

NOVA SCOTIA FISHERMEN MADE MONEY

Never So Prosperous as Under Reciprocity With United States.

When you happen to be arguing over "free fish," or reciprocity with Canada, which practically amounts to the same thing, since it seems to be conceded and understood, in Canada at least, that without free fish there can be no reciprocity treaty, it might be well to just read over the two editorial utterances printed below.

They are from the editorial columns of the Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard, a paper which has always championed the cause of the fishermen of Nova Scotia and is always found advocating anything which will be for their benefit. Just read them over and then stop and think. The Coast Guard says:

"In a short time a convention at Washington will endeavor to widen the channels of trade between Canada and the United States. That is, both countries at length see the wisdom of framing a reciprocity treaty, and no man in his right senses will deny that the aim is very commendable, whatever the outcome. There is no need to get alarmed lest Canada get the worst of the bargain. She will not send novices to that meeting for the extension of commerce. Such an agreement would be an experiment. It has been put to the test and proved all right, while it held. Old people can remember some of its benefits and the rising generations may look up the facts and be convinced, if they want the best kind of argument, the logic of events, to rely on.

"The first reciprocity treaty negotiated by the United States was concluded with Great Britain for her North American colonies in 1854. Its schedule included free fish of all kinds, and it continued in force for 12 years.

"Its results may be rapidly glanced at. The exports of Canada into the United States, increased from six million to forty-eight million dollars in value, within the period named. We have not surpassed it very much in the forty odd years since. The fish values of Nova Scotia rose from \$1,300,000 to \$3,378,000. Two years after the abrogation of the treaty—brought about by the attitude of Great Britain during the war of secession—occurred the great distress among the provincial fishermen, which we described some time ago."

Whether a reciprocal trade agreement with the United States would admit of a reduction of the duties on fish, or any class of them, or free entry, as may be reasonably expected in certain special cases, it is well to make that an issue in itself, and not sacrifice it to some other interests, which more remotely concern this part of the Dominion. It is well to keep in mind how this industry prospered under the old treaty. The proofs are numerous and right at hand, but the following extract from a letter of a Guysboro county dealer, the best authority extant, will answer for the province generally:

"The fishermen in this locality, since the commencement of the reciprocity treaty, say for the past ten years, made more money than during any ten years previously, from the fact that they have had a free market in the United States, which is the only market where a large proportion of our fish will sell to advantage; and although the fish have not been so abundant, the extra price has more than compensated for the deficiency in the catch."

It is true that the United States, being among the most resourceful, has found a way to the consumers of Western Canada whose demands is expected to keep pace with production yet the "advantage" still holds good if the American markets were liberalized. It would mean a still greater profit for parts not enjoying such ready means of transit to our domestic markets.

Oct. 27.

ONE SEINER AND ONE BANKER

SHORE BOATS AND POLLOCKERS KEPT IN BY HEAVY WIND YESTERDAY.

There was but one arrival here over night, sch. Monarch, one of the North Bay seining fleet, coming in with 60 barrels of salt mackerel.

About all the big fleet of shore boats and pollockers which were in for harbor yesterday, got away during the night and early this morning, although the wind is southeast, with a storm threatening, and it does not look like much of a fish day outside.

The torchers brought in about 180 barrels of fresh herring this morning:

Before noon sch. Smuggler, Capt. Peter Porthier arrived from her second salt trawl bank codfishing trip of the season, hailing for the fine fare of 240,000 pounds of salt cod. On her first trip the craft weighted off over 260,000 pounds, so with a total of over half a million pounds to his credit in two trips Capt. Porthier may well feel satisfied with his work. The fare goes to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, the owners of the vessel.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Monarch, North Bay, seining, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Pythian, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.
Sch. Dixie, shore.
Sch. Smuggler, salt trawl banking, 240,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, pollocking;
Sch. Mettacommet, pollocking.
Sch. William H. Rider, pollocking.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, pollocking.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Little Fannie, shore.
Sch. Reliance, shore.
Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Mary Edith, haddocking.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Manomet, haddocking.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, haddocking.
Sch. Matiana, haddocking.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, haddocking.
Sch. Hortense, haddocking.
Sch. Thalia, haddocking.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, haddocking.
Sch. Rhodora, haddocking.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, haddocking.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, shore.
Sch. S. P. Willard, Newfoundland.
Sch. Catherine Burke, halibuting.
Sch. Vanessa, haddocking.
Sch. Helen G. Wells, Newfoundland.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, haddocking.
Sch. Ralph Russell, pollocking.
Sch. Rose Standish, pollocking.
Sch. Valentinna, pollocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.
Trawl Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.25.
Trawl bank cod, large \$4.25, mediums \$3.87 1-2, snappers \$2.75.
Drift Georges cod, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.
Eastern double dory salt handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.55 for mediums.
Bank halibut 11 cents per lb. right through for white and gray.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.
Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.
Salt hake, \$1.25 per cwt.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.
Dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.
Swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.
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, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.75; snappers 75 cts.

Cusk, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50 cts.
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.25 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Pinta was at La Have, N. S., on Monday.
Sch. Grayling and Ingomar were at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.
Sch. W. E. Morrissey was at Mosher's Harbor, N. S., recently.
Sch. Richard was at Mosher's Harbor, N. S., on Saturday.

Oct. 27.

THREE POLLOCKERS AT T WHARF.

ONLY ARRIVALS AT BOSTON THIS MORNING, MARKET BARE OF OTHER FISH.

At T wharf this morning are only three vessel with fish. These are three of the shore pollock fleet and have only pollock. There is not a pound of haddock, hake or cod for the dealers to make any fancy bids on although should some craft come in during the forenoon, she will surely be met by the finest kind of offers.

Sch. Volant, Capt. Allen Dolman, one of the crafts in this morning, has 32,000 pounds of pollock, the largest fare of these fish landed this season thus far. As the fish are selling at \$2.40 and \$2.50 per hundred weight, the craft will make a fine stock for this branch of the business.

Yesterday, after our report, two of the Channel fleet and four pollockers came in. Both the former had only ordinary sized trips, but on account of the fancy prices each made a fine stock.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Volant, 32,000 pollock.
Sch. Grace Otis, 9000 pollock.
Sch. Tecumseh, 7500 pollock.
Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Georgianna, 16,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 14000 hake.
Sch. Eglantine, 18,000 pollock.
Sch. Patriot, 8500 pollock.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, 11,000 pollock.
Pollock, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per cwt.

New Nova Scotia Schooner.

There was launched Saturday from the shipyard of Howard Allen & Co., at Lockeport Station, N. S., the trim little fishing schooner Nellie J. Banks, which has been built by that firm for A. M. Banks, commission merchant, of Halifax. The new schooner is an exceedingly pretty craft of 35 tons, and has been constructed with the special object of speed in view, as she is intended for the fresh fishing industry. She is a strongly built craft of the latest model, and was designed by Freeman Payzant, of Lockeport.

She is of the semi-knockabout type and is very neatly rigged, having the usual short foremast and carrying two topmasts. She looks more like a yacht than a fishing schooner, having a very graceful sheer. She will be fitted with a gasoline engine as auxiliary power, and will be a great addition to the Halifax fleet of fishermen.

She will be commanded by Capt. John Blackburn, of Halifax, who is highly pleased with his new command. The Nellie J. Banks will sail for Halifax next week.

Portland Fish News.

Large herring have showed a disposition to strike in where they may be caught. Wednesday when the small boats at Portland which have been catching the small herring during the past few weeks came in and it was found that they had a number of large fish in the lot, enough so that it is safe to assume that more will be caught within a few days. Large herring are what the fishermen have been wanting and they have been wanting them bad as bait. There has been such a shortage that some of the fishermen were growing discouraged and had about come to the conclusion that there would not be enough bait for the winter. Now, however, that some of the big herring have come in there is every reason to believe that there will be more in a few days.

Few Herring Being Caught in the Merrimac River.

Herring are still in the Merrimac river in limited quantities and more or less of the fish are being brought there from Ipswich river. Tuesday about 100 barrels were received at the Newburyport cold storage plant, and the indications are that before the season closes the freezer will be filled. There is a scarcity of all kinds of cod, pollock, haddock and other fish, according to the reports of the hand liners and as a rule good prices are being obtained for what are brought in.

French Steam Trawler Disabled.

The steam trawler Nordcapper was picked up by the Dominion Coal Company's tug Douglas H. Thomas last Saturday night off Low Point, N. S., in a disabled condition, owing to the loss of her propeller and was towed to North Sydney. A survey was made, and it is possible the steamer will be taken to Halifax, where a new propeller will be adjusted.

Stocked \$4600 on Shacking Trip.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, stocked \$4600 as the result of her recent eastern cod shacking trip, the crew sharing \$91 clear. Capt. Gibbs has done finely since he took command of the Hammond, both at fresh halibuting and shacking and will fit the craft for winter haddocking.

For Winter Haddocking.

Sch. John Hays Hammond will now fit for winter haddocking, under command of Capt. Christopher Gibbs. Sch. Patrician will now fit for winter haddocking under command of Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.

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Clamming by motor boat was put in practice the other day by a Newburyport man, who ran his boat along the edge of the flats with his propeller wheel turning the clams neatly out of their beds. By an arrangement the clams thrown out of the mud passed directly into a netting, making the method one easy to work. The scheme was a good success but it was stopped, however, by the authorities, who felt that it was likely to be an injury to the industry and the flats in the future.

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STR. SPRAY SAVED BOSTON MARKET.

REACHED T WHARF YESTERDAY FORENOON WITH 50,000 LBS. OF HADDOCK AND COD.

Up to 9 o'clock yesterday morning there was not a vessel at T wharf with either haddock, cod or hake, and it seemed as if the market would have to depend for its fish upon the small quantities sent up by the fishermen who had run into Provincetown, Gloucester and other fish centers with their small catches.

At 8 o'clock, the telescope, which had been in constant use from the opening of the exchange, showed a steamer rounding into the harbor, and a few minutes later it became sure that it was the Spray for which the dealers have been looking since last Tuesday.

It seemed a long time the 20 minutes Capt. Herbert Green took to reach T wharf, and every foot of the approach of the steamer was watched anxiously by dealers and buyers. It was a serious time for them for on the last of the big shipping days of the week they were again almost without fish, and it was a question for them how far the Spray could go toward supplying enough even for the most pressing needs.

As soon as the Spray was within hailing distance of the wharf Capt. Green was asked how much fish he had. His answer—50,000 pounds—did not give the most wanted information, and he was questioned again as to haddock and cod. The next answer brought the information wanted—47,000 pounds of haddock, 2500 pounds of cod, 500 pounds of pollock, 2000 pounds of scrod and 350 pounds of sole.

It did not afford much to supply the market, but the dealers who would get their share of it could at least supply their most pressing wants.

The stock of the Spray for this trip will be over \$3000.

TWO MACKEREL SEINERS HOME.

TOTAL CATCH OF THE NORTH BAY FLEET WILL BE LESS THAN 600 BARRELS

Two more of the North Bay mackerel seining fleet have arrived home here since last report, leaving but three of the fleet to come beside the hooker Margie Smith. Sch. Pinta came in yesterday afternoon with 60 barrels of salt mackerel and sch. Electric Flash arrived yesterday evening with 49 barrels of salt mackerel.

The six crafts which have already arrived brought home a total of only 274 barrels of salt fish, while the four crafts to come have on board at last reports, about 264 barrels.

Sch. Madonna of the dory handling fleet, is also in this morning with 100,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Fannie E. Prescott, from an eastern trip, has 50,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The big sch. Stiletto came in this forenoon, hailing for 60,000 pounds of fresh fish and 30,000 pounds of salt cod.

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- Sch. Pinta, North Bay, seining, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Electric Flash, North Bay, seining, 49 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Madonna, Quero Bank, dory handling, 100,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Western Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Stiletto, Sable Island Bank, cod shacking, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Rhodora, shore.
- Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.
- Sch. Georgianna, shore.
- Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.
- Sch. Reliance, shore.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
- Torchers, 150 bbls. fresh herring.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.
- Sch. Buema, shore.
- Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, shore.
- Sch. Pythian, pollocking.
- Sch. Juniata, pollocking.
- Sch. Gladys and Sabra, pollocking.
- Sch. Patriot, pollocking.
- Sch. James and Esther, pollocking.
- Sch. Margie Turner, pollocking.
- Sch. Hope, pollocking.
- Sch. Boyd and Leeds, pollocking.
- Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, pollocking.
- Sch. Mystery, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Morning Star, haddocking.
- Sch. Mooanam, haddocking.

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- Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.
- Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.
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- Swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.
- 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, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.75; snappers 75 cts.
 - Cusk, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50 cts.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Arrivals.

- Sch. Kit Carson, Bangor for New York.

Mackerel Still Taken in the Provinces.

Boston had 90 barrels of fresh mackerel on the Yarmouth, N. S., steamer yesterday.

Dispatches from Halifax and Port Hawkesbury, C. B., bring word that mackerel are still being taken in the vicinity of both places, although Port Hawkesbury information adds that fishing is very poor to the north of that place.

ANOTHER SLACK BOSTON FISH DAY

POLLOCK IN FAIR RECEIPTS BUT COD AND HADDOCK MUCH INQUIRED FOR.

The slowness of the fares at T wharf this morning tells plainly that the fleet has been up against very bad weather indeed. The fares of the crafts in from the South Channel and Georges are unusually small, while the shore boats also have but a hand-ful each.

Schs. Regina and Robert and Arthur have about 30,000 pounds each, sch. Thomas S. Gorton 22,000 and sch. Alice M. Guthrie 14,000 pounds.

The market boat trips run from 1500 pounds to 17,000 pounds, sch. Emily Cooney having the latter amount, 14,000 pounds of which are hake.

As has been the case for some time, cod and haddock continue in light receipt. Five of the pollockers have from 3000 to 14,000 pounds each.

Prices still hold up in fine shape, haddock bringing \$5 and \$5.50 this morning, while large cod were from \$5.50 to \$7, with market cod from \$3 to \$7. Large hake brought \$3 and small sold at \$1.50, and pollock were \$1.80.

From the quantity of fish sent to the Boston market by coast steamers and by rail it was evident that some of the fishermen who have been looked for during the past week had made small catches, and run into the nearest shipping ports with them. On the T wharf exchange yesterday morning there were sold 22 boxes and 14 barrels of haddock, 16 boxes and one barrel of cod, 13 boxes of pollock, 23 boxes of hake, 17 boxes and one barrel of mixed fish, four barrels of flounders, seven barrels of butterfish and 124 barrels of large mackerel.

The fares and receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. W. H. Reed, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Lillian, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Washakie, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 8000 haddock, 1300 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Robert and Arthur, 9000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 11,000 hake.
- Sch. Regina, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 25,000 hake.
- Sch. Rose Standish, 1500 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, 600 haddock, 2000 cod, 14,000 hake.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4500 hake.
- Sch. Cherokee, 2000 cod.
- Sch. J. F. McMorrow, 3000 cod.
- Sch. On Time, 1500 cod.
- Sch. Viking, 14,000 pollock.
- Sch. Winnifred, 19,000 pollock.
- Sch. Edward A. Rich, 11,000 pollock.
- Sch. Marguerite, 4000 pollock.
- Sch. Motor, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 9000 hake.
- Sch. Victor and Ethan, 12,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1000 hake.
- Haddock, \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$7; market cod, \$3 to \$7; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$1.80.

Secured Week's Supply of Bait.

The fishing schooner Hockomock, which arrived at Portland Wednesday with her fare, hove to off the Cape on Tuesday evening and secured enough squid to keep her in bait for the next week.

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The Canadian and Newfoundland governments have decided to enter into negotiations with the United States in order to settle the points which were referred by the Hague Tribunal to a committee of experts. Doubtless the final result will be a new treaty, and everybody will be happy.