frozen herring at Boston. The British schs. Eliza L. Maxner and Earl V. B. are all out, but the Lunenburg schs. Chintzala and Junkata have not opened their cargoes yet.

Lost Trawl Gear.

Some of the boats suffered severely in loss of gear, on account of the net made off here on Tuesday.

Sch. Mina Swim was caught with the most of hers out and it breezed up so hard the dories could not get to her.

The Stranger was in a similar fix and only got a little back, about five tubs in all.

Sch. Margaret Dillon lost 14 tubs and was lucky to get back as much as she did.

Spray Had Good Trip, Despite Ice.

The steam trawler Spray came up to T wharf, Boston, yesterday, the worst load up craft that has entered Boston harbor this winter.

Capt. Green reported several days of zero weather, and while on Georges the ice made so rapidly as to interfere with the working of the otter trawl.

The Spray had a good paying trip, 55,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Regina Spoken.

Capt. Green of the steam trawler Spray which arrived at Boston yesterday reports speaking sch. Regina on Georges recently and supplied her with provisions. She had been out three weeks, had had hard weather and taken but few fish.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. James W. Parker came from Boston last night to have a new mainmast stepped, to replace the one recently carried away.

Sch. Richard dropped in from Boston yesterday afternoon and anchored off Pavilion beach while her skipper came ashore to ship a cook.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask is on the Rocky Neck railways.

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Today's Receipts.

- Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston. Sch. Richard, via Boston. Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

- Schs. Richard, Rose Standish, Frances P. Mesquita, Genesta, Hope, Sylvia M. Numan, Leo, Stranger, Ramona, Belina, P. Demongoes, Walter P. Court, Ida S. Brooks, Emily Cooney, Rita A. Viator, Vining, Margaret Dillon, Ida M. Silva, Flora J. Sears, and Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cts. Salt Georges cod, large, \$4; mediums, \$3.00. Bank halibut, 10 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 8 1-2 cts. for gray.

Boston.

- Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Matchless, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod.

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GREAT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

January Fish Receipts Show Marked Improvement.

Although the month of January just passed, has been an exceptionally dull one as far as the arrival of fish fares at this port is concerned, still it was a vast improvement over January of 1902 and also a little better than the initial month of 1907.

The following comparative table shows the relative catch of the leading kinds of fish:

Table with 3 columns: Fish Type, 1909 (Pounds), 1908 (Pounds). Rows include Salt cod, Fresh cod, Haddock, Hake, Cusk, Pollock, Halibut, Filched halibut, Total, Salt herring, Frozen herring, Cured fish.

The total of ground fish for January of 1907 was 1,181,545 pounds, also 26,895 barrels of salt herring and 15,345 barrels of frozen herring.

Frozen Herring Cargoes.

The Boston Fish Bureau reports the following Lunenburg, N. S., vessels on the way to Boston with frozen herring, from Connaigre Bay, Fortune Bay, N. F.:

Sch. Arginia, 275,000 pounds; sch. Lila B. Hirtle, 350,000 pounds. These are the two crafts chartered by Capt. Solomon Jacobs of this port.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. William H. Rider is on Parkhurst's railways.

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### BOND SAYS HE'S GAINED

BY IT.

### Premier Says Concessions Have Been Made To Canada on Fish.

### Washington Says That Treaty Will Now Be Rushed Through.

St. John's, Feb. 5.—Premier Bond announced last night that an agreement on the fisheries dispute between the United States and Newfoundland had been reached and that Newfoundland had gained certain concessions.

The government claims that the terms of the agreement as a whole are of a satisfactory character. It is announced that the Americans agreed to the arbitration of the question of their rights to fish within the inlets of the west coast.

The Americans have contended that the treaty of 1818 gave them the unquestioned right to fish in these inlets, but recently the Newfoundland government set up the claim that the treaty permitted the Americans to fish only along the seaboard.

At Washington it is pointed out by representatives of the United States that the American vessels had fished in these inlets for ninety years without question until Bond objected in 1905.

Should The Hague tribunal, before which the whole fisheries dispute will be taken, decide that the treaty of 1818 does not give the Americans the right to fish in the west coast inlets, the important frozen herring industry, in which scores of New England vessels are engaged each year, will have to be abandoned.

Other features of the agreement were not made public here.

#### Will Be Rushed Through

Washington, Feb. 5.—Ambassador Bryce and the Newfoundland authorities have reached an agreement in the matter of the questions in the fisheries controversy to be submitted to The Hague court for arbitration. Some concessions were made to the colonial government at the recent conference in Washington between Bryce, Secretary Root and Minister Kent of Newfoundland, which were incorporated in the treaty signed with reservations by Bryce and Root.

This compromise has won over the Newfoundland authorities and as soon as the signed treaties are formally

exchanged, the treaty will be sent to the senate for ratification. State department officials are anxious to obtain action upon it before the present session of congress expires.

## NO AGREEMENT YET

### Bond's Objection Said to be to Gain Time.

Other Dispatches from St. John's, N. F., states that no agreement has yet been reached in the fisheries treaty negotiations.

Attorney-General Kent of Newfoundland, now at Washington, however, indicates his hope that the negotiations may come to a successful conclusion, and this feeling is shared by the British embassy officials.

It is said by those who are familiar with the negotiations that the differences between the British foreign office and the colonial government are such that they may be reconciled and a successful issue reached.

A London cable says: "I imagine that Sir Robert Bond's objection to certain details of the fisheries treaty with the United States is owing mainly to his desire to gain time," said a Canadian gentleman, who has travelled much over the Colonies and with whom I had a chat in the city yesterday about the Anglo-American agreement.

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"He was," continued my informant, "to have met the newly elected Legislature of Newfoundland next week, but on the ground that the treaty is still under consideration he has obtained a fortnight's postponement of that event. Possibly he is casting about for some pretext for further delay for when it does take place the meeting is certain to be full of embarrassment."

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### FISHING EXCHANGE BUSY.

#### Railed Platform Built for Benefit of Skippers.

Wednesday was the busiest and best day the New England Fishing Exchange has had since it opened, for there were lots of boats in with fine fares and more than \$10,000 was realized from the sale of the fish.

Since the exchange began business several improvements have been made, chief of which is a platform along the head of the room, with a rail in front, this being for the exclusive use of the skippers in receiving bids for their fish.

It is a very necessary innovation, for when the exchange began doing business the captains and buyers all occupied the same floor space, with the result that the skippers were surrounded, pushed and crowded and almost mauled. Through the medium of the platform they are almost as much apart from the buyers as when on the decks of their own vessels.

### FRESH FISH MORE PLENTIFUL.

#### Twenty-Two Shore Boats at Boston With Good-Sized Fares.

Boston has a goodly supply of fresh fish today, about 22 of the shore boats being in, most of them with splendid fares, from 10,000 to 17,000 pounds. Three off shore fares are also there, sch. Tartar with a small fare, sch. Mildred Robinson, which has been gone a long while, with 50,000 pounds, and sch. Lucania with 60,000 pounds, the latter being fortunate enough to have 20,000 pounds of cod in her lot.

The weather is mild, and as it is also the last of the week, haddock fell off to \$1.50 to \$2.75, but large cod hold up well at from \$4 to \$6.

At this port there is only one arrival, sch. Slade Gorton, from Le Have bank, with 35,000 pounds of fresh fish.

A large fleet of the off shore vessels is expected by Monday at Boston.

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#### Today's Receipts.

- Sch. Slade Gorton, Le Have Bank, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mabel Bryson, shore.
- Sch. Rebecca, shore.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
- Sch. Minerva, shore.
- Sch. Julietta, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

#### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.
- Sch. Rex, haddocking.
- Sch. Arabia, haddocking.

#### Today's Fish Market.

- Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cts.
- Salt Georges cod, large, \$4; mediums, \$3.00.
- Bank halibut, 10 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 8 1-2 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 \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; eusk, \$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 for large and \$3 for medium.
- Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
- Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.

#### Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Edith Silveira, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Mattakesett, 6500 haddock, 2500 cod.
- Sch. Genesta, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Athena, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Lucania, 40,000 haddock, 20,000

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- Sch. Aspinet, 17,000 haddock, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Teresa and Alice, 1500 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Hope, 1000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2500 hake.
- Sch. Rose Standish, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Tartar, 21,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Hortense, 18,000 haddock, 600 cod, 600 hake.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Annie Perry, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod.
- Sch. Flavilla, 1200 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Mildred Robinson, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
- Sch. Little Fanny, 1300 haddock, 1400 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Viking, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 8000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Arbitrator, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Mary C. Santos, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Philip P. Manta, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 15,000 hake.
- Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$3; hake, \$2 to \$6; pollock, \$3.

#### Portland Arrivals.

The following vessels were at Portland Wednesday with fares of fresh fish.

- Sch. Lockinvar, 3000 pounds.
- Sch. Maud S, 5000 pounds.
- Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 4000 pounds.
- Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 4000 pounds.
- Sch. Fanny Reed, 3000 pounds.
- Sch. Eva and Mildred, 4500 pounds.
- Sch. Watauga, 4500 pounds.
- Sch. Minerva, 5000 pounds.
- Sch. Island Gem, 2000 pounds.

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### TO PREVENT TORCHING HERRING.

### Lynn Wants Legislation That Affects Gloucester

Should the Lynn bill, preventing the torching of herring along the shores there, pass the legislature this year, and next year should be followed by similar action to please Beverly, it would mean a serious encroachment on the bait producing waters of the North shore, leaving only the coast off this city, Ipswich and Beverly left to fish on and cannot fail to have its effect on the amount of shore herring taken and needed for baiting purposes.

There was no opposition presented yesterday from this city at the hearing before the committee on fisheries and game, to the petition of the Lynn board of health for legislation to prohibit the taking of fish by means of torches in Lynn harbor, Saugus river, Pines river and their tributaries.

Dr. William M. Cowan, chairman of the Lynn board of health, said that by reason of fishermen carrying torches on their boats, large schools of fish have been driven upon the shores of the harbor, resulting in a disagreeable stench.

Others who favored the petition were Representatives McCann, Corack and Noyes of Lynn.

The city solicitor of Beverly appeared at the hearing and asked permission to have the bill amended so as to include the shores of Beverly

within its scope, but it is understood that this permission was not granted.

Representative Haskell of this city asked some questions of Dr. McCowan, but there was no one from this city appearing in remonstrance to the proposed bill.

From the action of Beverly's city solicitor, the feeling in that city is evident and foreshadows a bill from that city next year along the same lines as the bill now desired by Lynn.