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Eastern deck handline cod, \$4 for large and \$3 for medium.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

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**Boston Arrivals.**

Sch. Motor, 1500 haddock, 5500 cod.

Sch. Matiana, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 13,000 hake, 1000 cusk, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Dorothy, 6000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock.

Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Standish, 2000 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Hortense, 9000 haddock.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 7000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 1500 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 1200 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Elizabeth N. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Muriel, 45,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.85 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2.50; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$1.50.

**Portland Arrivals.**

The following fishing arrivals were reported Monday:

Sch. Robert and Carr, 8000 pounds fresh fish.

Sch. Lochinvar, 4000 pounds.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, 9000 pounds.

Sch. Mineola, 10,000 pounds.

Sch. George H. Lubee.

Sch. Rena A. Percy.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Schs. Conqueror and Muriel of the off shore fleet at Boston yesterday were badly iced up.

Sch. Rose Cabral, which has been laid up at East Boston, is now fitting for haddocking under command of Capt. Bart Raimos.

The St. Pierre flotilla itself has dropped in five years from 220 vessels to 70 and the St. Malo fleet has also suffered a considerable decline.

The roster of recent years contains some striking stories of striking disaster to the French fishing vessels. Ten years ago the Vaillant, with 72 men from St. Malo for St. Pierre, Miq., in April, struck an ice berg off Cape Race at midnight in a dense fog and foundered in ten minutes. Of her whole company only 12 escaped in two small boats. They were adrift for a week without food or water or adequate clothing, had no protection from the elements, and were stricken with frost bite in addition to other miseries. They perished one by one till but three remained. They were picked up by a passing vessel and landed at St. Pierre, where they had to have their hands and feet amputated, so frightfully were these extremities seared by the frost which had affected them.

The next year the Alsass was dismantled and was totally crippled by a hurricane on the Grand Banks and of her crew of 38 men all but five

**Were Swept Overboard**

and these survivors remained on the floating bulk for nearly a fortnight, starving because they were unable to reach the food supplies below, as she had become waterlogged so that they were reduced almost to skeletons when rescued.

As already stated, 22 of the fleet were sunk in the Galveston gale in 1900, and the next year five ships and 78 men were missing at the close of the fishery, and never a word was heard from them after. The Hiron-delle, in 1904, the largest vessel in the French fishing flotilla, carrying 45 men, was torn from her anchorage on the Banks in a gale with but three people on board.

Of the Hiron-delle's crew never a man returned, nor did the ship herself with the three men on board, ever reach harbor. She was last seen by a Canadian banker, drifting before the elements with three frantically gesticulating wretches on her deck, but it was impossible to afford them aid, and they passed out of sight not to be seen by human eyes evermore.

**The Worst Individual Tragedy**

among the French vessels in late years was the loss of the Cousins Reunis of St. Malo early in 1905. The vessel, a large barque, was crossing to St. Pierre, with 150 men to crew a number of fishing vessels lying up there for the winter, but she never reached her destination, becoming one of the world's marine mysteries.

The French are not the only victims of the fast liners. On the 4th of July, 1905, the American fishing smack, Wenonah, was struck by the British steamer Alcides and sunk within a few minutes. Only one man out of the 19 on board being saved. A few years previously the "City of Rome" struck the Victor of St. Pierre with 13 men on board, and in this case too, there was but one survivor.

In the season of 1905 a drunken Maloan set fire to his vessel, the Medusa, then in the midst of a score of others, and as the flames spread, some frightened wretch cut the vessel's cable and the burning craft drifted down on the other vessels, forcing them to cut and run also to escape disaster.

The crew of a Newfoundland banker lying to windward, rescued the imperiled men, all except the maniac, who started the fire, and who, armed with an axe, beat off all who came near him and danced with glee on the deck of what became his funeral pyre. Under these circumstances and with such conditions existing it is not strange that the French fishing industry is going to pieces.

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**Use of Benzoate of Soda**

Washington, Feb. 11.—Pending a review of the referee board's findings as to the harmfulness of benzoate of soda, the department of agriculture has ruled that the preservative may be used at the rate of .1 per cent in foods. Any use of benzoate of soda must be stated on the label.

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**ANTI-TORCHING BILL OP-****POSED.****MOVEMENT TO EXTEND PRO-****VISIONS ALONG WHOLE****NORTH SHORE.****SALEM, BEVERLY, AND MAN-****CHESTER TO BE INCLUDED.**

The bill of the Lynn board of health to prohibit herring torching along the shores of that city may be killed in the house of its friends, and simply because those friends cannot get their own bailiwicks in beneath its sheltering and prohibiting folds right off. Salem, Beverly and Manchester all want to be included, but Lynn appears to want each place to fight its own battles.

Representative Wallis of Beverly has served notice on the Lynn members and on the committee on fisheries and game that he will fight on the floor any measure which seeks to single out Lynn harbor as the one spot to which prohibition will extend.

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The committee points out that under the petition that accompanies the bill it now has under consideration this would be impossible. It was when this decision was arrived at that Representative Wallis announced his intention of fighting the bill.

As a result of the latter, relations between the Lynn delegation and the men from other North Shore points are strained. Mr. Wallis stated however, that in his opinion it would be easier to secure legislation a year hence abolishing the evil entirely than it would be to have separate towns come in year after year asking for practically the same thing.

This the Times pointed out right at the very start, showing that for the benefit of the fishing fleet of Boston and Gloucester, as well as for the herring torchers themselves, the proper method of procedure would be to object, right at the beginning, to the proposed Lynn bill and controvert, which could have been done, many of the claims presented by the Lynn people in favor of the proposed bill.

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**BLAME STEAM TRAWLERS.**

**Considered Cause of Failure of Donegal Herring Fishery.**

The New York Fishing Gazette says that owing to the failure of the herring fishing on the northwest coast of Donegal, Ireland, the inhabitants are in a terrible plight. Immense shoals of these fish usually make their appearance in the shallow waters in the vicinity of Tory Island and the Rosses district at the end of October, but up to the present there has not been a fish landed.

Whole districts are practically dependent on the fishing for their winter's support, and the conditions are terrible. Various reasons are assigned for the absence of the shoals, the main reason given being that the shoals are broken up by the operations of steam trawlers.

**BAIT PRESERVATIVE.**

**Claimed to Have Been Discovered by Newfoundland Man.**

Edward Warren, of the South Side, N. F., has discovered a liquid solution which will preserve bait without the application of ice. The ingredients are cheap, but for the present are not made known.

The question of bait preservation has occupied the attention of the fishing world for many years. Mr. Warren has solved the problem his fortune is surely made.

**FRENCH FISHING FLEET  
LOSSES.  
TEN VESSELS AND 250  
MEN LOST DURING THE  
PAST SEASON.**

**St. PIERRE FLEET DROPPED  
FROM 220 TO 70 CRAFTS  
IN FIVE YEARS.**

The perils of codfishing on the Grand Banks are tragically illustrated by the terrific experience of the French fishing fleet in the past season, which has lost 10 vessels and 250 men during a single summer. This is the worst record in the history of the French flotillas, which have their headquarters at St. Pierre, Miq., since 1900, when two vessels and nearly 400 men were lost in the gale which devastated Galveston, and working up the Atlantic seaboard, spent its final fury on the Grand Banks.

# SHARED \$60 ON TWO SETS.

## Trips of Sch. Pontiac Broke Record for Profit.

Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson, weighed off 27,000 pounds yesterday, stocking between \$850 and \$900. On her Monday trip she weighed off 26,000, stocking \$1000.

The Times statement of yesterday that this work had seldom, if ever been equalled in the market fishery in the same length of time on only two sets of the trawls, is confirmed by the T wharf declaration that it is the "best ever."

The crew shared \$66 to a man; wages that even a State street broker would not turn his nose up at in these times, as the Pontiac only went out Saturday on her first trip and was back before daylight Wednesday morning with her record trip.

### JAPANESE MACKEREL.

Several Varieties Frequent the Waters Along That Coast.

United States Consular Agent E. J. King, at Hakodate, Japan, furnishes the following interesting list of news regarding mackerel on the Japanese coast.

"There are several species of mackerel in Japanese waters, which frequent the Japan Sea along the northern coast of Honshu and all around the shores of the Hokkaido. While some of the species are extremely coarse, there are also mackerel of good quality and in every way equal to the mackerel caught along the Atlantic coast of the United States.

Unfortunately, the Japanese are at present entirely ignorant of the method of preparing and putting up this fish for the American market, else it would only be a short time before the fish would be an item of considerable export to the United States, where they would be very welcome, as mackerel are growing scarcer every year.

"Only a few weeks ago, at a place about 35 miles from Hakodate, a haul of 40,000 mackerel, averaging 16 inches in length and of excellent quality, was made. A small quantity was sold for food, while the balance was turned into manure. The catch for 1906 amounted to 18,699 tons of 2000 pounds, valued at \$934,679."

### FALSE ICE REPORTS.

Claimed by Western Star as Being Sent from Bay of Islands.

Evidently the Western Star thinks that somebody at Bay of Islands, N. F., by sending misleading telegrams about the ice, to this city was responsible for the herring vessels being ordered home and this is how the editor gets after him:

"The vessel owners of Gloucester are complaining bitterly because of the misleading messages which some person in Birchy Cove has been writing to Gloucester concerning the ice in Bay of Islands. It is claimed that several vessels were ordered away before their time on account of these bogus reports.

"An investigation should at once be instituted and an example made of the person responsible. We have referred to this matter before at greater length, but evidently our strictures have had little effect on this conscienceless scribbler who is doing his best to injure the chief industry of this community. Action should be taken at once in the matter and the guilty party fittingly punished. He is a disgrace to the West Coast."

### ONLY THE BEAM TRAWLER.

Sole Fishing Arrival Either Here or at Boston Today.

Today is a "dead one" as far as fishing arrivals are concerned, there being no vessels at this port with fish and only the steam otter trawler Spray at Boston. The latter has a good trip, 52,000 pounds, and has not been out long.

The Spray will get well paid for her trip, as her haddock are bringing \$2.50 per hundred weight. The storm prevented the boats from fishing yesterday which accounts for none of them being in with fares this morning.

Two of the market boats at Boston yesterday, schs. Emily Cooney and Washakie, held their fares over, not liking the prices offered, and made considerable thereby, as this morning they received \$3 for haddock, \$5 for large cod and \$5 for market cod.

### Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The Liverpool Fish Co. has been organized at Liverpool, N. S., with a capital of \$10,000. The objects of the company will be the carrying on of a general fish purchasing and exporting business, the dealing in canned and live lobsters, bait and ice, the curing, preparing and dealing in finnan haddies and boneless cod, and, generally speaking, the shipping of fresh fish of all kinds. Coffin's Island will be the main base of operations.

In spite of an appeal made by several large steam trawling companies of Canada and Liverpool, against a proposed by-law prohibiting steam trawling off part of the coast of County Mayo, Ireland, the judicial committee of the Irish Privy Council has confirmed the regulation.

In order to cope with the growth of the steam trawling industry at Fleetwood, Eng., where the number of steam trawlers has nearly doubled in twelve months, the L. & Y. Railway Company contemplate the expenditure of nearly \$50,000 in deepening the old Timber pond and erecting fish landing and selling stages. The whole area is to be converted into a huge fish dock.

The Nova Scotia steam trawler Wren management has been very guarded as to whether that craft is paying for her keep or not. It is known, however, that her capture of haddock, on the confines of the North Bay, has latterly been considerable. They are mostly landed at Hawkesbury where the Halifax Cold Storage Co. takes the catches in hand. The plant there, one of the latest and largest, could not have been put in a more convenient spot so far as the Wren is concerned.

### Good Stock.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Capt. Thomas Allen, stocked \$1312.97 as the result of her recent quick Georges handline trip, the high line share being \$68.50.

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### Today's Receipts.

- Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., shore.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Leo, shore.
- Sch. Minerva, shore.
- Sch. Juniata, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddocking.
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, haddocking.
- Sch. Olga, haddocking.
- Sch. Valentina, haddocking.
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### Boston.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Hobson and Etta B., were at Portland Tuesday for harbor.  
 Sch. Lillian was at Liverpool, N. S., Monday and cleared for the fishing ground.  
 Sch. Speculator was at Shelburne, N. S., recently.

## Feb'y 12.

# TOWNS FIGHT HERRING CATCH.

## Want the Torching Prohibited Along the North Shore.

The matter of driving the Boston herring fishermen out of Lynn harbor is likely to terminate in one of the memorable contests of the legislative year on Beacon hill, chiefly because of fear on the part of other North Shore towns that if the fishermen are forced out of Lynn they will become a nuisance in Salem, Beverly and Manchester.

Already the matter has assumed the proportions of a sectional feud, and Representative Wallis of Beverly has served notice on the Lynn members and on the committee on fisheries and game that he will fight on the floor any measure which seeks to single out Lynn harbor as the one spot to which prohibition will extend.

The trouble has been caused by the large catches of herrings and the consequent long market with short prices. The Lynn men say that between 150 and 200 gasoline boats are engaged in fishing, and that when the market at T wharf becomes glutted whole fleets return to Lynn and dump their cargoes overboard. These dead fish are carried by the tide to the docks and to points along the shore, and create a condition which the board of health of that city has declared is detrimental to public health.

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- Sch. Teazer, halibuting.
- Sch. Saladin, New York.
- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges.
- Sch. Lucania, haddocking.
- Sch. Cynthia, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary F. Curtis, haddocking.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
- Sch. John Hays Hammond, haddocking.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, haddocking.
- Sch. Georgiana, haddocking.
- Sch. Leo, haddocking.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, haddocking.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.
- Sch. Seaconnet, haddocking.
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- Sch. Hope, haddocking.
- Sch. Valentina, haddocking.
- Sch. Minerva, haddocking.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.
- Sch. Mertis H. Perry, haddocking.
- Sch. Ethel B. Benney, haddocking.
- Sch. Teresa and Alice, haddocking.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
- Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.