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**No Actual Rights Lost.**

While Great Britain and her ancient colony are upheld in their main contentions, it is nevertheless true that no actual "rights" under the treaty of 1818 will be lost to the Americans. All that has occurred has been a readjustment, or harmonizing, of views. That no regulation really offensive to our own fishermen will be adopted by Newfoundland seems assured through the arrangement of a commission to determine the reasonableness of rules.—New York Fishing Gazette.

**Predicts New Treaty.**

It seems quite probable, now that the Newfoundland fishery dispute has been settled by arbitration, that a trade treaty between the United States and the "ancient colony" will be negotiated. The short American catch this season has set even Gloucester to speculating as to possible importations to meet the increasing domestic demand. Under such conditions the high tariff, it is urged, is not protective, but oppressive. Undoubtedly now that all concerned have felt the chastening hand of impartial arbitration, wise counsels will prevail on each side; and an arrangement looking to greater freedom of trade, with its mutual benefits, may soon be consummated.—New Fishing Gazette.

**Decision Upholds Former Seizures.**

Great Britain has won a notable victory in being sustained in its contention in point five, which confirms the headland theory. This applies not only to the Atlantic coast where the question has come up, but in the Pacific ocean as well.

Years ago it concerned Gloucester vitally, when Great Britain seized vessel after vessel from 1866 to 1872 and after the expiration of the reciprocity of Washington in 1884, for alleged taking of fish within the three-mile limit. By this decision Great Britain's seizures are vindicated, and some claims now pending against Great Britain for damages in consequence are practically thrown out of court.

The American contention of the three-mile limit was that it followed the indentations of the coast. Great Britain held that in the case of a bay this line should be drawn from headland to headland. For instance, according to the United States' claim, any foreign fisherman has the right to fish in Massachusetts bay anywhere within three miles of the shore. Great Britain, on the contrary, holds that the water from Cape Ann to Cape Cod, which includes the bay, belongs wholly to the United States, and that the measurement of the three-mile limit commences from any point from a straight line drawn from Cape Ann to Cape Cod, measuring seaward. Any one caught fishing inside this line is liable to seizure and capture.—New England Fish Reporter.

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**BOSTON FISH PRICES LOWER.****Market Well Supplied, 22 Vessels Being at T Wharf.**

With the arrival of 22 vessels at Boston today the market is well supplied and prices show a decline from yesterday. Haddock continue low, but codfish firm, but the price today is one and one-half cents lower.

The trip of swordfish of sch. Rose Standish which was held over for two days waiting a raise, was sold for 14 cents per pound.

The steamer Spray is in again today after being absent but four days, with a good trip of haddock of which variety the market has been well supplied. The fares and prices in detail are:

**Boston Arrivals.**

Sch. M. Madeleine, 28,000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 18,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Maxwell, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Diana, 7000 pollock.  
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Edward A. Rich, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 14,000 cod.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 25,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Steamer Spray 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 5000 haddock, 40,000 cod.  
Sch. Gertrude, 25,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 45,000 haddock, 2500 hake.  
Sch. Matiana, 34,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 25,000 haddock, 7000 cod.  
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 17,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 hake.  
Sch. Morning Star, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. W. H. Reed, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Joseph DeCosta, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.75 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.25; cusk, \$1.75; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.

**Held Swordfish for Raise.**

Capt. O'Neil of sch. Rose Standish, arrived at Boston Tuesday with thirty-nine swordfish, which he refused to sell unless he got 20 cents and his trip was not disposed of up to the closing hour last evening, as the skipper thought he would get the price asked today, which he may receive, if no others arrive.

**Halibut at Vancouver.**

Nine hundred thousand pounds of halibut was landed at the New England Fish Co. dock, Vancouver, in four days recently. With the exception of very few of the fish the whole catch was iced and immediately forwarded to New York, Boston, Chicago, Montreal, Toronto and other Eastern cities.

**Sch. Speculator Repaired.**

Sch. Speculator, which went ashore on Peaked Hill bar a few weeks ago and was hauled off and towed to this port for repairs, has been put in first class condition and will be launched from Parkhurst's railways today, when she will be fitted out for the haddock fishing.

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**FISH RECEIPTS LIGHT LOCALLY.****Two Bankers and One Fare From Boston Here Today.**

Receipts of fish at this port continue light, there being but three arrivals since last report, schs. Susan and Mary with 150,000 pounds of salt cod, sch. Almeida from a drifting trip with 40,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, with 50,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish.

Capt. Albert Hubbard, of sch. Susan and Mary, arrived this morning from a shacking trip with 150,000 pounds of salt cod, reports fish fairly plentiful, but there was no bait on the ground. He had been on Quero, Western Bank, and Mizzaine Bank, where he comes from the last-named place, and left there schs. Moanam, Effie M. Prior, Bohemia and Fannie A. Smith, all of whom reported finding no bait and had to go to Newfoundland to get a supply.

Capt. Hubbard said he baited twice at Newfoundland, where squid was quite plentiful, and on which he caught his trip, which is a good one for such a short time. Most of the vessels he saw had not done much owing to the bait scarcity on the ground.

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The shacking fleet which have been out for some time and are now due, must be finding fish scarce, as their absence indicate. The salt fishermen however, are expected home late in October, so that receipts of fish will naturally be light until their return.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Susan and Mary, Mizzaine Bank, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Almeida, drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Paragon, via Boston.  
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, via Boston.  
Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.  
Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.  
Sch. Yankee, shore.  
Sch. Georgianna, shore.  
Sch. Actor, shore.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.  
Sch. Muriel, dory handling.  
Sch. Lucania, shacking.  
Sch. Rex, shacking.  
Sch. Nellie Dixon, seining.

**PORT OF GLOUCESTER.****Coastwise Arrivals.**

British sch. M. B. S., Windsor, N. S., for Salem for orders.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. Annie M. Parker arrived at Louisburg on Monday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage arrived at Canso on Monday and schs. J. J. Flaherty, Independence II, and Dauntless sailed from there on the same date.

**On the Railways.**

Sch. Eglantine is on Rocky Neck railways.

**Halibut at Portland.**

Sch. Margie Turner, Capt. Samuel Colson, arrived at Portland yesterday with 22,000 pounds of halibut which was sold for 11 1-2 cents right through. The prices being paid for halibut now are the highest ever known at this season.

**Glue Factory at Canso.**

The newest industry at Canso, N. S., is the Robinson Glue Co., Ltd., an up-to-date glue factory, and one of the finest, it is said, in America. This factory will make use of the waste products which have heretofore been used for fertilizing purposes locally or carried out to sea. The capacity of the plant is about 10 tons of fish offal per day.

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**HIGH LINE OF HALIBUT FLEET.****Capt. "Gus" Hall Has Stocked \$28,000 So Far This Year.**

The Portland Press, reviewing the work of Capt. Augustus G. Hall of this city, master of sch. Catherine Burke, says:

"They do 'come back' Capt. Gus Hall, skipper of the Gloucester fishing schooner Catherine Burke, has proved it. After staying ashore for a number of years and keeping his hand entirely out of the fish-catching business, he this year has stepped back on board a vessel and is now the high liner, not only among the the Gloucester halibut catchers, but among the halibut catchers of the whole coast. More than that, before the year is out, he will probably have made a record for a year's work that has never been equalled in the industry.

"Capt. Hall took out a big fare of halibut here yesterday for J. W. Trefethen. He arrived in port the evening before and yesterday he unloaded his fare at Commercial wharf. He had not much sooner tied up than C. N. Trefethen, of J. W. Trefethen, asked the price of the fish

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"I ought to get 12 cents straight through," said Capt. Hall.

"Mr. Trefethen said he would pay the price and the discharging of the fare began at once. Capt. Hall thought he had about 35,000 pounds, but it developed that he had nearly 40,000. In addition to that, he had a couple of swordfish, and a few hake. His stock for the whole trip was close to \$1800, one of the largest ever made in the industry.

"With this big sum in his pocket, to the appellation of 'high line halibut catcher.' Counting in the fare of yesterday, he has stocked so far this year close upon \$28,000. And this, too, after he had been ashore a number of years. Probably eight trips have been made by him this season and every one of them has been into Portland where each fare has been sold to J. W. Trefethen. It is very probable that Capt. Hall will make three more trips this year and perhaps more. If he does, he stands a good chance of stocking \$50,000 for the 12 months' work. If he should do this, he would have a record never equalled.

"Any captain that can land 40,000 pounds of halibut is doing well, anyway. But it takes a pretty smart skipper to make the haul in sets of gear. That is what Capt. Hall did. Just 12 days ago yesterday, he made his first set on Quero Bank. He had fair winds and struck Portland at a time when halibut were commanding a good price.

"This is what has helped the skipper a good deal; hitting the market when it has been favorable. Being an old fisherman, one who has chased halibut all his life, he knew the haunts of the fish. More than that he has timed his trips so that when he got back to port, he would arrive when there were none too many halibut in the market. This is one reason why he has stocked so high this year.

"Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf of the schooner Kineo is a close rival of Capt. Hall. He was here two weeks ago and landed a good fare. Counting in that one, he has stocked so far this year about \$23,000. That he has not received more for his fish is due to the fact that he has not struck the market at top prices."

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**CORNERED SWORDFISH MARKET.**

**Feat of a Portland Fish Dealer 20 Years Ago.**

Just think of 1500 swordfish being in the possession of one dealer, a total of over 400,000 pounds. Nothing like that has happened lately, especially this year for swordfish have been notably scarce this season. But 20 years ago, as some of the business men on the water front were remarking recently, there were swordfish seen here in quantities such as had never been seen before or since.

They were numerous then. J. W. Trefethen, at that time as now, was one of the leading dealers in Portland. He had a difference with the others. When the swordfish season came around, there was war in the camp. The result was that it was J. W. Trefethen against all the others. He determined to buy every fish that came in, no matter what the price. And he did. Some of them were as low as a cent and a half a pound—a price unheard of in these days—while others were more. He filled his sheds on Commercial wharf, he had swordfish taken to other sheds and placed on ice. Some were even kept on the ice in the schooners. In all 1500 of the big fish were bought and they weighed nearly half a million pounds. This was the largest amount of fish ever in Portland or at any port.

J. W. Trefethen, for all he cornered the market and won his fight with the other dealers, was told everywhere that he would lose on the deal, that he could not possibly dispose of such an immense quantity of fish. But he held the sea food and boomed the market. Soon prices rose and then there came a spell of bad weather when none of the vessels could get out. Practically every pound of the swordfish was sold and at a profit, too.

This famous deal is still remembered by the dealers along the waterfront and they could not help recalling it yesterday when the insignificant arrivals of swordfish were being talked about. The prices now being paid the fishermen have reached better than 20 cents a pound this season, though they are now about 10 and 11 cents. And to think that a generation ago, the fishermen received a cent and a half and sometimes a little more.—Portland Press.

# DR. HUGH M. SMITH APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF COMMISSION.

## Will Consider Reasonableness of Newfoundland Fishery Regulations.

### Appointee Recognized Authority on Fishery Questions.

The state department yesterday announced that Dr. Hugh M. Smith, who for years has been connected with the United States Bureau of Fisheries, one of the best scientific experts in the world on fish and fisheries, will be the American member of the commission to pass upon the reasonableness of the regulations which may be made in Newfoundland to govern the operation of the American fishing vessels, while in Newfoundland waters.

When the news reached her last night as to the appointment of Dr. Smith, there was some little confusion over the name. Some thought it was possible that Hon. Sylvanus Smith of this city, while others leaned to the opinion that Benjamin A. Smith of this city, both expert authorities on matters pertaining to the fisheries, were meant, but later in the evening all doubts were cleared away on the subject.

President Thomas J. Carroll of the Board of Trade, stated that he had received no intimation of the appointment, and other fishing owners told the same story, yet all were satisfied with the appointment of Dr. Smith, and agreed that their interests could not be in better hands.

Just after the opening of the sessions of the Hague Arbitration Tribunal to consider the fisheries questions, Dr. Smith, A. B. Alexander of Washington and Capt. Carl C. Young of this city were summoned to the Hague to assist the counsel of the United States with their expert knowledge of conditions.

Appointee Has Had Long Familiarity with Fishing Questions.

Dr. Smith has visited this city several times, and was a member of the International fishery congress which made a tour of the country and visited this city last year.

Dr. Smith has long been connected with the bureau of fisheries here and is generally recognized as one of the best scientific experts on fisheries questions in the world. He is frequently ordered to some distant point to make a special investigation or to give somebody the benefit of his knowledge. Several years ago he went to Tokio on a mission of this sort.

Dr. Smith is familiar with various phases of the Newfoundland fisheries question by reason of long association, he having been consulted by Representative Gardner and others interested at different times during a period of years. He was detailed to accompany the American commission to The Hague last spring in the capacity of expert adviser. He rendered important service in connection with the arbitration.

The British government will appoint a member of the commission, and the third member, under the direction of the Hague tribunal, will be the fisheries adviser of the Dutch government.

The commission is to meet within a month after the announcement of the decision. This does not leave much time to organize and be ready for any matter that may be referred to it.

Great Britain has not as yet announced its selection of a member of the commission, but the other neutral member will be M. Moegs of the Netherlands.

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## LIGHT RECEIPTS AT BOSTON.

### But Prices Show Usual End of Week Drop.

Only seven vessels were at Boston today, so that receipts of fish are light but prices somewhat weaker than yesterday. Codfish dropped one cent, while haddock show no change, and other ground fish show a downward movement.

It is nothing unusual to see a weak market last of the week and the low prices offering today are but commonplace and do not indicate a depression in the fish trade. Next week will see the usual number of vessels in port, and a firmer market will doubtless be in evidence.

With the scarcity of bait and rough weather of autumn, the vessels will be landing smaller fares, and higher prices may be expected.

The fares and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Manoment, 1000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carrol, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

- Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 5000 haddock, 8000 cod.
  - Sch. Edith J. Silveria, 50,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 pollock.
  - Sch. Clara G. Silva, 40,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
  - Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 14,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
  - Sch. Seaconnet, 38,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
  - Sch. Josie and Phebe, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.
- Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.80 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.75; swordfish, 15 1-2 cts. per lb.

#### HAS FLITCHED HALIBUT FARE.

Sch. Grayling Arrives from Davis Strait with 135,000 Pounds.

Sch. Grayling, Capt. Axel Lager, arrived today from a far north flitched halibut trip with a fine fare of 135,000 pounds. This is the third arrival of these fishermen, and the captain has the same story to tell of what transpired during the summer as those who preceded him. No accidents marred the voyage during the summer.

#### Big Scotland Catch.

The fishery board of Scotland announces a record catch of herring for this year. Fishermen earned \$5,340,000 from the total catch of 1,968,000 crans—about 1,068,000,000 herring. Of this amount 770,000 crans were cured for American and continental trade, leaving but 298,000 crans for home consumption. The catch this year was 414,000 crans greater than last year.