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STORM KEEPS BOATS IN PORT.

ONE SALT HERRING FARE AND TWO COD HANDLINERS IN PORT THIS MORNING.

The threatening northwester which prevailed during the night, accompanied by snow flurries kept the whole market fleet snugly tied up in port. It does not look as though any of them will get out today, and several which went yesterday came back, as the same situation prevails at T wharf and Provincetown, which means a scarcity of fish and consequent big prices at the Boston market on Monday.

The boats may get a chance to get a dip tomorrow, but it will be as much as ever and what they can get in the one set will not go far toward supplying a hungry Monday morning market.

There have been two arrivals here since last report, sch. Cecil H. Low coming in late yesterday afternoon from a Georges handline trip, with 22,000 pounds of salt cod, while sch. Aloha came in during the night, from a dory handline trip to Virgin Rocks, with the makings of a fine stock and share in the shape of 230,000 pounds of salt cod. The salt bank fleet thus grows less day by day, there now being but two crafts to come.

During the forenoon sch. Smuggler arrived here from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a full cargo of salt herring, being the third craft to arrive here this season, herring laden, from the treaty coast of Newfoundland. The first cargo last season arrived here November 25, in sch. Lucinda L. Lowell.

Of course the storm was too much for the herring torchers so none of them went over last night and there is no fresh bait on hand this morning. The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Smuggler, Bonne Bay, N. F., full cargo salt herring.
- Sch. Aloha, Virgin Rocks, N. F., dory handline, 230,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, handline, 22,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Steamer Quoddy, shore.
- Steamer Nomad, shore.
- Sch. Matthew M. Greer, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Senator Gardner, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Ramona, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Dauntless, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Arkona, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Monarah, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Meteor, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Hope, pollocking.
- Sch. Winnifred, pollocking.
- Sch. Stiletto, haddocking.
- Sch. Morning Star, haddocking.
- Sch. Conqueror, haddocking.
- Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.
- Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

- Salt trawl bank cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.37½ for medium.
- Bank halibut, 11 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray, heads on.
- Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.
- Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.
- Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.
- Salt pollock, \$2.00 per cwt.
- Dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large; \$4.40 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.
- Splitting prices for fresh fish: Eastern cod, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.
- Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.
- Georges handline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.

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News From the Herring Fleet.

There is no change in the herring situation at Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay. Good fishing continues and there is no frost yet.

A dispatch to the Boston Fish Bureau this morning states that nothing has loaded and sailed from Bay of Islands since sch. Helen G. Wells left.

The Bureau dispatch also says that schs. Annie M. Parker, T. M. Nicholson, Alice R. Lawson and Miranda are the recent sailings from Bonne Bay with salt herring caroges.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Arcadia was at Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday.

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Pollock Would Not Bite.

Several of the market boats and pollockers which came in yesterday and Wednesday report great schools of pollock off here and on the Ridges. The fish would not look at a hook. Last year the pollock schooled off here all winter and some good catches were seized.

Buying Fish at Newfoundland.

A St. John's, N. F., exchange says: "An agent of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company has purchased about one million pounds salt bulk fish on the south coast and has paid at the rate of three cents per pound. The fish is now being loaded for Gloucester on board the Excelda at Harbor Breton, the Almeda and Percy Roy, at Grand bank and the Regl at Fortune at a freight rate of 25 cents per 100 pounds."

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T Wharf Dealer Dead.

Christopher J. Whitman, aged 48, a prominent fish dealer of Boston, died Saturday at his home in Everett. He was very well known here among the fish dealers, who will learn of his death with regret.

Mr. Whitman was born in 1862 in Greysboro, N. S., and came to the United States when a small boy, living in Truro, until about 20 years of age, when he came to Boston and engaged in the fish business. He had been located at 29 T wharf for the past 19 years, where he conducted a successful business. He was very popular with his associates and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Whitman was a vice president and director of the New England Fish Company, treasurer and director of the New England Fish Exchange and a director of the Boston Fish Market corporation.

Buying Herring at Bay of Islands.

Lauchlin McLean, of South Sydney, C. B., is back at Bay of Islands, N. S., buying herring. Prospects for a successful fishery were very bright there at last reports. Gloucester vessels are continually arriving, six having left North Sydney Monday for Bay of Islands. Old fishermen state that the run of herring is most extraordinary the fishing operations now being conducted far up Humber Arm, the first time for many years. Capt. McLean is well known to owners and skippers here.

High Price for Eskimo Fish.

The fish about 2,200 quintals brought up from the Moravian settlements by the S. S. Harmony, was auctioned at St. John's, N. F., a few days ago by A. S. Rendell and it fetched a remarkable price. It was put up at \$5 and went up, several merchants bidding. It was knocked down to Manuel Ceballo, a Spanish gentleman, who is at St. John's buying fish, for \$6 per quintal. Some of the fish is heavy, but part is as good as ever caught. The local merchants are surprised that such a high figure was given for it.

High Price for Cod Oil.

A St. John's, N. F., exchange says the present price for cod oil, \$88 a tun, is the highest that has been paid for years, but not by any means the highest that has been paid. In 1863, owing to a general failure of the fisheries there was a big demand for cod oil and that fall Mr. McLea sold a quantity to R. Prowse & Sons for \$232 a tun, which was and is the highest price ever paid for cod oil in St. John's.

New Schooner Named Valerie.

The new vessel which is being built for Capt. George Nelson and Capt. Albert Larkin at Tarr & James' yard, Essex, has been named the Valerie. She will be ready to launch on December 5. The Valerie will be 125 feet over all, 25 feet beam and 12 feet depth of hold and will register 135 tons gross.

Landing Ground Fish At Portland.

Not only in halibut has Portland begun to compete with Boston, but in ground fish as well, and some of the captains who fish off Cape Porpoise are running in there between their trips to Boston, and selling their fish. This gives the men a chance to get to their homes often. The captains claim also that they get a better price at Portland for their fish.

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Has Plant at Burgeo.

F. Lord, president of Lord & Company, large fish packers of Portland, Me., is in Bay of Islands, N. F., making purchases for his firm. Mr. Lord has established a big industry in Burgeo in his halibut plant.

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HERRING SEIZED.

Sardine Herring Contained Red Feed Making Them Unfit for Food.

Eight carloads, or 800 barrels, of herring, which were being shipped by a Boston company to four different sardine packing concerns in Eastport, were seized last week in the Boston & Maine railroad yards at Portland by Deputy United States Marshal Hasty, on complaint of a government inspector that the fish as shipped did not comply with the provisions of the pure food law.

The complaint alleged that the fish contained certain decayed matter, making them unfit for food. It was claimed that the herring were taken from the water when they were full of a small shrimp, called "red feed," on which they feed, and which live on the viscera of the herring if the latter are killed before they have time to purge themselves of their parasites. The fish probably will be sold for fertilizer.

Portland Salt Fish Market.

The Portland salt fish market is tight, so is the smoked fish market.

Both products are scarce, the scarest they have been in years and there is no prospect of a relief before spring. According to all the reports that have been received in Portland, the demand for salt fish is keener than ever while the fish to be secured are fewer than they have been for a number of seasons.

Even as far back as last summer, it was seen that stocks this winter would be light. As soon as that intelligence was received by the dealers, they at once began to double their orders, for fear they would be cut off later. This has made the demand twice as much as it would be under ordinary circumstances while there is not the usual amount of fish to satisfy the orders.

The catch of cod during the summer and fall has been light. What few fish have been secured have been placed on the market almost as soon as they have been caught so that not near the usual amount has been salted. Hake have seemed plentiful, but all of these have been bought up and more could be used if they were brought in. Haddock have been scarce the whole year so that it is doubtful if more than a very few new finnan haddies will be obtained around here.

Even if one wanted smoked herring for Thanksgiving, it is doubtful if they could have been secured. The herring catch this fall has been the poorest for a number of years. The small ones have all been taken by the sardine packers while the large ones have been needed for bait. Some of the largest of all have been sold fresh in the market.

Fish Higher in Newfoundland.

Since Saturday last there has been another upward change in the price of Newfoundland codfish, the difference being 10 cents a quintal. Large merchantable is now quoted at \$6.30, and the other grades accordingly. In some cases, however, \$6.40 is being given, but only for small lots to fill orders. The amount of fish to arrive is not very large, and what will be brought to port, will be mostly from the northward, so that the general opinion is that the present price will not change for some time.

Coming to Buy Vessel.

A St. John's, N. F., exchange says that Capt. Walter Kennedy of Holyrood, N. F., late chief officer of S. S. Glencoe, leaves Wednesday next for this city where he will purchase a banking schooner for Lake & Lake of Fortune. Capt. Kennedy will also take an interest in the schooner himself, and will command her next year. The purchasers have an option on a vessel and if it is found unsuitable to the requirements called for, another will be looked for at some other port.

Derelict on the Fishing Banks.

The Halifax agent of the Canadian marine and fisheries department Wednesday night received a wireless despatch from Capt. Howarth of the steamer Cymric, bound from Liverpool to Boston, reporting that at 5.50 p. m. that day he sighted a large mud scow adrift in latitude 43.45 N., longitude 56.58 W.

The scow is in the track of trans-Atlantic liners and, being low in the water, is a dangerous obstruction to navigation.

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Sale of Georges Cod.

The fare of salt Georges handline cod of sch. Mattie Winship sold to George Perkins & Son at \$5.25 per hundred weight for large and \$4.75 for mediums. This is an advance of 25 cents on each, the large and mediums, over last sales.

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NO ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING VESSELS MET STORM AND PUT BACK TO PORT.

There have been no arrivals at this port with fish since sch. Smuggler arrived early Saturday forenoon, with a cargo of salt herring. The shore boats and the herring torchers are still tied up at their wharves on account of the northeast gale which has been prevailing and which is still holding on to some degree outside today.

A half dozen of the Newfoundland herring fleet, anxious to be off and on their voyage to the Treaty Coast, went to sea Saturday, but had not got many miles off before they ran into the howling northeaster and snow, and put back to port to wait a more favorable chance to get to the eastward, for although they had "two sides" as the fisherman's saying goes, still in the face of the northeast gale they could get nowhere and make no progress and there was nothing to do but come back. They all anchored in the outer harbor and will sail first chance.

A few vessels came down from Boston yesterday and are now tied up with the rest of the big fleet, stormbound at this port. The weather today threatens snow and it is still blowing hard outside from the northeast, with a heavy sea running, so the embargo is still on shore fishing operations and sailings.

A few of the market boats went out this morning but the chances are that they will be back again. Of the haddockers which went out Saturday about all of them came back and anchored down the harbor along with the returned herring vessels. Two of the latter, schs. Meteor and Monarch, did not come back Saturday but kept on their way.

Among the fishing crafts which have been held up here by the gale and will sail on the first chance are schs. Marjie Turner, Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Stiletto, Lizzie M. Stanley, William H. Rider, Ethel B. Penney, Good Luck, Harriet, Annie and Jennie, Rita A. Viator, Mary DeCosta, Edith Silveira, Walter P. Goulart, Ralph Russell, Gladys and Sabra, Blanche F. Irving, Etta B., Galatea, Boyd and Leeds, Winnifred, Appomattox, Nokomis, Edward A. Rich, Matthew S. Greer, Esther Gray, Mabel E. Bryson, Thomas J. Carroll, Sylvia M. Nunan, Marguerite Haskins, Hortense, Fitz A. Oakes, Emily Cooney, Maud F. Silva, Mattakesett, Metamora, Speculator, Virginia, Helen B. Thomas, Eugenia and Jubilee.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Speculator, via Boston.
- Sch. Eugenia, via Boston.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, via Boston.
- Sch. Metamora, via Boston.
- Sch. Jubilee, via Boston.
- Sch. Helen B. Thomas, via Boston.
- Sch. Virginia, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Mary A. Gleason, pollocking.
- Sch. James and Esther, pollocking.
- Sch. Rhodora, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt trawl bank cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.37½ for medium.

Bank halibut, 11 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray, heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Dorw handline cod, \$4.80 per cwt. for large; \$4.40 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Eastern cod, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.

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Dory Handline Sales.

The last sales on fares of dory handline salt cod is \$4.80 per hundred weight for large, \$4.40 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers. This price was paid on the fare of sch. Maxine Elliott which arrived home recently and has since been paid on the fares of schs. Tattler, Olga and Aloha. It is a raise of five cents, the prices on mediums and snappers remaining the same as before.

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THE NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING FLEET.

Will Probably Number 65 Vessels the Present Season.

Of the Newfoundland herring fleet, three have already arrived home, schs. Atalanta, Mystery and Smuggler. Sch. Atalanta is fitting for a second trip and the two others may also follow.

The other vessels which sailed on herring voyages are as follows:

Schs. Fannie A. Smith, Corsair, Essex, Avalon, Constellation and Oriole, these six being on pan frozen herring trips.

Schs. Saladin, S. P. Willard, Helen G. Wells, Independence II., Oregon, Lottie G. Merchant, Rob Roy, Ralph L. Hall, Arthur James, Alert, Indiana, Sylvania, Gov. Russell, Miranda, Annie M. Parker, Harry A. Nickerson, J. J. Flaherty, Judique, Jennie B. Hodgdon, John R. Bradley, Georgie Campbell, Veda M. McKown, Ella M. Goodwin, Lena and Maud, Priscilla Smith, Arkona, Lucinda I. Lowell, Elizabeth N., T. M. Nicholson, Lizzie Griffin, Clintonia, Monarch, Blanche, Gladiator, Dauntless, Alice R. Lawson, Maxine Elliott, Arcadia, Bohemia, Meteor, Norma, Flirt, Senator Gardner and Ramona. About all of these have gone for salt herring cargoes, a few having gone for partly salt and partly frozen.

Sch. Clintonia, wholly for frozen herring.

In addition to these the following crafts are fitting or will fit, indeed some of them are all ready to sail:

Schs. Arethusa, Aloha, Athlete, Tattler, Hiram Lowell, Olga, Gossip, Theodore Roosevelt, Thomas A. Cromwell, Ellen C. Burke and possibly another of the T. M. Nicholson Bucksport fleet.

From this port one or two more crafts may go, but it is thought that the list as above comprises about the entire fleet, which will number from 63 to 65 sail in all.

Should herring fishing continue good on the Treaty coast bays undoubtedly many vessels will make second trips.

Quite a number of the vessels are now on the way home with salt herring cargoes, among them schs. S. P. Willard, Helen G. Wells, Miranda, Annie M. Parker, T. M. Nicholson and Alice R. Lawson.

Last year the American herring fleet comprised 52 sail. One of the fleet was lost at Bay of Islands, six made second trips, and one, sch. Indiana, made a third trip, so that the American fleet produced 58 cargoes last season. With a continuance of the run of herring this season's record will eclipse this by many cargoes.

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New Otter Trawler.

The new steam otter trawler Ripple will probably be launched tomorrow at the yard of the Fore River Company, Quincy. It will take some time longer, however, to put the vessel in condition for fishing.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

The British sch. Athol was at Halifax, N. S., on Friday, from Sandy Point, St. George's Bay, N. F., with 1065 barrels of salt herring.

Sch. George Parker was at Canso, N. S., on Thursday.

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Portland Fish Notes.

The gasoline boat Good Luck had the bad luck early Friday morning while coming in from a herring trip during a thick fog to run ashore on Cunner Rock off Fish Point. She hung there all day hard and fast, but her owner engaged Levi Bernstein to pull her off at high tide Friday evening and she was floated with but little damage.

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SMALL SUPPLY TO MEET DEMAND.

STORM FORCES UP FISH PRICES AT T WHARF THIS MORNING.

It is the expected condition of things which prevails at T wharf this morning—a good trade and little in sight in the way of fish to meet the demand. Three of the market boats have showed up from somewhere with a handful of live stock, two of the offshore big fellows have been blown in from the eastward on the wings of the gale with good trips, and one of the Channel fleet, which got in Saturday afternoon, and laid over until this morning to sell, are all that the dealers have to draw on to fill orders although they have got a small reserve supply from the several offshore trips which they took out Saturday and did not move the whole of.

Prices are good and the present condition of the supply and the state of the weather argues well for big prices all the week. Live shore haddock and cod brought \$6, while offshore haddock sold at \$4 for new and even the old went for \$3. Offshore large cod brought \$4 and hake went from \$1.50 to \$4, according to size. Cusk fetched \$2 and the few pollock in sold from \$3 to \$3.25. One craft which had 800 pounds of halibut got 21 cents a pound for them.

The offshore vessels in were the John Hays Hammond and Lillian, the former with 48,000 and the latter with 50,000 pounds. Both will stock well.

The fares and prices this morning in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. John Hays Hammond, 31,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 3000 hake, 800 halibut.
- Sch. Lillian, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2000 hake, 8000 cusk.
- Sch. E. C. Hussey, 3000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1500 pollock.
- Sch. Mattakesett, 5500 haddock, 2800 cod, 2500 hake.
- Sch. Priscilla, 3000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
- Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 9000 hake.

Haddock, \$3 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$6; market cod, \$2.65 to \$3.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$4; cusk, \$3; pollock, \$3 to \$3.25; halibut, 21 cents per lb.

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STORM TIES UP FISHING FLEET.

Market Boats and Herring Torchers Kept in Port By Breeze.

Gale Was On Anniversary of Terrible Portland Blow.

For three days a coast storm has been thrashing about off shore, with its western boundary sweeping the New England shoreline with wind velocities averaging nearly a mile-a-minute.

The gale first made itself felt on Cape Cod last Friday, but did not reach its height until Saturday and yesterday, when a maximum velocity of 65 miles an hour was reached. The storm on the Cape was accompanied by snow and rain squalls, with occasional spells of blustering weather. As the storm center was northeast of Cape Cod, incoming liners during the next few days probably will have stories to tell of its effects.

Up to dark last night no serious disaster had been reported, but shipping was considerably hampered by the storm.

The long continued storm has effectually tied up the whole shore fishing fleet, and the bait torching fleet as well. At T wharf, as well as at Provincetown, Portland and this port, market boats are tied up snug and if the weather bureau prognostication of a week of storms is correct, they are down on the card to do little or no fishing for some few days to come. The venturesome half dozen which left T wharf yesterday, hoping for a chance to fish today, did not get far and were obliged to put in at this port and tie up with the big fleet already here.

Torchers Fear Snow May Come.

The herring torchers have not been over to the torching grounds at Essex and Ipswich since last Friday, and from present appearances they will not get over tonight. The torchers are praying for the snow to hold off, for any amount of it they say will drive off the main body of the herring schools,

and they are figuring on some good fishing yet before the season closes.

The offshore schs. Lillian and John Hays Hammond, which arrived at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, from the eastward, report very heavy weather since leaving the fishing grounds, with heavy snow squalls for ten hours while crossing the Bay of Fundy. Sch. E. C. Hussey of the shore fleet, which arrived at T wharf yesterday, reports loss of main gaff.

No serious disasters, with loss of life, have been reported and it is felt that shore shipping generally had pretty good warning of the storm and made sheltering ports in safety.

Incoming Craft Find Gale of Great Intensity.

The steamer Prince Arthur, at Boston yesterday, from Yarmouth, N. S., had a hard trip across the Bay of Fundy. Her deck was swept of everything movable and her captain reports a very wicked sea running and also encountered a ten-hour snow storm. The Nova Scotia sch. Mercedes, bound for Boston, is ashore in the Bay of Fundy and will probably be a total loss.

So severe was the storm at Cape Cod that many steamers and big craft were unable to get around the Cape and are anchored down back of the Cape until the gale subsides. About all of them are bound for Boston.

It is a coincidence that the gale happened on the twelfth anniversary of the Portland gale, the terrible storm in which the steamer Portland went down at this port, with all on board, on the night of November 27, 1898. While the gale of Saturday and Sunday has been a severe one, the worst of the winter thus far, and in some places at sea accompanied by snow, still it falls far short of equalling that famous gale in severity and intensity, although it has been of longer duration.

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CANADIAN FISHERIES INCREASED.

Total Value Last Year Was \$29,629,169, an Increase of 149,607.

The annual report of the Canadian Fisheries Department as tabled in the commons Wednesday, shows that the total value of all kinds of fish and fish products taken by Canadian fishermen during the last fiscal year was \$29,629,169.

This sum constitutes a record being \$4,178,084 greater than that of 1908, and \$149,607 better than the total of 1905, which was the previous record. The great increase in the value is due to the increased catches in the Western Provinces, British Columbia alone contributing nearly four millions of the increase.

The total number of men directly engaged in the work of the fisheries throughout Canada last year was 90,357. In commenting on the action of the department taken two years ago to assist fishermen on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in transporting fresh fish to the inland Provinces by means of special fast freight services and government assistance in the way of meeting the express charges, the report says:

"Before the question of improved facilities was taken up by the department, the interior Canadian markets were practically altogether supplied from the United States. Of course there are some kinds of fish not caught off the Canadian coasts, and for which there is a certain demand at hotels, etc., which continue, and no doubt will continue to be brought into Canada, but that the trade in staple food fish such as cod, haddock, halibut, salmon, etc., which previously obtained

with the United States, has been practically altogether replaced by Canadian fish, is quite obvious.

"In 1906, the imports of fresh fish from the United States into Ontario and Quebec was 1,968,552 pounds. In 1908 such importations had fallen off to 1,180,543 pounds, while during the year which ended on March 31, 1910, such shipments excluding oysters in the shell and lobsters, of which there were 2,115 barrels of the former, and 26 barrels of the latter, had fallen off to but 761,569 pounds.

"Not only has the importations of fresh fish from the United States been practically supplanted; but the consumption of such wholesome and nutritious food, drawn from Canadian sources is rapidly increasing."

Nova Scotia Fisheries Returned Value of \$8,081,111.

For the year under review the fisheries of Nova Scotia returned a value amounting to \$8,081,111. This is an increase of \$71,272.

Salmon has fallen \$9,000 in value, while the value of herring has advanced by \$147,800.

The value of mackerel has taken a large drop being \$367,000 less than the previous year. The value of lobsters has dropped \$244,871, owing chiefly to stormy weather during the spring and early summer.

Cod shows a very large increase in value. The advance over last year amounts to \$655,000.

The total value of haddock has risen by \$98,000 over last year.

The value of pollock and halibut has also dropped by \$3,000 and \$4,500 respectively.

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SCH. DICTATOR SOLD.

Capt. Spinney and Thompson Will Have New Craft Built.

Sch. Dictator of this port, 126 tons gross, 92 tons net, built at Essex in 1901, has been sold to Messrs. Tebo of Grand Bank, N. F., and will soon proceed to her new home port.

Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney and Fred Thompson, the owners of the Dictator, will now have a new vessel built right away for the latter skipper, who has been in command of the craft for the past two or three seasons and made a most remarkable record in the Georges halibut fishery.

Capt. Thompson has certainly earned a new craft all right and his many friends hope that he will continue his success in the prospective new flyer which will be of the most up-to-date model and finely equipped.

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BANQUET FOR ELDER.

Counsel for the Fishermen Honored By a Dinner Last Evening.

Hon. Samuel J. Elder was honored by a company of judges and attorneys at a dinner at the Boston City club last evening and in return delighted them, together with a large gathering of club members, by recounting his experience at The Hague and discussing the proceedings there in the fisheries dispute between the United States and Canada.

The affair was complimentary to Mr. Elder's success in defending the interests of the American fishermen. He was praised by the speakers at the postprandial exercises, which were attended by about 150, and later applauded and cheered by 600 men when he delivered his address in the large hall.

Among those present was William A. Pew, Jr., of this city.

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Herring Fleet Was Stormbound.

The continued northerly winds of the past week have kept the fleet of American fishing vessels which have been at North Sydney, C. B., for harbor from proceeding to Bay of Islands. Several of the vessels started Monday and were obliged to come back to port again.

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GOING AFTER HERRING.

GORTON-PEW COMPANY CHARTER THREE VESSELS FOR BAY OF ISLANDS CATCH.

A letter to the Boston Fish Bureau from Bay of Islands, N. F., states that several vessels have arrived there recently to load. Herring have been very plentiful in all the Arms and at Bonne Bay, but now show some signs of slacking off, although the fishing is still good. The quality and size continues fine at Bay of Islands, but the weather holds mild and there has been no frost as yet.

Advices here are to the effect that no more salt herring craft have sailed for home, although several are pretty well along with their loading and will sail soon, weather permitting. The first of the frozen pan fleet, sch. Fannie A. Smith, has finished loading and is now on the way home. The report that sch. Harry A. Nickerson has loaded with salt herring at Bonne Bay, and sailed, is erroneous. She was probably confounded with sch. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport, which is loaded with salt herring and on the way, although the cargo will probably not come to this port.

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company has chartered sch. Madonna and will send her right away to Bay of Islands for a cargo of herring. This is the third vessel this concern has chartered for the herring fishery, schs. Ellen C. Burke and Gov. Russell being the two others.

The British schs. Strathcona and B. G. Anderson are at Bay of St. Georges, N. F., for cargoes of salt herring which will probably go to the Canadian market.

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HAD A HARD TIME.

Sch. E. C. Hussey Out in the Big Blow of Yesterday.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, which had been fishing on Georges bank, and reached T wharf for yesterday's market, had a mighty hard time of it after she got up in the Bay and also came very close indeed to losing one or more of her crew.

The craft made in by the Highland all right, but when up off Scituate and making a hitch into the bay, a big comber swept across the deck and back into the ocean again taking with it everything movable in the way of gurry kids, barrels and other deck fittings.

When the sea struck, Dennis Porter and Edgar LeBlanc were at the wheel. The rushing wave swept the latter off his feet, tore him clear of his grip on the wheel and washed him down into the scuppers and up against the lee rail. Here Porter caught hold of his oil jacket and saved him from the danger of being swept out over the rail. LeBlanc was bruised up some but he is lucky to be alive.

The Hussey brought in a mackerel, a tinker, about six inches long, which was washed on deck in the midst of the storm, by one of the waves and left lying on the deck.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Margaret Dillon brought 3000 pounds of mixed fish and sch. Evelyn M. Thompson 4000 pounds, Saturday. The sloop Naman brought 1000 lobsters to N. F. Trefethen.

Some of the herring catchers are still doing business, about 175 barrels having been brought in on Saturday and landed at the Portland Cold Storage plant on Central wharf.