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QUICK TRIP OF SCH. INGOMAR.

LANDS OVER 75,000 POUNDS OF FRESH FISH ON SIX DAYS TRIP.

When it comes to big and hurry-up trips this winter, there are none that have anything on Capt. Horace Wildes of sch. Ingomar. He has certainly been pushing this craft back and forth to Georges on steamer schedule. Only early last week he bobbed in here with a trip and struck one of those pleasing $5 markets, and on Thursday again set sail for Georges. He could not have fished much this time, could not have had many sets, and he must have struck good fishing, for last night he was back here with another fare, a big one, between 75,000 and 80,000 pounds of fresh fish, all of which means another big stock to add to the Ingomar's already handsome winter score.

Sch. Arbutus, one of the Georges handlining fleet, came in this morning, with a small catch, her trip being broken up, when she was on good fishing, by her rudder having pounded adrift in one of the recent heavy blows which she rode out on the bank. With the rudder swinging helplessly about and pounding the stern there was nothing to do but give up the voyage and work her to port to repair and this Capt. Creighton and his crew did.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Ingomar, Georges, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Arbutus, Georges, handlining, 12,000 lbs. salt cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Bohemia, Boston, in tow of tug Eveleth.

Sch. Premier, Boston, in tow of tug Sadie Ross.

Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, $4.12 1-2 per bbl., Bonne Bay salt herring, $3.62½ per bbl., pickled herring $5 per bbl.

Eastern deck handline salt cod, $5.55 per cwt.; for large $5 for mediums and $5 for snappers.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb., for white, 10¾c for gray, with the heads off.

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

Salt haddock, $2 per cwt.

Salt hake, $2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, $2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, $2.50 per cwt.; medium, $1.80; snappers, 80c.

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

Haddock, $1.30 per cwt.; hake, $1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, $1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, $1.20 per cwt.

Georges handline salt cod, $5.55 for large and $5.50 for medium.

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THE HALIBUT INDUSTRY.

CLAIM THAT VESSEL OWNERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENT CONDITIONS.

To the Editor of the Times: —In perusing recent issues of your paper. I was a trifle amused and perhaps a little interested at the ill-concealed spirit of malice conveyed by your correspondent who signs himself "Citizen."

This writer evidently desires to learn why so much of the halibut catch of our Gloucester vessels is sold at outside ports instead of being brought to Gloucester.

As secretary of the Gloucester Board of Trade, to which organization "Citizen" referred, I felt it my duty to make some inquiries among the vessel owners of the city, and I find that they are not responsible for present conditions.

Permit me to say therefore that the explanation of the situation would be willingly made known on application of an citizen who conscientiously desire the information and is not afraid to reveal his identity.

Courtesy and frankness are always to be commended and an anonymous writer in neglecting these cardinal attributes is deserving of scant consideration.

R. W. Freeman,
Secretary, Gloucester Board of Trade.

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MUCH FRESH FISH AT BOSTON.

STEAM TRAWLERS FOAM AND RIPPLE AT T WHARF WITH GOOD FARES.

Two of the steam trawling fleet reached T wharf this morning with big fares, the Ripple having 63,000 and the Foam 78,000 pounds. Besides these there are five of the offshore sailing craft in with catches which will help out the market materially. Sch. Mary F. Curtis, with 62,000 pounds, had the largest amount, the other trips running from 36,000 to 55,000 pounds. Three of the market boats in have ordinary fares. Prices continue good. Haddock brought from $2 to $3.25 and large cod sold at $5.25 and $5.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Steamer Foam, 75,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Steamer Ripple, 60,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Esperanto, 45,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 35,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 40,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 55,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Aspinet, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Washakie, 700 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Haddock, $2 to $3.25 per cwt.; large cod, $5.25 to $5.50; market cod, $3 to $4.25.

STILL BUYING HERRING.

Newfoundland Schooner Loading for This Port at St. Jacques.

A St. John's, N. F. dispatch of Saturday says that Capt. Corkum is still at St. Jacques purchasing herring for Gloucester market, for which he is paying 60c a hundred, but to the present has only about 250 barrels. These are stored at St. Jacques, and well frozen. On Wednesday, sch. Coronation of Grand Bank, which is chartered by Captain Corkum, arrived at St. Jacques, and will remain there until she is loaded. At the present time herring are scarce in this vicinity, but a couple of good hauls in seines would be sufficient to load the Coronation. The price being paid per barrel, green, as taken from the net, is $2.60, or $1.35 more than the standard price.

Schs. Hispaniola, Capt. John Lewis, and sch. Excelda, Capt. J. F. Lewis, are now seeking cargoes of herring in Fortune Bay.

The former schooner is in Connaigre Bay, and will be ready to sail for Boston with a full frozen cargo within a few days. The Excelda is at Harbor Breton and to date has only about 300 barrels on board. When the Portia was coming east, John Rose, in Connaigre Bay, had about 900 barrels jammed in his seine, which would be sufficient to complete the cargo of sch. Hispaniola.

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Discharged Herring Cargoes.

Schs. Bohemia and Premier have completed the discharge of their frozen herring at Boston and were towed here today.

Sch. Tattler went to Boston this morning to take out her frozen cargo.

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Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, is at Portland today with 18,000 pounds of halibut.

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LOOKING THIS WAY.

The National Fishball.

Gloucester is howling over the removal of the tariff from fish and Maine protests against admitting potatoes free. Thus does the fishball attain national prominence.— New Bedford Times.

Both in the Same Boat.

"You are seeing ghosts," said President Taft to a Gloucester delegation calling on him to protest against the reciprocity agreement. Too bad our congressman is also "seeing things."—Haverhill Record.

How Would They Like This?

If the fishermen fear the effects of free fish from Canada, what do they believe would be the result if the tariff were changed so as to admit also the free importation of fish from across the Atlantic, and especially from Northern Europe?—Boston Advertiser.

Only One Opinion in Nova Scotia.

"Concerning free fish we do not see how there can be two opinions in Nova Scotia particularly among those who remember long enough back to the time when the United States markets were open to us before. Those were the days of prosperity to the fishermen and incidentally to all of us. Along the shore hundreds of schooners were employed fishing where there is not one today; our men stayed at home instead of fishing from Gloucester and Boston as they do at present. Schooner and boat building and kindred trade flourished and while it may be well argued that these latter have been carried on successfully the past few years yet how much more of a boom would there be if the fish markets of the United States were opened to us and we were catching 100 pounds of fish to every 10 caught today.

"We can only say in conclusion that if the whole scope of this treaty will tend to do as much good to the whole of Canada as free fish undoubtedly will for Nova Scotia, then indeed every man in Canada should do his utmost to bring it to a successful issue."—Shelburne Gazette.

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SCH. ESSEX ARRIVES HOME.

WAS CAUGHT IN THE ICE AT BONNE BAY BUT FORTUNATELY GOT CLEAR.

There are but two arrivals here from sea this morning, sch. Valerie, Capt. Albert Larkin, with a fine fare of fresh fish and 2000 pounds of halibut on the side to boost the stock and share, and sch. Essex, from Bonne Bay, N. F., via Port au Basques, with a full cargo of frozen herring.

The Essex, it will be remembered, got frozen in the ice at Bonne Bay, being the first craft to get caught, but was fortunately able to escape after it looked as though she would be there for the winter. She then went to Bay of Islands and got a few herring, and from there got out with the the rest of the last leaving bunch and went to Port au Basques, where herring were brought to her from Bay of Islands and she loaded easily. She had a good chance home for she has only been five days from Port au Basques.

Sch. Essex reports leaving schs. Maxine Elliott and Oregon at Port au Basques, N. F. They had part fares of codfish and were taking on herring.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Valerie, LaHave Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Essex, Bonne Bay, N. F., via Port au Basques, 900 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elk, haliputing.
Sch. Selma, haliputing.
Sch. Conqueror, haddocking.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, haddocking.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Yankee, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Manomet, haddocking.
Sch. Valentinna, haddocking.

The large fleet of steam, gasoline and sailing vessels of the pollock fleet also went out today.