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FROZEN HERRING TURNED OUT FINE

Where the Different Cargoes Are Unloading.

The frozen herring cargoes this season have been in unusually fine order, for example sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. George G. Hamor, which took out at New York had 15 pounds only of broken herring and no soft herring in the whole trip.

Sch. Saladin went to Boston yesterday to take out her cargo of frozen herring.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson is taking out at Philadelphia.

Schs. Arbutus and Claudia are discharging at New York.

Sch. Athlete is taking out in Boston.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson has finished up at Boston and will return here today.

Sch. Elizabeth N. is the only craft remaining here with a cargo of frozen stock, although sch. Stratheona is due from Fortune Bay, N. F., this week, with a load.

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Newfoundland Fishing Notes.

The fishermen in the vicinity of Cape St. George on the west coast of Newfoundland, who have taken advantage of the fine open weather of the past few weeks to try for a fish, have been amply rewarded for their labors. From Abraham's Cove to the bill of the Cape some particularly good catches of codfish have been taken.

On February 9 a shipment of the Flat Bay, N. F., smelts was exported by Capt. Wallace Parsons of this port, a new buyer, who has entered the smelt buying arena. Hopes are entertained that during the coming week good catches will be made along the shore at Bay of St. George, as on Friday the ice was solid between some of the islands, and a few people secured hauls ranging from 15 to 25 dozen.

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Poor Herring Fishing at Fortune Bay.

There has been but little doing with herring in Fortune Bay during the last two weeks, and beyond 150 barrels which were secured at Doctor's Harbor, near Rencontre, none have been hauled since the last trip of the Portia. Of the 1100 barrels which were barreled by Capt. Isaac Burke at St. Jacques two weeks ago, he secured only 600 barrels, as the seine was in a very difficult position for successful hauling.

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HERRING VESSEL HAS COAL CARGO

No Fish Received at This Port Today.

A fishing vessel with a load of coal was the nearest thing there was to a trip at this port early this morning. Nothing came yesterday after sch. Benjamin A. Smith. During the night sch. Lena and Maud, which took out her cargo of coal at New York, came in with a coal cargo. Ever since daylight there has been a steady stream of the market boats coming in, there being no chance for a set today.

Some of the pollock seiners came back yesterday afternoon with no fish. It was a little windy for them and most of them reported seeing no fish. Some of the large vessels stayed out and it is thought that they have worked to the eastward to look for schools down that way. This forenoon, a few of the gasliners went out again, but it is thought that little fishing will be done.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lena and Maud, New York, coal.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Motor, via Boston.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Eglantine, pollock seining.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.
Sch. Dixie, shore.
Sch. Reliance, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining.
Steamer Water Witch, pollock seining.
Steamer Nomad, pollock seining.
Steamer Quoddy, pollock seining.
Sch. Hortense, shore.
Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, pollock seining.
Sch. Dauntless, pollock seining.
Sch. Dixie, shore.
Sch. Florida, pollock seining.
Sch. Genesta, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Saladin, Boston.
Sch. Carrie C. Georges.
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per pound for white and 11 cts. for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt headline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

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MARKET BOATS TO THE FRONT.

Form Most of the Arrivals at T Wharf Today.

The market boats "hold the fort" at T wharf today and the big off-shore chaps for the time are forced to the rear, there being but four of them in today out of 33 vessels at the pier. Prices hold high and good returns are assured all the crafts, in proportion to what fish they have.

Off-shore haddock brought \$2.75 with large cod at \$4. Shore haddock went from \$2.80 to \$4, with large cod at \$5.50 and hake strong at \$4.50 to \$6.50.

Sch. Morning Star, Capt. Freeman Decker, has the largest fare, 77,000 pounds, the other three off-shores in being schs. James W. Parker, Regina and Quonnapowit.

The shore boat fares do not average very large, but there are a few exceptions, among them sch. Olive F. Hutchins, Capt. Merton P. Hutchins, with 26,000 pounds sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 17,000 pounds, schs. Alice, Athena and Teresa and Alice from 13,000 to 15,000 pounds each. The others range around the 10,000 pound mark and less. All will get good returns.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 300 hake.
Sch. Topsail Girl, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1500 hake, 1400 cusk.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 2000 haddock.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Regina, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 9000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Motor, 2500 cod.

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Sch. Saladin, frozen herring from Gloucester.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 600 cod, 200 pollock.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Athena, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Alice, 14,000 haddock, 100 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 22,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Morning Star, 60,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Valentinna, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 400 hake, 400 pollock.

Sch. Priscilla, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. F. D. Brown, 500 cod.

Sch. Julietta, 700 haddock, 1600 cod, 500 cusk.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Esther Gray, 3000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. James W. Parker, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 16,000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Lillian, 5000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 7000 haddock, 200 cod, 200 hake.

Sch. Thalia, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 800 hake, 600 cusk.

Sch. Buema, 3000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Off-shore haddock, \$2.75 per cwt.; off-shore large cod, \$4; shore haddock, \$3.80 to \$4; large cod, \$5.50; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$4.50 to \$6.50; cusk, \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Peter Porthier, and sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Fred Morrissey, are about ready for their salt trawl bank codfishing trips and expect to get away tomorrow.

Capt. William Morrissey is fitting sch. Theodore Roosevelt for trawl salt banking.

Capt. Andrew Gouveau has returned from a pleasant visit to friends at Bathurst, N. B., and will not fit out sch. William H. Moody for Georges handling.

Capt. Enos Nickerson has fitted out the knockabout market fishing sch. Pontiac for Georges fresh fishing and sailed from T wharf yesterday, carrying eight double dories.

Sch. Ella G. King will fit for Georges handling under command of Capt. Benjamin Johnson.

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AFTER COD EGGS.

Fisheries Steamer Gannet Will Begin Collections in March.

Starting about the first of March, Capt. G. W. Greenleaf of the United States fisheries steamer Gannet will begin the collection of cod eggs along the Maine coast. The Gannet came into Portland Thursday from Boothbay preparatory to starting the work.

Cod eggs are collected every year during the latter part of the winter. The work cannot be begun before the fishermen go netting as it is impossible to get the eggs from trawlers. It is the practice of the government to place a man aboard each of the netters with his own dory. As soon as any cod are taken on board, the eggs are at once squeezed from the female and the fish then put with the rest. No delay is encountered and the work of the fishermen themselves is not interfered with. A number of the Portland fishing fleet will soon be netting and it is thought that fully a dozen men will be kept busy securing the eggs.

Previous to her coming to Portland on this trip, the Gannet was engaged in securing flounder eggs. A large number of these were secured off the coast and many more "fykes" have been set to secure the fish. Some of these have been placed in Chandler's bay, near Chebague island. Last year 2,000,000 eggs were taken from one flounder, the largest number ever taken from one fish, as far as known. It is expected that the "fykes" that have been set will yield a good catch of fish so that an unusually large number of flounder eggs will be secured.

Portland Fish Notes.

Not a fishing vessel of any size was to be seen in the harbor yesterday, for the whole of the local fleet had taken advantage of the good weather to get outside to the grounds. It is expected that a large amount of the sea food will be landed here today.

The fishing steamer Pet, which has been hauled up at Boothbay Harbor all winter, arrived here yesterday, and immediately commenced fitting out at Central wharf for pollock fishing in Massachusetts bay, making her headquarters at Gloucester. The fish are reported in great quantity in that vicinity, and several steamers equipped with seines have made great money in the business the past few weeks.

The E. W. Brown Co., who have leased the fish plant at South Portland, lately vacated by the Lord Brothers, have commenced making extensive alterations, another story having been added to the big one story building on the wharf, and the other buildings leased are also soon to be remodelled. It is the intention of the lessees to do an extensive business the coming season.

Claims Fish Were Misbranded.

In a complaint recently filed at Portland, Ore., District Attorney McCourt alleges that 35 packages of codfish shipped there from California to Mason, Ehrman & Co., are misbranded. The government officials insist that this codfish was caught in the Pacific ocean near the American coast of California, whereas the label contains the words "Norway Cod Strips," placed in such manner as to lead the consumer to believe that the articles have been imported from Norway. No charge is made that the fish are not good food, but the government appears in the patriotic guise at this time of insisting that home products bear home labels. In this action against this codfish the attorney asks that the United States marshal be required to take possession at once under the pure food law.

Spanish Mackerel.

A catch of 15,000 pounds of Spanish mackerel was made by one of Wilson & Huddleston's crews at Miami last week. This makes between 75,000 and 100,000 pounds of mackerel received by this firm this season. Other than these the catches have been very small.

Fish Imports at New York.

During January last, cod to the value of \$21,656 was imported at New York; fish in oil, \$120,700; herring \$55,147; mackerel, \$18,255.

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PREFER TRAP FISHING.

But Labrador Fishermen Will Have to Use Hooks and Lines.

The St. John's Trade Review publishes a letter from a Danish correspondent, who points out that the fishermen there will have to give over pinning their faith to trap fishing exclusively, and that, in future, Labrador fishermen will have to take along the additional equipment of trawls and hook-and-line. The Review comments:—To a certain extent exclusive trap fishing is demoralizing the fishermen of the country, by introducing the "get-rich-quick" fever, which is becoming a curse to solid commercial enterprise in many parts of the world. It smacks of gambling, and, when its virus enters the blood, it is hard to strain it out.

Last summer, for instance, was a poor one for trap fishing on the Labrador coast, the fish were reported plentiful a short distance off the shore, where they could be easily caught with proper gear. But the Labrador fishermen had gone down to the coast outfitted with traps only, and, when the codfish did not come into the rocks, these men, after wasting a week or two gave up the voyage and came home. A few fishermen, who had taken along hook-and-line outfits, caught all the fish they wanted a few miles off the coast, and these will never go down without hook and trawl outfits in the future.

Fish Days Following Lent.

Following the season of Lent the "fish days" for the year are: April, all Fridays; May, Wednesday 18th, all Fridays and Saturdays 14 and 21st; June, all Fridays; July, all Fridays; August, all Fridays and Saturday 13th; September, Wednesday 21st, all Fridays, and Saturday 24th; October, all Fridays, Monday 31st; November, all Fridays; December, Wednesday 14th, all Fridays, Saturday 17th, and 24th.

INVESTIGATING FROZEN FISH.**Dr. Wiley Wants Cold Storage Under Supervision.**

At a Congressional hearing in Washington, D. C., little more than a month ago, Dr. Wiley, chief of the Pure Food and Drug Bureau of the Department of Agriculture, testified that he was then engaged in an investigation of frozen fish. His experiments and tests, he said, had not then been completed.

Speaking in Boston recently, Dr. Wiley predicted that all cold storage plants in the country will be under the supervision of the United States government in less than a year.

A bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature for the regulation of the cold storage warehouses in this state. The proposed measure provides that all food products, upon being placed in or taken out of a cold storage warehouse, shall be stamped or otherwise marked with the date when such action is taken and that not more than three months shall elapse at any time between these dates.

Says the New York Fishing Gazette: "That Dr. Wiley has been making a careful study of frozen fish has been known in the fishing world for the last 18 months. It was first brought to the attention of the wholesale commission fish merchants of New York, when Dr. Wiley's bureau began a study of the oyster question. What has surprised the big fish merchants is the apparent oversight of Dr. Wiley in not calling on them for information as to the quantity of fish they send to the freezer and how it is usually kept in cold storage.

"When the Lenten season opened here, February 9, there was a scarcity of green fish, both salt and fresh water, the like of which has never been known. Only half a dozen fishing smacks arrived here with codfish, and the total catch of the fleet was not sufficient to supply half a dozen decent sized shipping orders. Boston arrivals had been so light that it was impossible for that market to care for its own business. Portland, Me., was able to supply a small quantity of fish to New York.

"If it had not been for cold storage fish, what would have happened? Millions of Roman Catholics living east of the Mississippi river would have had to go without fish on Ash Wednesday. Just what quantity of fish was taken out of cold storage in New York is not known—but that of Monday and Tuesday alone totals over one hundred tons.

"There are many persons, both in and out of the cold storage and fish business, who doubt the constitutionality of any act which may be passed by the national, state or city government looking to government supervision of cold storage plants. Fish differ from milk. A competent inspector may go to a milk depot, take a sample of milk, test it, and then know personally whether or not it is pure or equal to the government standard. It is not so with fish. All the fuss of the present time is due to the clamor of the press, regardless of right or justice. Frozen fish is food for another nine days' sensation."

Few persons, outside of those directly interested in the fish and cold storage business, are aware of the method of preparing fish for the freezer. Samuel Z. Chesebro, of the well-known firm of Chesebro Brothers, of Fulton Fish Market, New York, speaking to a friend, said: "Nothing but the choicest fish are ever sent to the freezer. They are always freshly caught, just out of the smack, and oftentimes still alive when they reach the plant. The fish are thoroughly washed and rewashed in running water, until every suggestion of foreign substance is removed. Then they are frozen, packed in paper boxes and left in the cold air chamber until such time as is wanted. Sometimes it is for a week or two, other times longer, but never for any great length of time."

Luke S. Wilson, of Wilson & Barry, also Fulton Fish Market, speaking of frozen fish said: "Well, I heard so much about frozen fish that I determined to try one, and selected a bluefish. It was one of the daintiest morsels I ever put in my mouth, and I am able to say from personal observation that cold storage fish is just as good

as the fresh article, when the proper care is taken in preparing it for the freezer, and I may add that, in my many years of experience, I have never known of a single instance where anything but choice fish has been taken out of the freezer."

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WILL TEST LOBSTER LAW.**Constitutionality of Rhode Island Statute Questioned.**

Men of prominence at Newport, R. I., have interested themselves in proceedings which have been begun to test the constitutionality of the recent law enacted by the Rhode Island legislature making it a misdemeanor for persons other than citizens of the United States to engage in lobster fishing in the waters of Rhode Island.

Among those who are fathering the legal action are Prof. Theodore Irons, an authority on international law, and Walter H. Barney of Providence, both of whom represented two fishermen, subjects of his majesty, King George of Greece, before Judge Franklin.

The fishermen planted and hauled in lobster pots yesterday morning by an arranged plan and were arrested.

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Making Paying Trips.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, has been getting in a lot of short and paying trips this month, for up to date, since February 1, the crew of the vessel have shared hard on to \$200.

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MORE BIG HADDOCK STOCKS.**Sch. Benjamin A. Smith Made Over \$4000 in One Week.**

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James D. Goodwin, stocked \$2300 as the result of her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$51 clear. In two trips, landed at this port, within a week of each other, Capt. Goodwin had stocked over \$4000. The vessel came in Thursday morning with her recent fine fare, hustled them out and got away again yesterday. Every day counts now in the haddock fishery.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, stocked \$1750 as the result of her recent haddock trip landed here.

The crew of sch. Terra Nova, Capt. John Hickey, shared \$71 as the result of their recent haddock trip.

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FIVE FISH FARES AT T WHARF.**Market Will Be Well Cleaned Up by Monday.**

As there are but few vessels at T wharf today and these with small fares, the dealers will have a good chance to clean up and get ready for the Monday morning opening. Prices hold good.

There are but five fares at the dock this morning, the whole quintette furnishing but 41,000 pounds, sch. Gladys and Nellie heading the list with 14,000 pounds and keeping up the big work which is holding Capt. Watts right up among the top liners of the fleet.

Haddock were from \$3.60 to \$3.75, with large cod at \$5, and pollock \$3.

Quite a number of the off-shore vessels are expected at the dock Monday and should the market boats get a set today and Sunday, there will be a big bunch of shore fish in also.

For the week ending Thursday there were landed at T wharf, Boston, 87 trips with a total of 2,290,400 pounds of fresh fish against 131 fares with a total of 2,452,000 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts in detail this morning are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Yankee, 6000 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Metamora, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Azorean, 500 cod.

Haddock, \$3.60 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$4; pollock, \$3.

NO FISH ARRIVALS AGAIN TODAY.

Receipts of the Week Confined to Two Fares.

This is another morning with no arrivals, indeed the whole week has been a very slim one as far as fish fares are concerned, for since Monday but one trip of fish has come into this port, up to 8 o'clock this morning.

Should the pollockers get a good day, some weighty receipts are expected from that source and just about now quite a number of the fresh halibut should be shooting along. Practically the total of fish arrivals at this port is summed up in the arrival Monday of sch. Fannie E. Prescott and sch. Benjamin A. Smith on Thursday.

There is not much fish coming in, but there is certainly a lot going out, for the shipping trade in salt fish is good.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.
- Sch. Helbina P. Domingoes, shore.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, shore.
- Sch. Motor, shore.
- Sch. Genesta, shore.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
- Sch. Manomet, shore.
- Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Leo, shore.
- Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
- Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.
- Sch. Aspinet, shore.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.
- Sch. Eglantine, pollock seining.
- Sch. Reliance, pollock seining.
- Sch. Olympia, pollock seining.
- Steamer Nomad, pollock seining.
- Steamer Quoddy, pollock seining.
- Steamer Alice, pollock seining.
- Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining.
- Steamer Water Witch, pollock seining.
- Sch. Hazel R. Hines, salt banking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per pound for white and 11 cts. for gray.
 Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
 Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
 Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
 Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
 Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
 Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
 Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

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Sold Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson is at Portland this morning with 20,000 pounds fresh halibut, selling at 14 cents per pound for white and 11 cents for gray. The vessel will fit out there and return to the fishing grounds without coming home here.

Sch. Catherine G. Burke, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, of this port, arrived at Portland this morning with 25,000 pounds of halibut. The reported price is 12 1-2 cents per pound right through for white and gray.

Both this craft and sch. Dictator, will make fine trips.

Sighted Ice Field.

The Furness liner Tabasco at Halifax, N. S., from Liverpool via St. John's, N. F., Friday morning, reports that on February 19, ice was sighted in lat. 48.20 N. and long. 51 W., or about 100 miles from St. John's. The field of ice which was about 35 miles wide, was covered with seals. It is somewhat unusual for ice to be so far south at this time of the year and its presence is accounted for by the heavy northerly winds which have prevailed the past few weeks.

CANADA'S FISH SUPPLY.

What Was Produced in the Various Sections Last Year.

The extent to which the sea and other waters of Canada provide for the food wants of the people is indicated in the report for last year of the fisheries branch of the department of marine and fisheries. While all of the provinces are producers of commercial fish, those on the sea naturally take the lead. Thus in 1908-09, while the whole fisheries product of the country was valued at \$25,451,000 over \$21,000,000 was credited to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, the other provinces together showing a little over \$4,000,000. The figures in detail are:—

Nova Scotia	\$8,009,000
British Columbia	6,465,000
New Brunswick	4,704,000
Ontario	2,100,000
Quebec	1,881,000
Prince Edward Island	1,378,000
Manitoba and Keewatin	600,000
Saskatchewan	152,000
Alberta	59,000
Yukon	49,000

The extent to which the sea is called on for food is also seen in the kinds of fish taken, the values being thus stated:

Salmon	\$4,814,000
Lobsters	4,200,000
Cod	3,361,000
Herring	2,471,000
Mackerel	1,336,000
Halibut	1,054,000
Whitefish	819,000
Haddock	716,000
Sardines	674,000
Trout	666,000
Pickrel	502,000
Hake	496,000
Smelts	479,000
Pollock	338,000
Clams, etc.	313,000
Pike	285,000
Oysters	205,000
Alewives	120,000
Eels	108,000

While the values vary from year to year, that for 1908-09 being some \$45,000 less than in the preceding 12 months and being some \$4,000,000 under the figure of 1904-05, there is in the records evidence of a steady expansion in the industry of taking and curing fish. In 1873 the \$10,000,000 mark was passed for the first time, while it was not till 1893 that \$20,000,000 in value was recorded. Of course, there are differences from year to year, due to the habits of the fish. Salmon, for instance, vary from large to moderate runs, while the weather often interferes with the catch of other sea fish. The increase in the capital invested, which has doubled in 16 years, and is now \$15,508,000, is evidence also that the fisheries are receiving the attention of men of enterprise, and as the number of men wholly or partly employed in fishing or caring for fish last year (84,823) was practically the same as in 1895, while the value of the product increased by 25 per cent. the inference is that the profit is fairly satisfactory.

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Florida Fishing Notes.

Fishing smack Nellie Grant, Captain T. McNulty, came in at St. Petersburg, Florida, Tuesday with 15,000 lbs. snappers and 3000 lbs. groupers. The Georgie Willard, Captain Wm. Roberts, an old Gloucester man, came in with 23,000 lbs. snappers and 6000 lbs. groupers.

The fleet of Tampa smacks arrived with mostly good fares, the Agnes Belle as usual leading with 30,000 lbs. snappers, the Elsie F. Rowe next with 24,000 lbs. snappers and some groupers. The Sorrento and Mist, of the Savarese fleet, had respectively 16,000 and 9500 lbs. snappers. The Telegram 14,000 lbs. and the Two-Forty 16,000 lbs. snappers. The James Potter stocked the least, 8200 lbs. snappers and groupers.

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WEATHER BAD FOR POLLOCKERS

May Have Driven Schools to the Eastward.

The long spell of bad weather has greatly bothered the pollock fleet and the seiners, have done but little for almost two weeks. There have been but few days lately when there has been a chance to fish and when the vessels were out the latter part of last week they reported seeing no schools.

It may be that the bad weather has driven them, but the pollock skippers seem to think that they will show up again all right when the weather settles fair. Others are of the opinion that the schools have worked east, and sch. Effie M. Prior has gone that way to have a look.

TEN WEEKS OF STORMS.

Capt. Benson of Sch. Senator Saulsbury Knocked Down Three Times.

Ten weeks of almost continual fighting with storms and heavy seas was the report that Capt. George Benson of sch. Senator Saulsbury of this port made when he reached Portland Friday.

The schooner berthed on Brown's bank along with other handliners and there she rode through storm after storm. Sometimes the gallant craft was buried almost completely by the seething waves that came aboard. Three times in one day during a fierce gale, Capt. Benson was knocked to the deck by a giant comb-er and swept about in imminent danger of being carried overboard. He was considerably bruised by the battering he received but was not so badly hurt that he could not attend to his duties.

During the trip two anchors were lost and 90 fathoms of cable, a severe blow to any fisherman. But despite the adverse winds and the rough weather, Capt. Benson stuck to his fishing. He came to Portland for a day about a month ago, but went to sea again. At that time he discharged some halibut and yesterday he had another big hold full of fish. His fare numbered 7000 halibut, 8000 fresh cod and 14,000 salt cod, the most of which was taken out here.

Dominion Salt Fish Situation.

The Halifax Herald sizes up the Dominion salt fish situation, as follows

"Despite the fact that this is the Lent season, the dry fish market is quiet, although there is a good demand for fresh fish, in fact the supply of fresh fish is not sufficient for the demand. The mackerel supply is almost completely cleaned out, and the few fish remaining are in good demand and as a result prices have advanced. Alewives are also scarce and have advanced within the past few days. The Porto Rico market has slightly declined, but it is thought to be only temporary. There is a good demand for fresh fish for smoking purposes and some of the smokers find it difficult to secure stock. A large cargo of dry cod from Newfoundland reached the market since our last report, but has not yet been disposed of. It consists of 2,400 quintals and is of good quality. Two more schooners, heavily laden with fish, have left Newfoundland, and should reach Halifax within the next few days.

"Stocks in St. John's are said to be 120,000 quintals less than at the first of February last year, the shipments from St. John's during January totalling 117,000 quintals, an enormous quantity considering the total quantity on hand there. St. John's exporters are very firm at the higher prices they are now asking, and as the statistical position is so good, they are doubtless justified in taking this stand.

"Boneless cod is now considered a daily necessity and it is always in good demand. That Nova Scotia fish is in demand in all quarters of the world is shown by the fact that a carload of dry fish was shipped last week to the Pacific coast, en route to Honolulu. The following are the wholesale prices at present ruling:—

Ex-Store.

Dry Cod—	
Large hard shore, choice	\$7@7.25
Medium hard shore	\$6.25@6.50
Small hard shore	\$6@6.25
Bay	\$5.50
Large bank	\$5.75
Labrador	None
Haddock, hard shore	\$4.50@4.75
Do. western	\$3.75@4
Hake	\$3.50@3.75
Pollock	\$3.75@4

Ex-Vessel.

Cod—	
Shore, tol. qual.	\$5.75@6
Bank do.	\$5.25
Hake	\$2.75@3
Bank haddock	\$3@3.25
Shore do.	\$3.50@3.75
Pollock	\$3@3.25
Herring—	
C. B. No. 1, July, per bbl.	\$4
B. of L, split, No. 1, per bbl.	\$2.75
Labrador, No. 1, per bbl.	None
Shore, No. 1, large, split	\$2.75@3
Alewives, No. 1	\$4
Mackerel, No. 3, large	\$10@10.50
Do. No. 2, fat	\$14
Do. No. 1, fat	\$15