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## MR. MILLETT'S WORK APPRECIATED.

### Complimentary Letter From Chan- ciller P. Anderson, U. S. Agent.

Hon. Chandler P. Anderson, agent



ARTHUR L. MILLETT,  
Who Attended the Hague Arbitration  
as Fisheries Expert.

of the United States in The Hague

fisheries arbitration, has sent to Thomas J. Carroll, president of the board of trade, the following letter, showing the appreciation in which the services of Arthur L. Millett, who accompanied the United States party as fishery expert, was held.

Hotel Des Indes, Sept. 12, 1910.  
Thomas J. Carroll, president, board of trade, Gloucester, Mass.

Dear Sir: I am writing you regarding Mr. Millett, whom your board endorsed to accompany us to The Hague for the fisheries arbitration.

I have the pleasure, at the close of the arbitration, of informing you that his labors with the agency of the United States have been of a highly satisfactory character and his services are fully appreciated.

He has been prompt and accurate and ever ready to work, and his comprehensive knowledge of the fisheries and matters pertaining to their conduct and prosecution have been of much assistance to us. Throughout the arbitration he has shown himself devoted to the cause of the New England fisheries and everything connected with their prosecution.

Very truly yours,  
CHANDLER P. ANDERSON,  
Agent of the United States.

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## BOSTON FISH RECEIPTS LIGHT.

### Supply Wholly Inadequate to the Demand.

Boston has seven fishing arrivals today with moderate fares, which are insufficient to supply demands, so that prices are exceedingly firm. Cod is quoted at \$5 to \$6.50, haddock \$4 to \$5 and hake and pollock \$4 to \$5. These prices at this season are beyond expectations. It, however, gives the fishermen good returns on small fares of fish.

Boston dealers expected to see a larger number of vessels at T wharf today, but the jam that was in last week appear to be scattered, owing to the scarcity of bait. Next week will probably see a large fleet in port, as a number now out did not return. But it will be some time before low prices will prevail for the vessels are not bringing in the large fares they did earlier in the season.

The new otter trawler Foam took on her ice yesterday and sailed on her second trip yesterday afternoon. Capt. Green will be back again Monday of Tuesday next, and hopes to equal his first catch at least.

The fare and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Leo, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1200 hake.

Sch. Annie Perry, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 25,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1000 hake, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Ida F. Brooks, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Katherine and Ellen, 18,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Morning Star, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Haddock, \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt.; cod, \$5.50 to \$6.50; hake, \$3.25; pollock, \$3 to \$4.

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### PRESERVING FISH IN PAPER.

Method Originated By Danish Fisheries Agent in London.

The following method of preserving fish originated by the Danish fisheries agent in London, Eng., although meant for commercial fishermen and fish dealers, will be none the less interesting and valuable to sportsmen:

The main point in the preservation, writes Consul-Gen. Wallace C. Bond of Copenhagen, appears to be to enclose the fish in some cheap and convenient material which will keep out the air and prevent the intrusion of injurious aerial bacteria.

By this method of packing the fish in paper before placing them on ice, the air is excluded and the ice water is prevented from reaching the fish. The effect of the ice through the paper prevents the development of any bacteria that might be already in the fish. In order to attain this result it is absolutely necessary that the fish be treated while alive, or at least when quite fresh, and it is therefore better to undertake the treatment on board the fishing boats.

The fish should be cut while it is yet alive, the insides removed and the gills cut away, the head, however, ought always to be left. The sound, where such is found, is cut through, lengthwise, and all the blood under it is removed. The fish must be cut so far back that all the blood accumulated at the anus can easily be removed. The fish is then cleaned and scrubbed well in salt water, inside as well as out, with a stiff brush until all the blood stains are removed.

As soon as the fish has lain long enough for all the blood to run off (it must be carefully observed that no bloody water remains in the belly), the fish is packed in the paper, which must be square in order to obtain the best packing, and each side at least one and one-half times the length of the fish.—Recreation for September.

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#### Good Drifting Trip.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Capt. Adolphus Amero, that arrived yesterday from a drifting headline trip landed 52,000 pounds of cod, which is one of the best fares in this fishing brought in here this season.

#### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Kineo of this port arrived at Portland yesterday, where she landed her fresh halibut catch of 8000 pounds, after which she sailed for this port with her fare of fresh and salt fish.

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## MACKEREL FLEET GONE TO SYDNEY.

### Sch. Margie Smith Took Ten Bbls. Mackerel Last Week

A special despatch to the Times from its correspondent at Souris, P. E. I., says the mackerel seining fleet have all left the North Bay and gone to Sydney, C. B., where it is reported some fish are being taken though not in large quantities.

Capt. Thomas H. White of sch. Margie Smith is in Souris, and reports having taken 10 barrels off Bird Rocks last week.

Capt. Hibbard Carr of the Nova Scotia schooner Ella May, took 10 barrels of mackerel off East Point reef last week with hook and line.

Last year the first arrival was September 18, and on September 24, sch. Priscilla Smith had 80 barrels mackerel. The fleet evidently came and left too early this season.

A dispatch from Port Hawkesbury, says no mackerel had been received there for the past three weeks and that mackerel were reported very scarce at North Bay. The dispatch also said the reports from Port Hood were that codfish were scarce there and that the dogfish were so numerous that it was impossible to set trawls.

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#### Fish at Newburyport.

Capt. Walter King of the fishing boat Unknown, arrived at Newburyport yesterday with 75 barrels of sea shad, which were sold at the Consumers' Fresh Fish wharf. Captain Short of the Alice caught about a dozen barrels of the same kind of fish. It was the first stroke of luck the fishermen have had for some time, fish of all kinds having been unusually scarce in these waters.

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#### Customs Decisions.

The United States court of customs appeals has rendered the following important decision in the cases of Hansen vs. United States, and Weber vs. United States: Sturgeon roe "prepared for preservation" not "preserved." Fresh roe of the sturgeon rubbed through a sieve, dropping thence into a solution of brine, the brine drawn off and the roe packed for shipment in tins and transported in a refrigerated state, does not constitute "fish roe preserved for food purposes," as excepted by paragraph 549, tariff act of 1897, and is not dutiable under paragraphs 258 and 261 of said act. These paragraphs read:

"258. Fish \* \* \*. All other fish, (except shellfish), in tin packages thirty per centum ad valorem.

"261. Fish, fresh, smoked, dried, salted, pickled, frozen, packed in ice or otherwise prepared for preservation, not specially provided for in this act, three-fourths of one cent per pound.

#### Sardine Fishermen Threaten Strike.

Trouble which it is believed will result in a strike is brewing at the sardine factories of St. John and Charlotte counties in New Brunswick. A reduction in the prices from \$10 and \$8 to \$6 per hogshead made by the canneries is the cause of all the trouble. The fishermen have decided upon \$8 per hogshead and the cannery proprietors have fixed the price at \$6. Unless their demand is complied with the fishermen threaten to stop fishing altogether.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Ella M. Goodwin, Senator and Norma arrived at Canso, N. S., on Thursday and cleared.

Schs. Mineola, Thomas S. Gorton, Corona and Dauntless sailed from Canso on Thursday.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, 135,000 lbs of cod and sch. Georgia Campbell with 120,000 lbs., arrived at Louisburg, C. B., on Thursday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

## SALT FISH ORDERS INCREASING.

### Present Stock Not Sufficient For Future Demands.

The week-end developed no new factor that would give an impetus in any direction in the saltfish trade. But as previously reported the market remains firm and only a light stock of cod and other ground fish is visible on every hand.

The situation, however, is a most interesting one, and is hardly comprehended by dealers outside of this city, who expect in forwarding orders no matter how large, that they must be filled on call. Gloucester dealers have always been punctual in supplying the trade with all they demanded, no matter how gigantic the orders were. The orders of late and as expected at this time of the year are pouring in with great rapidity for it is now that western houses are ordering stock to carry them through autumn and early winter. Then they always take in heavy supplies before the lakes become frozen over, which means cheaper transportation.

The weather during the past week has been all that could be desired for drying fish, so that the cutting establishments have been well supplied, and many new hands have been taken on in the preparation of fish in every conceivable and attractive form.

The big dealers however, are somewhat worried at present conditions which confront them, caused by the light stock that is coming forward, which in no way equal the sending out. This has greatly reduced present holdings almost to a minimum.

Trade throughout the country for a long time has been good and more prepared salt fish food has been forwarded than ever before in the summer season. The country in every direction is demanding more prepared fish than ever before and Gloucester is looked upon as the place to fill the bill.

With the rapid shipments, the summer's accumulations are fast disappearing and it is evident to the big shipping houses that the salt fishing fleet will not return from their second trips until late in the fall. But nothing is being left undone to get sufficient stock to fill the orders that are now and will be coming in daily. In view of this they are looking to outside sources to come to their relief, so that Maine and Nova Scotia are being called upon by agents for stock that will gradually be brought here as the season advances.

While it may appear to some that local supplies of cod and other ground fish is large and sufficient for all needs, it should be remembered that it is here, that the country is looking for its supply of salt food fish, hence enormous quantities are needed to fill the bill.

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### Dogfish Struck on Cape Shore.

The Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard says:

Dogfish began to swarm in the Cape waters this week, the first time this season, almost putting a stop to line fishing for some days. Men said it was impossible to get a hook to bottom clear of the dogfish. Some boats turned to fishing for them specially, and made it pay fairly well at the reduction works. One boat landed over two tons of dogfish.

A few specimens of the true dogfish shark have been landed along with the common species. At first they were thought to be young sharks, but the points of difference are quite plain. They measure about five feet in length with a slim body, but no dorsal horn, the upper lobe of the tail being much the larger.

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### DOUBLE CLAM.

While one of the retail fish dealers in this city was opening some clams yesterday, he found two perfectly formed clams within the same shell. The bivalves were dug on Annisquam river.

## TWO ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

### Schs. Slade Gorton and Moo- ween Have Mixed Fares.

The receipts of fish at this port today are confined to two fares, sch. Slade Gorton from a shacking trip with 85,000 pounds of fresh cod and 55,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Mooween with 21,000 pounds of salt cod, 15,000 pounds of fresh cod and 10,000 pounds halibut. This is but a small showing when more liberal returns are expected at this season. But the outlook is unfavorable for a large salt fish supply direct from the banks before late in October at which time the salt fishermen will be arriving.

No great returns can be expected from the market fishermen, for the catch will be smaller and Boston will be able to handle the entire receipts for immediate use.

#### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Western Bank, 85,000 lbs. fresh cod, 55,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mooween, Western Bank, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Indiana, seining.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.

Sch. Agnes, halibuting.

Sch. Catherine Burke, halibuting.

Sch. Speculator, haddocking.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, shacking.

Sch. Raymah, shacking.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.

Trawl Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.25.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.35 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Drift Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.

Outside sales of Bank cod, \$3.75 for large and \$3.50 for medium.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$1.25 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Western cod, large, \$2.25 per cwt.; medium, \$1.75.

Eastern cod, large, \$1.90 per cwt.; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 60 cts.

Western Bank cod, large, \$2.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$1.65.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.10 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

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## FLITCHERS HAD BIG FARES.

### Schs. Essex and Grayling Each Stocked Over \$13,000.

The flitched halibut fares of sch. Essex, Capt. Michael Wise, and sch. Grayling, Capt. Axel Lager, which arrived first of the week, are a reminder of the big trips landed at the inception of this branch of the fishing industry. Both vessels have landed excellent catches and made fine stocks; in fact the best made in many years.

The fare landed by the Essex was 150,300 pounds and 75 barrels of fins, stocking \$13,700, while the crew shared \$338 each. Had Capt. Wise not had one of his dories go astray July 23, making it necessary to leave good fishing and look for her, as he was getting five to six dory loads to a set of the trawls at the time, he would

have brought in a fare of 200,000 pounds. No fish of any account was taken after July and the loss of a dory and two men had a somewhat disheartening effect upon the crew.

Sch. Grayling landed 144,750 pounds of flitchers, 3000 pounds of cod, 66 barrels of fins, which realized a fine stock of \$13,200, the crew sharing \$333 each. Such trips as these have not been surpassed in this fishing, much less equalled in many years. Indeed in the halcyon days of the flitched halibut fishery few trips surpassed those just completed by Capt. Wise and Capt. Lager, and their daring and adventurous crews, who have no peers among Northern fishermen.

#### Codfish Sales.

The fare of salt dory handline codfish of sch. Virginia, was sold to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company.

The fare of salt and fresh fish of sch. Slade Gorton was sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

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### Eleven Vessels at T Wharf Have Generally Small Fares.

The receipts of fish at Boston today are light, although 11 vessels have arrived at that port, but they are from shore grounds and have small fares of mixed fish.

Prices of all kinds of fish are exceedingly firm, cod quoted from \$5 to \$7 per cwt., and haddock \$4 to \$6.

Next week longer returns will probably be in order, for a large number of the market fishermen did not report this week.

The fares and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Appomattox, 5500 cod.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Gertrude, 17,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Lillian, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 4000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Harmony, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 8000 haddock, 1600 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Diana, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Ignatius Ehos, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Haddock, \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$3.50 to \$5; hake, \$2.50 to \$4.50; pollock, \$2.75 to \$3.

## SHORE SEINING SEASON OVER.

### No News Received From the North Bay Fleet.

Only two vessels of the mackerel seiners are operating on this shore at the present time, schs. Indiana and Nellie Dixon. The former was reported bound up the harbor at the time of going to press, but whether either has taken any fish is not known, but it looks as if the season on this shore had closed.

The seven seiners at North Bay have not been reported as taking any fish, and what conditions are not there has not been fully learned. The vessels, however, are now off Sydney, C. B., which is an excellent fishing ground later in the season, but it may be a little early at this time.

A telegram received yesterday by the Boston Fish Bureau from Halifax, N. S., report mackerel schooling off that place, and good catches were looked for by the fishermen this fall.

During the week 1188 barrels of foreign salt mackerel and 65 barrels of fresh domestic were received at Boston.