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Maine Fishermen Want Anti-Seining Smelt Law Repealed.

Smelt fishermen of Edgcomb, Me., who have been in the habit of reaping a great harvest by seining smelts in years past are complaining bitterly over the new state law which prohibits their seining in inland waters within a certain district.

Catching by hand lines is so slow that the fishermen say they cannot make an average day's pay. It has been reported, too, that the wardens themselves are not in sympathy with the law, although they are morally obliged to see that it is enforced.

Smelt fishermen along the coast and inland rivers are making preparations to seek the law's repeal at the next session of the legislature. There is a heavy demand for smelts from the Boston and New York markets, but shipments are falling off.

Herring Reported Off Boothbay.

A report was received at Portland Thursday that herring has been seen off the entrance to Boothbay harbor. It was hardly credited, however, but the steamers Elthier and Pet at once left port to land some of the fish if there should be any of them swimming around in those waters.

Two Mackerel Netters.

Two of the mackerel netters were here this morning, sch. M. Madeleine having 240 large fish and sch. Little Fanny 90.

Bound Here With Fish Cargo.

Br. sch. Helen Vair, bound here from Grand Bank, N. F., with 240,000 pounds of salt cod, harbored at Sandy Point, N. S., recently.

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FISH IN DEMAND AT T WHARF.

BAD WEATHER ALMOST CAUSES NEAR A FAMINE AMONG THE DEALERS.

The bad weather of the past four days has raised havoc with the fresh fish supply and this morning T wharf, with not a box left over from last week and with but 38,000 pounds in sight in the four trips in, was practically up against famine conditions.

It was a hard opening for the week. There was a big demand and little or nothing to fill it with. Sch. Moanam, in from off-shore, had 8000 pounds of haddock, 2000 pounds of cod and 10,000 pounds of hake and will get nearly a thousand dollars for this handful of fish, for haddock went at \$5.50 and cod sold at from \$5.50 to \$8.50. Of this latter big price the sch. W. H. Reed and sloop Klondike got the benefit, they being over from the Plymouth grounds with 3000 pounds each of netted new fish. Sch. Volant completed the quartette of arrivals and she hailed for 12,000 pounds of pollock, which sold at \$3.60 per hundred weight.

For the week ending Friday night, 86 fishing vessels arrived at T wharf, bringing 1,656,400 pounds of fresh fish, against 163 arrivals for the corresponding week last year, with 2,229,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Moanam, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake. Sch. W. H. Reed, 3000 cod. Sch. Klondike, 3100 cod. Sch. Volant, 12,000 pollock. Haddock \$5.50 per cwt.; cod, \$5.50 to \$8.50; pollock, \$3.60; hake, \$3 to \$4.

Portland Fish Notes.

There is an extreme scarcity of market fish at the present time in Portland, some of the dealers Friday being unable to fill their orders. The vessels of the Portland fleet all went out early, but on reaching the fishing grounds were unable to make a set, owing to the weather conditions, there being a living gale of wind, with a choppy sea. The vessels all came scurrying back to port during Saturday forenoon with the exception of the schooners George H. Lube and Lochinvar, which undoubtedly sought shelter at the eastward. The only fish brought in Friday was about 200 pounds, landed by a South Portland boat fisherman, who made his catch with his dory half full of water, coming perilously near to swamping.

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MORE COD FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

BR. SCH. HELEN VAIR BRINGS 265,000 LBS. FOR DAVIS BROS.

Another cargo of Newfoundland salt codfish arrived here yesterday, the British sch. Helen Vair, from Grand Bank, bringing 265,000 pounds, consigned to Davis Bros.

The bad weather has completely tied up the shore and market fleet and they remained in port yesterday as it blew too hard to make an attempt to fish.

This morning sch. Ellen C. Burke landed 7000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly hake, at the Fort and sch. Appamattox took out 3000 pounds of pollock.

The high wind interferes with the operations of the torchers. Saturday night they brought over but 40 barrels and last night's catch amounted to but 30 barrels.

Sch. Eglantine brought down from Boston 400 barrels of salt herring which had been in cold storage up there and which will be packed here by Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Br. sch. Helen Vair, Grand Bank, N. F., 265,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Appamattox, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Torchers, 70 bbls. fresh herring.
- Sch. Eglantine, Boston, freighting, 400 barrels of salt herring.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Oriole, Newfoundland frozen herring trip.
- Sch. Clontonia, Newfoundland frozen herring trip.
- Sch. Sylvania, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. Miranda, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. Hope, pollocking.
- Sch. Viking, pollocking.
- Sch. Mary T. Fallon, pollocking.
- Sch. Good Luck, pollocking.
- Sch. Galatea, shore.
- Sch. Actor, shore.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, pollocking.
- Sch. Priscilla, pollocking.
- Sch. Matthew S. Greer, haddocking.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
- Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$19.75 for small.
- Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for mediums and \$3 for snappers.
- Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.
- Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.
- Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.
- Eastern halibut, codfish, large \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.
- Haddock \$1.75.
- Pollock \$1.75.
- Cusk, large \$2.50, medium \$2; snappers \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.
- All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.
- Salt whiting \$2 per bbl.
- Fledged halibut 9c per lb.
- Halibut fins, \$18 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
- Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt.; medium \$2.10 per cwt.
- Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.
- Snapper cusk 60c.
- Hake, \$1.45.
- Dressed pollock 90c, round 80c.
- Bank halibut, 14c per lb., for white and 11c for gray.
- Fresh mackerel, large 24 1/2c and 25c each.

Bait Prices.

- Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.
- Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.
- Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.
- Salt shore herring, \$1 per bbl.
- Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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Two More Steam Trawlers About Half Completed.

At the Fore River shipyard, Quincy, rapid progress is being made on the two new steam trawlers building for the Bay State Fishing Company of Boston. They are already 50 per cent. completed, and will be ready for launching in about four weeks. Like the four others of this type now running regularly to T wharf, the two new vessels will bear the names symbolic of the sea—Surf and Swell. Built on the same lines as the Spray, Foam, Ripple and Crest, the latest trawlers will be somewhat larger. The new 40-ton Scotch boilers will be brought up from Bath this week to be installed into the steamers. The Surf and Swell will be commissioned about January 1.

New Schooner Coming Here.

A handsome 125 ton fishing schooner is being built at Grand Bank, N. F., which will make her maiden trip to this port. She is being built for John Smith of Harbor Breton, and will be launched the latter part of this month and will at once load with salt codfish which she will sail with for this port. It is expected she will be on her way in less than two weeks from the time of launching.

No U. S. Consulate at Shelburne, N. S.

This is the time of year, more than any other, when American fishing vessels visit Shelburne harbor, sometimes for shelter, or perhaps, for repairs or it may be to land sick fishermen. Probably more of these vessels call at Shelburne in a year than at any other Nova Scotia port, yet there is no American Consulate agency there which often times causes no little annoyance to the American skippers.—Yarmouth, N. S., Post.

Trawler Ripple At Newport.

The steam trawler Ripple is in at Newport, R. I., this morning, with a small fare of fresh fish, which is being shipped by express, to T wharf, Boston. The Spray had 15 barrels of haddock, 4 barrels of cod, one barrel of hake and 3 barrels of mixed fish.

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IMPORTANCE OF THE FISHERIES.

As an industry, fishing yields the United States the respectable yearly product of \$54,031,000. This is well over half the annual gold output, or of the barley crop. It is over twice the rye crop and nearly twice that of flaxseed. It is three times the value of the rice crop and five times that of buckwheat.

This is certainly a good record and the best of it is that there are indications all along the line that the business is to be increased by the adoption of all the modern appliances for catching, curing and marketing the catch.

Boston is to build new wharves and everything will be right up to date to accommodate its constantly increasing fishing industry and Gloucester, Portland, Provincetown and other ports, will keep up with the procession to the best of their ability and secure their share of the business. There is room enough and business enough to reward healthful enterprise in catching the fish. That's the important matter to attend to and as the country is growing and foreign markets require a goodly supply, the outlook is certainly of an encouraging nature and is so considered by those whose brains and capital are engaged in this pursuit. We wish them abundant prosperity.

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From the Herring Fleet.

A dispatch received Saturday from Bay of Islands, N. F., reports herring scarce there now, but still quite plentiful at Bonne Bay. Sch. Maxine Elliott, on her second trip, arrived at Bonne Bay Friday, and sch. Alice R. Lawson was loaded and ready to sail Sunday for home. Sch. Theodore Roosevelt sailed from Bay of Islands Saturday for home with a cargo of salt herring.

Sch. S. P. Willard, with a cargo of salt herring, was at Louisburg, C. B., on Thursday and cleared for this port.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Benjamin A. Smith, Marsala, and Esperanto, were at Louisburg, C. B., on Thursday and cleared for the fishing ground.

Sch. Raymah was at Liverpool, N. S., on Thursday and cleared the same day for the fishing ground.

Sch. Stiletto was at Louisburg, C. B., Friday and cleared the same day.

Sch. Elsie cleared from Canso, N. S., Friday.

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FRESH FISH AT SKY HIGH FIGURES

THIRTEEN VESSELS GET TOP NOTCH PRICES FOR THEIR TRIPS.

There is nothing unlucky about the 13 crafts which are at T wharf this morning with fish fares. Indeed each and every one of them is more than lucky for with cod and haddock selling at the sky figure of \$9 per hundred weight a good financial return is assured from only a handful of fish.

Of the fleet in, two are pollockers, three market boats and the rest cod netters from over on the Plymouth spot. The dealers were certainly hungry for fish, in fact they were more hungry even than on yesterday, when, as is the case today, there isn't anywhere near enough fish to go around.

In what fish there was in there were just 5500 pounds of haddock and these were snapped up at the \$9 figure. The Plymouth netters had about all the cod there was in, 29,000 pounds in all and the newest kept pace with haddock in hitting a high price mark. Some cod went at \$7, but \$9 was the general going figure. Hake sold at \$4 and \$6.30 and pollock brought \$4.30 and \$5.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 500 cusk, 500 pollock.
- Sch. Ralph Russell, 6000 pollock.
- Sch. Tecumseh, 2000 haddock, 200 3000 hake.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, 1000 haddock, 100 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, 4500 pollock.
- Sch. Nettie, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Maxwell, 4300 cod.
- Sch. Lillian, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Reliance, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Sylvester, 4200 cod.
- Sch. W. H. Clement, 2500 cod.
- Sch. Etta B., 2500 cod.
- Sch. Wodan, 2000 cod.
- Haddock, \$9 per cwt.; cod, \$7 to \$9; hake, \$4 to \$6.30; cusk, \$5; pollock, \$4.30 to \$5.

Foreign Salt Mackerel Market.

The foreign salt mackerel market keeps buyers guessing, says the Fishing Gazette, and those who have been holding off for the last few weeks have had to pay steadily increasing prices whenever they were forced to fill immediate spot orders. All kinds of Norway and Irish salt mackerel are very closely held and the holders are insisting rigidly on list prices. No. 1 new fat Norway's were marked up this week \$2 a barrel, the quotation now being \$34 and \$35, instead of \$32 and \$35. Irish is up a half a dollar, being quoted at \$15 to \$16, instead of \$14.50 and \$15.50, and the end does not appear to be in sight.

Importations of salt mackerel have fallen off in the last week but Boston received last week 595 barrels of Irish from Liverpool. Last week Boston received 1,106 barrels; New York, 330 barrels; Baltimore, 789 barrels, and New Orleans, 100 barrels. The total shipments from Liverpool up to Nov. 4 are given as 13,193 against 56,890 barrels up to the same date last year. Liverpool also notes shipment of 8,861 barrels of 1911 Norway to this market up to Nov. 4. Under date of Nov. 11, Liverpool, Eng., authorities give 800 barrels as the shipment of Irish salt mackerel to Boston for that week, while 1,100 barrels was the total for all other American ports. The count was 300 to 350 to a barrel.