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SMALL MACKEREL IN IPSWICH BAY.

GOOD CATCHES MADE SATURDAY MOST UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE.

It has been many years since mackerel have been caught as late as December 16 in Ipswich Bay. Last Saturday, however, Woodbury's trap at Bay View took 300 blinks, some of good size, while about a bushel was brought in at Lanesville.

The unusual weather of the past few weeks it is believed, has kept the fish inshore. Last week, a large number of silver hake were brought in and when dressed, the fish were found filled with young mackerel. It is believed that the hake have chased them in, for several small lots of mackerel were taken on previous days of the week.

SCHOONER FORFEITED.

Was Seized from Fishing Grounds Inside the Three-Mile Limit.

The American gasoline schooner Serah, which was seized by the Canadian patrol steamship Kestrel, while she was fishing a mile and a half off the shore of British Columbia, was ordered forfeited in admiralty court at Vancouver.

At the trial Captain Newcombe of the Kestrel said that on October 26 he was cruising in the straits of Juan de Fuca, when he observed the Serah fishing within a mile and a half of the coast of Vancouver Island. He steamed up and took possession of the boat, which was loaded with salmon.

J. T. Peterson of Seattle was the only occupant. His lines were out for fishing. Peterson told the court that the fish were all caught outside the limit and that he was sitting reading in his boat when he was caught. He was not a fisherman, but a photographer by trade, and knew nothing about the three-mile limit.

VESSEL LEFT THEM.

But They Hired Gasoline Boat and Soon Caught Her.

Two husky looking men stood on the end of T wharf Saturday morning watching the tip end of the mainboom of sch. Mary B. Greer vanish in the fog. The men belonged to the crew of the boat. They were in bad humor. About the time when it was figured that the schooner was somewhere off Georges Island, along came a man with a gasoline launch, who offered to take the marooned fishermen out to their vessel. They jumped at the chance to go and hopping into the launch, the party chugged off and were soon lost to sight in the fog.

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Found Purse Inside Codfish

A housekeeper at Queenstown constabulary barracks while cleaning a codfish about 30 pounds in weight discovered inside the fish a purse containing a number of silver coins of the reign of Queen Victoria. The purse was of leather, steel bound and in good preservation. It also contained some inscribed paper, which was reduced almost to pulp.

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Big Lot of Halibut Condemned.

Word has been received from Seattle, Wash., that Food Commissioner Davies made a mistake in condemning and seizing 320,000 lbs. of frozen halibut shipped to that city by the Taku Cannery & Cold Storage Company of Alaska, and that bacteriological tests proved it to be all right.

Champion Eel Fishers.

Ernest Pickett, according to the Chambersburg, Pa., Register, is the champion eel fisherman of the Keystone State. In the vicinity of Towanda, his home, he captured 14,000 eels up to the early part of November, and his catch is said to have brought not less than \$1,000.

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SOME OF THEM ARE DOING WELL

Capt. Jack Carroll Writes of Gloucester Men in Pacific Fisheries.

Says Also Some of "Behring Sea Bunch" Are Broke.

Capt. John J. Carroll, formerly of the sch. Massachusetts of this port, but now on the Pacific coast, where he is engaged in the fresh halibut fishery, has written an interesting letter to Capt. Stephen Black of this city about the western fisheries and several Gloucester fishermen located there.

The letter is dated at Johnson Straits, and states that the boat Montana is on the way to Seattle, from Queen Charlotte Island, having secured 55,000 pounds of halibut in two weeks. Here are some extracts in Capt. Carroll's own style:

"This is the 12th trip since April 18, and we make a trip in from five to 17 days, the latter being the longest period, and we have shared something over \$600 a man each, and expect to go over the hundred dollar mark for this trip.

"Prices range from 1 1/2 cents to 9 cents per pound, and 5 cents is considered a good price. I like this coast fine, also the method of fishing. The style is something like haddocking, only we are very seldom out a night and it is fine when we do stay out.

Don't Have to Want for Men.

"There are about 40 boats out of Seattle from a six-dory boat down to a one-dory craft, besides seven steamers. About 30,000 pounds of halibut is a fair day's work in summer for six dorics, but fish are scarce after August. There is one satisfaction—there are more men than chances. Men are begging for a chance, and you don't have to pay any teamster, and an advance is out of the question. Any time you feel like going out you have only to give the order at any time of night or day. We go out mostly in the night. Herb Publicover, a well-known Gloucester fisherman, was cook with me a few trips ago.

"About all the Behring Sea bunch are on the beach without a dollar. When they came down from the sea they blew in all their money, thinking it was like Gloucester—ship at any time and get \$10. But there is nothing doing in this line here. You know how well I like the Gloucester trawlers. I wish I could afford to import a couple of hundred of them and watch them walk the beach like the bunch here.

"There is no boarding house here to go to. All are rooming houses, so you have to have the meal ticket in your pocket, but it is a fine place for the right man.

Has Crew of Gloucester Men.

"I have a crew of old-timers (Gloucester men." Steve Lake is mate. He gets \$25 per month, with a share. He goes in a dory and takes one watch on inside runs. Tom Duggan is also along.

"Well, Steve, how is it going with you? The same old trouble? I pity any skipper having to stand for that. Have you any notion of making a shift? If you have, let me know. I could make a chance for you as cook at any time, but there is no per, just a share. Not putting it strong, I expect to share \$1200 or \$1300 by the time the year is up, and then I will have no more than the average. I expect Capt. Mike Marr to go about \$1700. He shared \$1500 last year, and he is way ahead now.

"Bill Kelly is married in Seattle and has quite a bunch of money; made it all in a dory. By the way, Ronan is with me. He was cook in the Niagara to the Funks. About all the fellows who came out here last winter on their own hook have had good chances. Mell Greenleaf was with Marr, but left him a few trips ago. When I was going North on the last trip I spoke Marr going down. He had her full, about 60,000 pounds. I ex-

pect him to make \$240 on the voyage. Fish were 8 1-2 cents when I left, so I think he will get the same, and as there are only 11 men on her it will give him a big trip.

"Regarding the climate, it is never very warm in summer; not over 80, and the nights are cool, and not cold in winter—just about right. Lots of snow up in the mountains, but none in Seattle, mostly rain. But up in Alaska in winter it is cold, and plenty of snow. All the steamers fish up in Alaska in winter, and I expect to have to go up myself next trip. I was up three trips last summer. There are also numerous small boats fishing up there the year round, and they fish down to Seattle.

Buck Leary and Jerry McGrath.

"Buck Leary has a small boat of his own up there, also Jerry McGrath. Scotty made over \$1000 in four months last summer fishing for the New England Company. There is a cold storage plant in Ketchikan.

"Now for Tacoma. There are three boats from there, and one steamer and two schooners, one the same as the Edmund Black and a new one just about starting. Tom Miller, who used to go with Sewall Smith, is captain of the steamer, and his nephew is in the Commonwealth, and I don't know who is going in the new one, but no man could get a chance if he could not show Placentia papers. Miller is the Benia of the coast. About every man on the two boats is from the Bay of Islands, N. F., and as fast as another comes, they make chances for him. This means that the men from Placentia or the Bay of Islands in Newfoundland stand together.

"Jack Meade and Joe Powers are there with several new arrivals.

"_____ (naming a former well known Gloucester master) and _____ are doing two years in the Federal prison for selling whiskey to the Indians in Alaska. They were warned to stop and quit the place, but still kept on. There is big money in it, if you could get by, but the same Indian you sell to is liable to give you away. He gets half the fine. I believe it was one of their customers who squealed on them. Anyway, two years will do them lots of good.

"Say, old Pete Phelan is around Seattle since last March watching boats and taking out fish and making good at that. He told me lately he had saved \$200 this summer."

In a postscript dated November 4, Capt. Carroll states that he arrived at Seattle. Capt. Marr made \$2741, the crew of the Commonwealth \$116, those of the America \$129 and the Montana, Capt. Carroll's schooner, \$148.

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HOLDING FOR FANCY FIGURES.

Large Lot of Salt Cod Held at Lunenburg for \$7 per Quintal.

Recent mail advices from Lunenburg N. S., say a large supply of bank codfish is being held in store there until the price reaches \$7.00 a quintal. The Clark's Harbor "Coast-Guard" regards these figures as "an extraordinary price," far beyond the expectations of September, when the merchants were talking of \$5.00 and \$5.50. An unusual feature is that Lunenburg fish have been selling above the market price at St. John's, N. F. Under normal conditions the Lunenburg price is some 50 cents less. The latest sale reported at Lunenburg for a cargo lot of fish was \$6.90, and it is said there is now only 15 per cent of the total season's catch unmarketed. The "Maritime Merchant" of Halifax, advises the fishermen of Nova Scotia they can well afford to sell "at a figure equal to \$7.25 Halifax, and if our shippers have to ask a higher figure, naturally the business will go to St. John's."

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PRICES ARE LOOKING UP.

ARRIVALS AT T WHARF TODAY WILL FARE PRETTY WELL.

The change in the weather has strengthened the price for fresh fish at T wharf, and the crafts there this morning struck a good market.

A total of 16 arrivals were in for the opening trade which started off with a good demand for all kinds of ground fish. Of the off shores, sch. Valerie has 69,000 pounds, and the steam trawler Foam, 45,000 pounds.

Haddock brought from \$2.50 to \$4.75 a hundred weight, large cod, \$3.80 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; pollock \$1 to \$2; hake, \$2 to \$4 and cusk, \$2.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 pollock.
 - Sch. Washakie, 21,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
 - Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 5000 haddock, 5700 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Flavilla, 7500 haddock, 6000 hake.
 - Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 5000 hake.
 - Sch. Rose Standish, 2500 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 hake.
 - Sch. Mabel Burgess, 3000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 - Sch. Nautilus, 8000 cod.
 - Sch. Lillian, 2700 cod.
 - Sch. Sarah, 9500 cod.
 - Sch. Sylvester, 11,000 cod.
 - Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 5000 cod.
 - Sch. Eddie Minot, 10,000 cod.
 - Sch. Isabel, 4000 cod.
 - Sch. Foam, 25,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 - Sch. Valerie, 36,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 8000 hake.
- Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.80 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$1 to \$2; hake, \$2 to 4; cusk, \$2.

NOVA SCOTIA NOTES.

One Big Concern Opens Its Shredded Fish Department.

When the Atlantic Fish Co. was taken over by Robin, Jones & Whitman, Ltd., the new firm discontinued the shredded fish department. Recently the firm learned there were on file in its Montreal office 1000 inquiries for brands that a few years ago were famous all over Canada. The result was the La Have factory was re-opened and, although the prices charged were 25 per cent. higher than in the old days, the factory is far behind with its orders.

The past two years have given great profits to the Lunenburg fleet, and means that next season there will be a great boom in the fishing business. The prospect could not be better, says the Clark's Harbor Coast-Guard, for next spring the markets will be bare of supplies, as the demand continues for everything in sight.

The Cold Storage Co. at Lockport have started work in their smoke house. They turned out some very fine finnan haddie and kippered herring last week.

Portland Fish Notes.

Five fishing crafts were at Portland yesterday. The total amount of fish landed at Commercial and Central wharves amounted to 78,000 pounds. Every vessel in the fleet brought in over 10,000 pounds of mixed fish while three of the vessels landed fares amounting to 18,000 pounds.

The fleet included the schs. Hockomock, Bernie and Bessie, Fanny Reed, Albert W. Black and Katie L. Palmer. The fares brought in by the Black and the Palmer were sold to F. S. Willard & Company at Central wharf, the fares brought in by the Fanny Reed and the Bernie and Bessie were bought by J. W. Trefethen & Company, while the Hockomock's fare was sold to William T. Studley & Company at Commercial wharf.

The Hockomock had 18,000 pounds mixed fish; Bernie and Bessie, 12,000 pounds mixed fish; Fanny Reed, 12,000 pounds mixed fish; Katie L. Palmer, 18,000 pounds mixed fish.

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LOOK FOR HIGH HALIBUT PRICE.

PACIFIC COAST DEALERS PREDICT THAT FOR THIS WINTER.

Conditions in the Seattle halibut market were on the whole somewhat unsatisfactory says the Pacific Fisherman, during the month of November owing to the general scarcity of the first class grades of fish. Box arrivals from Alaska fell below the general average for the month and much of the box fish was not in the best of condition. The Alaskan steamship companies were rushed during the early part of the month by the handling of the last of the season's salmon and consequently shipment of fresh fish had to wait. The canned salmon is handled on contract and the steamship men give it the preference during the rush season. As a result much fresh fish was held up and reached here in poor condition.

Owing to the fact that a number of the larger power schooners remained on the Cape Flattery banks instead of going to Southeastern Alaska this fall as usual, the receipts by schooner at the Port of Seattle were comparatively heavy. The fishermen aver that the extreme northern waters of Southeastern Alaska, where in the past they have had their best luck, was overfished by the steamships during the summer and will produce only a small quantity of fish this winter.

Prices ranged during the month from a minimum of five cents to a maximum of six cents, the average being five and one-half cents per pound. As a general thing fish direct from the schooners and steamships brought one-half a cent more a pound than box fish owing to its superior condition.

There was a strong eastern demand during the month and a number of carload lots at stiff prices were dispatched. The local demand was excellent but weakened slightly around Thanksgiving time.

The shortage of fresh bait was pronounced. Several of the Puget Sound schooners made trips to Ketchikan for fresh herring but most of the fishermen in the fleet were forced to fall back on frozen bait or substitutes. Salmon was used by some as bait for a short time but with the waning of the season the cost became prohibitive.

Many dealers predict that the price of halibut will go soaring again this winter.

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BIG CATCHES OF COD.

Being Landed at Fulton Market From Jersey Coast.

There was only one really good day for the salt water fish business last week at Fulton Market, N. Y., and that was Thursday, when heavy sales were made because of the low prices of the majority of the varieties of stock says the Fishing Gazette. Salmon and bass were high because of a good demand and a not over heavy supply. Of ground fish there were hundreds of tons of it and large quantities were carried over to Friday.

From December 6 to 14 arrivals of codfish numbered 53, with a total of 59,300 fish, which averaging six pounds each, was a total of 355,800 pounds. Many of the cod boats made two trips during the nine days. The price for steak cod varied from 3 1-2 to 5 cents per pound. Market cod brought 1 1-4 to 3 cents per pound. In both cases low prices prevailed during the early part of the week. Other varieties of groundfish were low in price. Haddock, sold at 2 1-2 to 4 cents; hake, 1 to 4 cents, and pollock, 1 1-2 to 3 cents. The low prices on those three varieties held during the early part of the week when market cod was abundant. The arrivals of cod on Monday and Tuesday reached 100 tons and it was on those days that other groundfish prices were lowest.

There was a great scarcity of halibut during the week. Only one carload of Western whitefish reached the market. It came to Chesbro Brothers. Western white halibut sold at 18 cents during the week. There was a little Eastern white halibut in the market on Friday. The quotation was 22 cents per pound.

RECEIPTS ARE VERY LIGHT.

ONLY TWO OFF SHORE ARRIVALS HERE SINCE LAST REPORT.

This morning was a quiet one along the water front, there being but two arrivals here.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon from Bay of Islands has a full cargo of 535 barrels of salt herring, 115 barrels of pickled herring and 380 barrels of frozen herring consigned to the Cunningham & Thompson Co.

The British sch. Australia is also here from St. John's, N. F., and brings 270,000 of salt cod from the treaty coast for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Owing to the fine weather, all the shore boats have taken advantage and gone out on the grounds.

The gill netters did not do so well yesterday as they have been doing, and some of them only got small fares yesterday.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Bay of Islands, N. F., 535 bbls. salt herring, 115 bbls. pickled herring, 380 bbls. frozen herring.

Br. sch. Australia, St. John's, N. F., 270,000 lbs. salt cod.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Roug's Rider, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulla, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mindora, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.

Sch. Mina Swim, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, shore.

Sch. Belhina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Carrie C. Georges.

Sch. A. D. Story, Georges.

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Newfoundland herring trip.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3.00 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$5.00, snappers \$3.00.

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, \$1.87 1/2.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Fresh Fish.

Fresh mackerel, large 31c.

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, 17 1/2c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large 26 to 36 cts. each.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl

Salt shore herring, \$1.00 per bbl.

Frozen squid \$2.50 per bbl.

EXCITEMENT ALL OVER.

Satisfactory Settlement by Big Dealers on Foreign Salt Mackerel.

All the excitement in foreign salt mackerel, so noticeable in the trade a few weeks ago, has apparently disappeared completely, says the Fishing Gazette. Big dealers at New York it is said, were brought together by Joachim Hansen last week and a settlement, satisfactory to all concerned, was effected, he acting as umpire. Stocks now in this country are being closely held at the prevailing high prices of the last few weeks, and it is understood there will be no more large shipments of either Irish or Norway for the present.

Total shipments of Irish salt mackerel from Liverpool, Eng., to ports in the United States for the two weeks ending December 11, were 1,202 barrels, bringing the total of autumn Irish mackerel sent to this country 17,045 barrels against 57,000 barrels sent over here a year ago.

WHAT MR. BORN SAYS.

Found Fish Men Here Are Keeping a Stiff Upper Lip.

Edward Born, of the Seaboard Trading Co., returned this week from a 10 days trip "down East," that took him as far as St. John, N. B. He did not bring back any fish, the high prices, he says, scared him off. "I was in Gloucester for a day," Mr. Born told a Fishing Gazette reporter, "and found everybody with steam up, very buoyant and all keeping a stiff upper lip. They said they had no fish to sell—needing all they could get hold of for the domestic trade. It seems a few people have got all the fish. Now it remains to be seen if they can market it at the high prices they have paid for the article. I don't believe they can."

Virginia Leads All.

According to figures issued yesterday by the Virginia Fish Commission, Virginia, with a gross income of \$7,500,000 from the fish and oyster industry for the year ending September 1, 1911, leads all other states in the fish industry, surpassing even Massachusetts with her great cod and mackerel catches. These figures do not include the deep sea catches off the coast of mackerel and blue fish.

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Good Fish Receipts at St. John, N. B.

Receipts in fresh fish at St. John, N. B., last week, were somewhat better than the preceding one, and, with indications of more favorable weather, increased supplies are anticipated. H. P. Robertson received 20,000 lbs., principally haddock, also about four cars of salt herring, the latter from Halifax; 40,000 lbs. of cod and haddock arrived for Leonard Bros., who also had a couple of carloads of kipper stock from Newfoundland. Westward shipments continue. One local house shipped 1,500 lbs. of finnan haddies to Detroit, Mich., Tuesday.

Had Big Cod Cargo.

The Br. sch. St. Helena, which arrived here yesterday forenoon brought a cargo of 360,000 pounds of salt cod from North Sydney for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

Sch. Lucania in Yesterday.

Sch. Lucania was at Boston yesterday with a fare of 60,000 pounds of fresh fish.

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Late Herring.

Word has been received from Provincetown, Mass., that dory fishermen there had taken a few small herring the latter part of last week. At the beginning of last week the weirs had plenty of herring but there were no vessels at Provincetown to take them.

Cod Egg Collectors In.

The U. S. Fish Commission steamers Ocean View and Gannett, engaged in the collection of cod eggs along the shore are in port.

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Changed Headquarters.

The Beaumont Gulf Fishing Co. of Beaumont, Tex., has secured a location for a fish plant at Port Arthur, Tex., and will abandon its plant, it is reported, at Morgan City. Two fishing vessels will be placed in commission to make runs to and from the snapper banks.

BIGGEST FISH PORT ON GULF.

Pensacola's Large Fleet is Now Bringing in Big Catches.

This place is growing rapidly as a fish market, says the Pensacola correspondent of the Fishing Gazette, under date of December 12. New smacks are being added to the fishing fleets each year in attempting to keep pace with the demands of the red-snapper and grouper trade, until now it is believed Pensacola has become the largest fishing port on the gulf. Last week's catch by the Warren Co.'s and the Saunders' fleets totaled 329,300 lbs.; red snapper, 273,600 lbs. and grouper, 55,700 lbs., as follows: Smack Seaconnet, 18,000 lbs. red-snapper, 10,000 lbs. grouper; smack Caviare, 33,000 lbs. redsnapper, 1000 lbs. grouper; smack Ruth A. Welles, 25,000 lbs. redsnapper, 1200 lbs. grouper; smack Louise Harper, 17,000 lbs. redsnapper, 3000 lbs. grouper; smack Alcina, 21,000 lbs. redsnapper, 7000 lbs. grouper; smack Clara Harwood, 4000 lbs. redsnapper; smack Ida M. Silva, 6000 lbs. redsnapper; smack Flora J. Sears, 25,000 lbs. redsnapper; 18,000 lbs. groupers, for E. E. Saunders Co. Smack Galatea, 6000 lbs. red snapper, 1000 lbs. grouper; smack Chicopee, 27,000 lbs. redsnapper, 3000 lbs. grouper; smack Emma Wixan, 22,000 lbs. redsnapper, 7000 lbs. grouper; smack Ostola, 17,000 lbs. redsnapper, 3500 lbs. grouper; smack Clara P. Sewall, 8000 lbs. redsnapper; smack Alcama, 14,000 lbs. redsnapper, 1000 lbs. grouper, for the Warren Fish Co. The smack Flora J. Sears arrived on her maiden trip from Gloucester, Mass., via the fishing banks and brought in a large catch. She is the last of the several smacks purchased for the Saunders' fleet last summer, and has about the same dimensions as her sister smacks.

BUSINESS CHANCE.

Mediterranean Firm Wants to Talk on Salt Cod Exporting.

The following foreign trade opportunity appeared in the Daily Consular and Trade Report of December 19, 1911. Name and address will be furnished upon application to R. W. Freeman, secretary of the Board of Trade:

"A business house in a Mediterranean country has requested an American consul to place it in communication with American firms exporting stock fish (dried codfish), with a view to importing that merchandise. The consul adds that there is a large demand for such foodstuffs upon the local market, especially during the winter season. The house is well established, and correspondence may be in English or French."

TRAWL AND MOTOR.

To Supersede Traps and Sails in Newfoundland Fisheries.

Shrewd motor builders believe the Nova Scotia and Newfoundland fisheries are on the eve of a tremendous revolution in the matter of power. Some predict that within another year every fisherman who expects to make a living at that trade will be in the market for some kind of a motor fishing craft. All now realize that the day of the sail and the uncertain and expensive trap must give way to the motor, the trawl and the hook and line. Already one big firm from the United States has on the way to St. John's, N. F., a complete line of motors for fishing boats and will open a huge demonstrating branch in that great fishing port.

Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing steamer Elthier is hauled up at Central wharf, Portland, undergoing repairs, including the new tubing of her boilers. As soon as the work is completed, it is expected she will start out in winter fishing.

Still the halibut market is climbing. Just now the figures have reached a point higher than at any other time this year. In Gloucester, according to the information received here, says the Portland Press, the prices paid on Saturday were 17 cents a pound for whites and 12 cents a pound for grays. This is even better than 16 1-2 cents a pound for whites paid in Portland.

But even the prices paid in Gloucester are not equal to the figures reached in Portland last winter and spring. At that time, 16 1-2 cents a pound right through for both whites and grays was paid. It was a figure that had never been reached before, but it looks now as if something equal to it would be touched this season and perhaps that high mark may be bettered.