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The arrivals show 15 in number with no off-shore vessels among them. Sch. Annie F. Kimball is there from the Penobscot, via this port, with 50,000 pounds of frozen shore herring. Of the market boats sch. Mary C. Santos is high with 32,000 pounds. Schs. Pontiac, Olive F. Hutchins, Elva L. Spurling and Sadie M. Nunan also have good fares.

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Sharks on Maine Coast More Numerous Present Winter Than for Years.

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About five weeks ago the little steamer went out to the fishing grounds and when the big nets were hauled in two big sharks were brought to the surface. The fish had died as the result of their struggles to get free from the nets, but before ending their lives, they practically destroyed a net valued at \$15. The steamer brought one of the sharks into port, and last week one of the largest sharks ever brought into this port was captured by the crew of the little steamer after a hard fight. The big fish was very much alive when the nets were hauled in and the crew of the steamer battled over an hour before the shark was landed on deck.

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No arrivals Saturday and Sunday.

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Up to the present time the winter has been one of the most remarkable ever known in the industry in Portland. The fishermen have been rarely troubled by bad weather and there hasn't a week gone by but what the vessels have been able to get on the grounds. In former seasons, there have been occasions when a month has passed and the fishermen have been unable to get out. Though no figures are given out the fishermen have probably turned a pretty sizeable penny for their season's work.

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Steam Netters Quoddy and Nomad Struck Good Fares.

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The steam netters Quoddy and Nomad struck it rich yesterday afternoon and came in late with about the best fares they have had for a long time, the former having 10,000 pounds and the latter 8000 pounds, there being considerable cod and haddock in the catches.

Outside of the work on the herringers things look kind of quiet about the wharves, but almost unnoticed, another season has rolled around and inside of a month some of the vessels of the salt trawl bank codfishing fleet will be fitting away for their first trips and another banking season will be with us.

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Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Jan. 26.

Sch. Preceptor Had Hard Time.

Met Six Weeks Contin- ual Gales On Halibut Trip.

It was a story of bad weather and worse luck that Capt. Fred Upshell of the sch. Preceptor of this port, had to tell when he arrived in Portland Monday morning. He had just come in from a halibut trip to the banks and he reported one of the worst winters ever known off the coast.

"Six weeks we tried to fish on Quero near Sable island," said Capt. Upshell, "and it was six weeks of continuous gales we experienced. We lost two anchors during that time and it was extremely fortunate that we had a third one aboard. I have always made it a point to carry three and it was lucky I had 'em on board. It is somewhat of a strain on a cable when a hawser that size is broken," and the captain pointed to a line on deck that was as big as a man's arm.

The Preceptor lost one of her anchors on Christmas day and the other on New Year's, not a good way to celebrate the holidays as the captain remarked. During one gale, the schooner lay at anchor for 10 days before she could set a trawl.

"It is not often we have to keep the dories fastened down like that," said the captain, as he pointed to a stack of the small craft stacked bottom up on the starboard side, "but we had to do it or lose them. Besides the two anchors we lost some of our trawls."

The captain reported a fleet of 10 Gloucestermen on Quero and he said none of them were having any luck.

SHIPMENT OF LOBSTERS.

Can Be Marketed in Better Condition Boiled Than Alive.

It is shown that only under the most favorable conditions can live lobsters be marketed in a condition to ensure the best quality. Usually days must elapse before it is possible to place the lobsters upon the market, say in Chicago or Denver.

Says a Provincial exchange, "The main object to be achieved is to have them reach the objective point showing some signs of life. This being accomplished the venture is supposed to have been successful. When comparatively long distances have to be covered it is physically impossible that the lobsters can reach their destination in anything like a condition to ensure a good article of food when cooked, and indeed it is doubtful if many of them would not be rejected for boiling at some of the canneries. Obviously these lobsters must be in a half starved, sick and dying condition and their flesh shrunken."

"On the other hand, the 'boiled-in-the-shell' lobster is cooked immediately upon landing, when in the prime condition, with no chance to deteriorate. Supposing it then to be carefully washed to remove the scum and any other impurities incidental to boiling, thoroughly dried, neatly wrapped in tissue or oiled paper, packed in compartment boxes, placed in cold storage, and maintained chilled in a uniform temperature, it seems to go without saying that this would be the preferable article to introduce into the markets, as it ultimately proves itself to the consumer."

MAINE FISHERIES.

Gave Employment to 12,000 Men Last Year.

Employment was given 12,000 men whose boats and gear represented a total valuation of nearly \$4,000,000 by the sea and shore fisheries of Maine the past year, according to a statement Monday night by James Donohue, commissioner of sea and shore fisheries of that state. The value of the production he estimated at \$4,000,000.

The state's most valuable asset in the sea food line is her lobster supply. The catch amounted to approximately 17,000,000 pounds in 1908 and the figures for last year will probably equal that amount. The fishermen received an average of 20 cents apiece for the crustaceans and they were sent to practically every state in the union and into Canada and Mexico.

The catch of ground fish was normal. Knox county carried off first honors in the scallop catch. From the famous beds near Monroch island were taken 110,000 gallons, whose value to the fishermen was \$77,000. About 70 boats were on the grounds during the year. Systematic attention to clam culture had its beginning last year when five reservations were planted on the coast of Cumberland county.