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NO CRAFT IN THIS MORNING.

EASTERLY WITH FAIR RUN HOME OUGHT TO BRING SOME SOON, HOWEVER.

It was somewhat expected that this morning would find a trip or two of haddock and halibut here, and more especially so where the stiff easterly had been blowing for half the night, but the expectations went astray for the morning light revealed no craft at anchor waiting to market a catch.

Some crafts are looked for, however, during the day or by tomorrow morning and an easterly with its good run home, generally brings a bunch of them along that otherwise would stop and fish a day or so longer.

What shore boats there were in went out early in the evening, but this morning they were all back and will stay tied up today at least.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Steamer Quoddy, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Prince Olof, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Weazel, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Nomad, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Mindora, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Eagle, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
- Sch. Rebecca, shore.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
- Sch. Harriett, shore.
- Sch. Leo, shore.
- Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.
- Steamer Besie M. Dugan, pollock seining.
- Sch. Manomet, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, pollock seining.

Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

Today's Fish Market.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.00 for medium.
 Bank halibut, 10c per lb., for white and 8c 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.

ICE ON QUERO BANK.

Capt. Charles Wilson of the Agnes at Portland Reports the Condition.

The great ice field, extending from the Gulf of St. Lawrence and through the Cabot strait, to the east and southward, has forced its way onto Quero Bank, the present season fishing ground of the fresh halibut fleet and the ground over which the early salt bankers fish on the start of their trips. One of the local halibut fleet, sch. Agnes, has already been caught in the ice field and worked out of it after much endeavor, with the loss of an anchor and some cable.

The Agnes, under command of Capt. Charles Wilson arrived at Portland yesterday afternoon with 8000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Wilson reports the icefield of wide extent. The craft got caught in its embrace March 2, while a fierce snow storm was in progress, accompanied by a heavy wind. The great cakes, tossed by the heavy sea made the craft's position a dangerous one and it was several days before she was able to free herself from the danger zone.

The Agnes sold her fare at 9 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

Change in Skippers.

Capt. Joseph Barrett will now take command of sch. N. A. Rowe in the cod netting fishery and Capt. Alex Goyetche, formerly of the Rowe, will now command the sloop Nettle in the same line of fishing.

Four Trips in 10 Days.

Capt. Maurice Lubece has been letting no grass grow on the keel of his sch. George H. Lubece and the last 10 days have been harvest time all right with all on board of her. In that time they have made four trips, landing one at Portland and three at T wharf, stocking \$2500, while every man Jack of the 14 who man her has taken down \$85 clear as his share. Talk about gold mining or banking, there is nothing like fishing when things are breaking good for a skipper and crew!

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Yarmouth Doing Well at Haddocking.

The haddockers which have been fishing out of Digby and Yarmouth, N. S., this season have been bringing in some big catches from Brown's bank and little LaHave. Several fares of 100,000 pounds of haddock have been reported. Today the sch. Dorothy M. Smart is at Digby with 85,000 pounds of cod and haddock. On Saturday sch. Kernwood arrived at Yarmouth with 45,000 pounds, the result of one day's fishing and sch. Albert J. Lutz, there at the same time, had 35,000 pounds.

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FALLING OFF IN RECEIPTS.

BUT DEALERS SEEM TO HAVE ENOUGH TO CARE FOR THEIR WANTS.

Fish receipts at T wharf today are not so heavy as on the previous mornings this week, still there is enough for the dealers. Prices hold about the same, off-shore haddock doing a little better than yesterday, bringing \$2 and \$2.25.

Of the 11 arrivals, four are from off-shore, sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, bringing the largest catch, 86,000 pounds. The market boat Mary B. Greer was not far behind her with 82,000 pounds, which must be about all she can carry. The captain of the Greer has been fishing with the off-shore fleet on Georges for several trips and has been getting his share all right, and more.

This catch will net him and his crew a very large stock. The steam trawler Spray is in again and with an ordinary fare, while the Provincetown Frances V. Sylvia with 70,000 pounds and the Morning Star with 65,000 pounds completes the off-shore receipts up to opening time.

The market boats, with the exception of sch. Matthew S. Greer, have small catches, the Greer with 9000 of hake in her 13,000 pound catch being in line with another fine financial return.

Shore haddock brought \$4.50, cod sold from \$3 and \$3.80, hake, \$2 to \$5 and pollock, \$3.80.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

- Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 pollock.
 - Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 40,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
 - Sch. Conqueror, 70,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
 - Sch. Mary B. Greer, 65,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
 - Steamer Spray, 46,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
 - Sch. Harriet, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Edith Silveira, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. Clara G. Silva, 2500 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.
 - Sch. Athena, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 - Sch. Morning Star, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 - Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 9000 hake, 2000 cusk.
- Off-shore haddock, \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$4.50; cod, \$3 to \$3.80; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$3.80.

One of the Profitable Trips.

One of the most profitable trips of the winter in the haddock fleet was that just completed by sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, of this port. Illness has kept the captain ashore this winter, but following his usual custom, he went to Georges when it was about time for the cod school to strike, it being his first trip out for the season. He found big fishing and brought in 110,000 pounds of cod and haddock, stock-

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ing \$2507.06 and on this each man of the crew received \$78 clear for his share. Capt. Mesquita will now hustle his craft back to Georges for another catch.

Still Fitting Out.

The schooners Joseph P. Johnson and Philip P. Manta, which have been held back at Provincetown because of difficulty in getting crews, are being fitted out and will probably be in the fishing fleet next week. They are the last of the Provincetown vessels to get ready this year, and are two months later than in former years.

Provincetown vessels have not been coming to T wharf as regularly this year as in the last. The captains find it is as easy to run into the home port, and ship their fish up there, thereby saving a lot of time.

Some Good Stocks.

The little shore fishing sch. Yankee Capt. John Dench, has made a remarkable record on her last three short trips, stocking \$2100, while the crew shared \$100 each clear.

Sch. Metamora stocked \$2100 on her fare of fresh fish landed at T wharf yesterday.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum of this port, is another of the crafts which fared well this week, for on her cod and haddock trip landed at T wharf, Tuesday, the fine stock of \$1900 was made.

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INGOMAR IN FROM GEORGES.

HARD WEATHER KEEPS SHORE FLEET FROM GOING OUT TODAY.

The howling northwester which followed the easterly rain storm brought two arrivals here during the night, sch. Ingomar bucking in from Georges and taking on a winter ice coating as she came across the bay. Capt. Horace Wildes hails for 50,000 pounds, half haddock and half cod. Sch. Mattie Winship, of the two hooker fleet, came in from the same ground with a good fare, 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut.

The wind continues heavy this forenoon and none of the shore fishing fleet have gone out. The northwest storm signals are still displayed and nothing will go today except perhaps some of the big crafts which are looking for a fast run off, under short canvases.

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- Sch. Ingomar, Georges bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges bank, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Agnes, via Portland.
- Sch. Flavilla, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Aspinet, shore.
- Sch. Maude F. Silva, via Boston.
- Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
- Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, shore.

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Portugal Is Using Good Judgment.

The Republic was barely established in Portugal when a law was passed with respect to fishing by steam vessels. One of the provisions is that steam trawl fishing shall only be allowed outside the 100-fathom line,

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and not nearer than three miles from the coast. Any vessel found infringing the law in this way will be seized, with its nets and catch, the catch will be confiscated, and the vessel prohibited from carrying on the fishing for a year. Portuguese vessels are forbidden to receive fish at sea from foreign vessels.

Lobsters Scarce and High.

Lobsters are scarce and high and "broiled live" is more of a luxury than ever. The price of the crustaceans at first hand has been steadily advancing and a few days ago at Yarmouth, N. S., a new price record was established for M. H. Nickerson & Company paid \$40 for one crate, to ship. This is the highest price ever paid at Yarmouth.

We May Keep Both.

The Fishing Gazette says editorially:

"Somebody suggests that if Gloucester loses the fishing industry through reciprocity, it could take summer boarders, and make more money out of them. But it will probably get the fish and the boarders, too."

Highest Known for Lobsters.

Live lobsters reached 43 cents a pound wholesale, at Portland, yesterday.

This is the highest known in the market for years and probably is a record. The bad weather in Maine and Nova Scotia is the principal cause for the shortage.

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STARTING FOR THE WEST.

OVER SCORE OF FISHERMEN LEFT YESTERDAY FOR ANACORTES, WASHINGTON.

When the 6.29 train pulled out of Gloucester station last evening, it bore with it 23 Gloucester fishermen, bound to seek their fortunes in the fisheries of the Pacific coast.

The definite aim of the party is to make Anacortes, Washington, where they will secure their outfits and immediately go on board some of the vessels of the Robinson Fish Company's fleet, either the Joseph or the Alice, and sail away for the northern Alaskan waters on a salt codfishing trip, with the expectation of being back to port, with all sails set, in September.

During the day the clothes bags slowly gathered at the station and for a time it looked as though the party would number but few, but before train time the dunnage came with a rush, so that when "all aboard" was given, 23 there were who were on their way west.

The party is in charge of Freeman Thorburn, a former Gloucester fisherman, who went to Anacortes six years ago and is still fishing from that place, going hand in one of the Robinson vessels. He did not secure as many men as he wanted, although at one time he had fully 75 or 80 names on his list. It is understood that he was anxious to get between 30 and 40 and at one time there were probably that many who had intended going with him, but quite a number of them changed their minds before the day of leaving came and decided that Gloucester was good enough for them.

A large crowd of relatives and friends and old shipmates of the men who were going, gathered at the station to see them off and the leave taking was at once jovial and serious. There were no "good byes"—it was all "good luck, old man; take care of yourself." As the train drew out of the station, those staying behind, sent up a cheer for the fellows who were going.

The complete list of those who comprised the Thorburn party is: Fred Hanson, Ledwick Snow, Thomas Armsworthy, Horace Goodick, A. C. Allen, Alexander Campbell, George Powers, Adrian Saultier, Manuel Silva, Lemuel Nickerson, William B. Penney, Edward Martin, William Johnson, David Brewton, Joseph Mullen, Michael J. Getheral, James Milmo, Charles Brown, Allen McDonald, Jabez Klippen, Maurice Fletcher, William Selig and Gildad Dahison.

MASSACHUSETTS FIRST ^{March 16.} IN THE FISHERIES.

We Have 13 Per Cent. of the Total Industry of the Entire Country.

Cod Product Most Important of All in the Line of Work.

Washington, D. C., March 15, 1911.—In the forthcoming special United States census report on the fisheries industry of the United States for 1908 to be submitted to the secretary of the Department of commerce and labor by Director E. Dana Durand of the census bureau there are included particular reports on the fisheries of 38 states, Massachusetts heading the list with 13 per cent. of the total of quantity and value of the fisheries of the entire country.

Massachusetts ranked first among all the states in 1908 in the value of fishery products, namely \$7,095,000 and in the amount of capital invested in that industry, \$5,749,000, while in the number of persons employed it ranked third with 11,577; Virginia being first and Maryland second.

Cod, haddock and mackerel were the most important species of fish taken, in Massachusetts, the catch of each of these being larger than that of any other state. Massachusetts ranked first also in the catch of 15 other kinds of fish, and second in 10 others.

The pre-eminence of this state in the fish industry is due primarily to the great importance of its sailing vessels, or "off-shore" fisheries, the headquarters of which are concentrated in a few ports, notably Gloucester and Boston, long famous as the home of the "Grand Bankers."

Increasing Value of Products.

By comparison of the fisheries statistics for 1889, 1898 and 1902 and 1905, it is seen that since 1889, at each successive canvass, except 1898, a larger value of products was reported than at the preceding canvass, but as the other items, the figures for 1898 are less than for 1898. During the last decade, however, there has been a gradual improvement in the fishing industry in Massachusetts.

In 1908 the districts in which Gloucester and Boston are situated, represented about 70 per cent. of the total number of persons employed, the total capital invested in vessels and shore property, and total value of products.

The number of persons employed in the Massachusetts fisheries formed 8 per cent. of the total for the entire United States, while the investment of capital was larger than that of any other state, comprising 14 per cent. of the total for the United States. Practically 73 per cent. of the total investment in Massachusetts fisheries was in deep water vessels and their outfits, there being a total of 638 crafts with a value of \$4,204,000. The value of sailing vessels and their outfits was almost five times that of the steam vessels.

In the fishery products of Massachusetts, 60 distinct species were represented, the most important being cod, valued at \$1,944,000; haddock at \$1,338,000; and mackerel at \$761,000; which three species constituted 53 per cent. of the value of the total fishery products of the entire state. The cod and the haddock catch brought to port by the "bankers" each exceeded \$1,000,000 in value, while for eight other products, clams, herring, pollock, halibut, lobsters, sperm oil, hake and oysters values in excess of \$2,000,000 were reported. Flounders, swordfish and scallops had values in excess of \$1,000,000. The product of the vessel fisheries, \$5,497,000, represented 77 per cent. of the total value, and those of the shore and boat fisheries, \$1,598,000 or 23 per cent.

Apparatus of Capture.

In regard to the value of fisheries catch by each form of apparatus of capture, by far the largest amount, \$8,939,000, or nearly 60 per cent. was taken by hand lines. Seines come second with a total value of \$806,000, followed in order by dredges, gill nets, whale apparatus, lobster traps, etc. Of the total catch with hand lines, cod

In shore and boat fisheries.

Though taken in quantities sufficient to class them among the more important products of the Massachusetts fisheries, oysters were of far less importance than in the states of the South. The quantity taken has increased steadily, but the value of the product has fluctuated greatly. Private beds furnished 96 per cent. of the entire quantity.

Mackerel were taken mostly with seines, 78 per cent. of the total value representing the value of the seine haul. Gill nets took most of the remainder, the catch with this form of apparatus representing 19 per cent. of the total value.

Herring's Large Proportion.

The value of the herring product constituted five per cent. of the total value of fish products for the state and 43 per cent. of the total value of herring for the United States, Massachusetts ranking second to Maine in this respect. The percentage which the catch represents of the total value of products of the state has decreased steadily since 1898. Since 1905, despite a large increase in quantity, this fish has suffered a large decrease in value. Of the total value of the herring product, 72 per cent. was reported by the vessel fisheries.

Pollock was another important species of Massachusetts fishery product, the value of the state catch constituting over three-fourths of the value of the total pollock of the country. Nearly 85 per cent. of the Massachusetts catch was made in vessel fisheries. In value and in relative importance, pollock has increased rapidly and uniformly since 1898, although in 1908 the quantity taken was considerably less than in 1905.

The halibut catch of Massachusetts showed an increase in both quantity and value in 1908 over 1905, but a marked falling off as compared with the returns for other years. In 1889 and 1898 it ranked next to cod, and not until the canvass of 1905 did it represent less than 10 per cent. of the total value of products for the state. The catch of Massachusetts, though far below that of the state of Washington, contributed 20 per cent. of the total value of the halibut product of the United States, and ranked second in importance. Halibut was practically a vessel-fishery product.

The hake product for Massachusetts represented 63 per cent. in value of the catch for the United States, although it decreased in quantity from 1905 to 1908. In spite of the great fluctuations in quantity the value has steadily increased since 1889. It is pre-eminently a vessel-fishery product.

Other Minor Statistics.

The hard, soft and razor varieties of clam were all reported by the Massachusetts fisheries. The last-named were not taken in large quantities; for the other two varieties, the value of the products reported was nearly the same. Clams were taken almost wholly in shore and boat fisheries.

The value of the whale oil, sperm oil and walrus reported for Massachusetts, about two-thirds of which represented the value of sperm oil alone, comprised 68 per cent. of the total reported for the United States in 1908. Since 1889 the value of the whale products of the state has decreased more or less steadily, the year 1898 alone showing a smaller value than 1908. These products which were exclusively vessel-fishery products were taken principally by the New Bedford whaling fleets.

In the catch of lobsters, Massachusetts was second to Maine. The large increase in quantity and value in 1908, as compared with 1905, is worthy of note, compared with the gradual decrease in quantity and slight increase in value shown for prior canvasses. Over 95 per cent. of the total value of the lobster product represented the value of lobsters taken

formed the largest part, \$1,876,000, or about 50 per cent.; followed in order of value by haddock with \$995,000, halibut with \$309,000, hake with \$289,000, and pollock with \$250,000.

The mackerel catch was by far the largest item of value of the fisheries catch with seines, being \$594,000 out of a total of \$806,000 for all other kinds, herring, pollock, haddock, cod, alewives, etc.

Cod Product Most Important.

The most important product of the Massachusetts fisheries was cod which contributed 27 per cent. of the total value in 1908. The state's catch of cod formed 64 per cent. of that of the entire United States. The quantity and value of the product were less in 1908 than in 1899 but greater than for any other year shown. Cod was taken chiefly by the vessel fisheries which reported 93 per cent. of the total value. Nearly the whole product, or 97 per cent. was caught by lines.

Haddock ranked second in value, contributed 15 per cent. of the total value of the Massachusetts fisheries product. The catch formed 80 per cent. of the haddock product, in value, for the United States and was taken almost wholly in the vessel fisheries. About the same proportion of haddock, or 96 per cent. of the total value, was taken with lines, as in the case of cod. Mackerel, which stood third in va-

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MONEY IN FLOUNDERS.

Dredgers Down on the South Shore Making Good Money This Season.

Flounders have been abundant off Cape Cod, millions coming in off the coast at Hyannis a few years ago, and since that time the 50 or more power boats engaged in catching them have made a lot of money, some of the more successful fishermen cleaning up several thousands of dollars a year.

Provincetown was formerly the headquarters for the fleet of flounder dredgers so called, but when the fish were found off Hyannis in such great numbers the boats went there at once and Hyannisport, from which place the fish are shipped to market, is believed to be the greatest shipping port for flounders along the Atlantic coast.

The scallop fishermen of Hyannis have been making good hauls during the season and taken altogether the season at that place has been the most profitable for many years.

Dredging for flounders is an arduous and often a perilous occupation so that none but the most venturesome and hardy fishermen care to engage in the industry.

The little power boats often run miles out to sea, the flounders being found on the shoals near the lightships that mark the sunken sand rips near Cross Rip and the Handchief.

Lying half buried in the sand, the flounders spend the winter months waiting for the warming of the water to run inshore to the breeding grounds. The mammoth dredges hauled over the sand rips in a depth of a fathom or two drive the flounders from their winter quarters and as the fish attempt to escape they are caught by the huge net that stretches astern of the beam of the dredge.

The dredge and its load of flounders often weighs nearly a half ton and it is a hard task to haul it inboard, a short heavy mast with block and tackle operated by a winch being employed to do the work.

Boats of big beam are required for the flounder dredges, as the ordinary fishing boat would turn turtle in getting the dredges inboard and nearly all the boats engaged in the work were especially made for the business.

Lunenburg N. S. Fisheries Notes.

The extraordinary high prices obtained for the fish the past year, has resulted in the building of a large number of new vessels for the fishing skippers of this county. Not all have been built in local yards, some of them being constructed at Shelburne and other points.

With the thawing out of the harbor here last week, three vessels—Clintonia, Capt. Emil Mack; Carrie L. Hirtle, Capt. James A. Hirtle and Henry L. Montague, Capt. Abrom Cook—left on their spring trip to the banks. Others are rapidly fitting out and will closely follow. The Clintonia and Carrie L. Hirtle, are captured by noted fish killers, while the Henry L. Montague was the high-line vessel of the county last year.

The accident to the government steamer Stanley will prevent the Riverport fleet from getting away for some time, though, if this weather continues, the ice at that port may thaw out in a week or two.

Not in years has the harbor at Mahone Bay been so thoroughly frozen over. It is possible that some vessels of the fleet will be delayed on account of the ice, though, if they get away in two weeks' time they will be early on the grounds.

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Against Packing Sardines in Oil.
Advices from Stravanger, Norway, note that the west Norwegian Canning Association are recommending to discontinue packing sardines in cottonseed or peanut oil after January 31, passed by the association to cease packing in above oils, other canneries are not doing so.

Norway Sardine Season Over.

Cable advices from Norway state that the sardine fishing ceased on Jan. 31, under an agreement to which all packers are parties. No attempt to take sardine fish according to this agreement will be made before the summer season opens.

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FISH CONCERN INCORPORATED.

HENRY E. PINKHAM COMPANY HAS CAPITAL STOCK OF \$30,000.

The commissioner of corporations has granted a charter as a Massachusetts business corporation to the Henry E. Pinkham Company, incorporated, of this city, with a capital stock of \$30,000.

Under the terms of its charter, the corporation is authorized "to buy, sell, store, handle, import, export, transfer, produce, prepare, cure, pack, cut deal in and deal with fish, both fresh, salt, pickled, smoked, canned and preserved of every description, including shell fish, fish by-products and all other products of the sea and shore, fish oils, olive oil, canned goods and groceries of every nature and description."

Howard F. McMahan of Cambridge is president of the new corporation, and Henry E. Pinkham of Gloucester is its treasurer. Elliott C. Rogers of Gloucester is clerk, and the board of directors will consist of Messrs. Pinkham, McMahan and Joseph P. Fitzgerald of Gloucester.

Three hundred shares of stock, each of a par value of \$100, may be issued by the corporation, but only 157 shares are to be issued at the present time. Of these shares, Messrs. Pinkham and McMahan subscribe for 75 each and Mr. Fitzgerald subscribes for five. This stock is to be paid for as follows:—Cash, \$1000; machinery, \$1500; merchandise, \$2500; bills revisable, \$3700; trade marks, \$2000; and good will, \$5000. Total, \$15,700.

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Portland Fish Notes.

A good number of the local fleet came into the harbor with fish Tuesday and the sea food brought good prices. The following fares were reported: Albert W. Black, 7000; Eva and Mildred, 9000; Albert D. Willard, 5000 for the F. S. Willard Co., Lochinvar, 6000; Robert and Carr, 5000; Bernie and Bessie, 1500 and Fanny Reed, 3000 for the dealers on Commercial wharf.

Today, unless something goes wrong at the Maine legislature, the herring bill, over which there has been so much discussion, will be passed. A number of Portland people will go down to help it on its way through. The bill will not alter conditions as they now exist in Casco bay, but will lessen the seining to the eastward. Seining in this section will go on just as it has, with few restrictions.

Cod in Chesapeake Bay.

The Booth Fisheries Co. of Baltimore received a nine-pound codfish in a box of fish from Deal's Island, Chesapeake Bay, last Monday. The fish excited great interest in the wholesale fish market. It is a very unusual occurrence for a cod to be caught in the Chesapeake Bay. On very rare occasions a stray cod has been caught in lower Maryland waters, but never before has one been found so far up the bay as Deal's Island. The cod, of course, being a deep water sea fish accidentally entered the bay while making a tour of Southern waters and remained there until caught.

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The Newfoundland sealing fleet which sailed recently comprised 19 steamers, seven of which were equipped with wireless outfits which will keep the owners in full touch with the progress made.