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YEAR'S ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT

BOARDING OFFICER O'BRIEN REPORTS 6053 CRAFT HERE IN 1911.

Capt. Charles O'Brien, the efficient boarding officer of the custom house force, has made his annual report on the arrivals at this port for the year ending December 31, 1911, the total number being 6053, divided as follows:

American steamships	81
American tugs	727
American barges	217
British schooners	150
From foreign ports, schooners	127
British steamers	94
Italian bark	6
Italian ships	3
British barge	1
All others, including fishing schooners	4646
Total	6053

NOW HERE'S A REAL FISH STORY

More than 200,000 pounds of fish hurled upon the sands, two fishermen nearly drowned trying to escape from this remarkable avalanche and the beach literally paved for a quarter of a mile with squirming, wiggling creatures were the results of a giant wave's work at Ostend, between Long Beach and Terminal Island, Los Angeles, Cal., says the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Hundreds stampeded to the shore and with wagons, buckets, sacks and almost every conceivable receptacle carried the fish away, either to market them or for their own use. Still there remain hundreds of fish which must be destroyed strewn along the beach.

The fish deluge happened while three fishermen, whose names are unknown, were seining for smelt. The fishermen had set their seines for smelt only a short time before, when they sighted a huge school of croakers heading for the nets.

The men ran. They had scarcely reached the beach when the avalanche hit them. Two of them were knocked down and only after a struggle succeeded in getting safely ashore, where they found their companion, who had waded through the pile of fish and was sitting high upon the bank.

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A Continuous Fish Wharf.

The total yearly value of the Dominion of Canada fisheries is between twenty-five and thirty millions of dollars and is increasing year by year. Of this amount, Nova Scotia contributes from eight to ten millions.

Guysboro county is more closely connected with the fishing industry than most other countries in the province. It is her life. With the exception of a few inland districts, where agriculture is the leading industry, the great eastern section of the country is wholly given up to fishing. From Sand Point, in Chedabucto Bay, to Isaac's Harbor, on the south coast, is almost a continuous fish wharf with Canso as the centre.

Fine Fishing Indeed.

The past week was the most remunerative at Petit de Grat, N. S., since fall fishing began, upwards of 150,000 pounds of fish being landed in four days fishing. Some of the larger boats took from ten to twelve thousand pounds each. E. Comeau, representing the Halifax Cold Storage Co., bought for that concern 30,000 pounds in one day. The shore fishermen had also a good week.

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Made Fine Stock.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley stocked \$2150 as the result of her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing just an even \$54 each, clear.

GOODLY LIST OF ARRIVALS

AT T WHARF AND ALL GOT FINE PRICES FOR FISH.

High prices and an active demand for fresh fish still prevail at Boston, and this morning crafts at T dock found a ready market.

There was a total of 25 arrivals at the dock, mostly shore boats. Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood from off shore brought in a fare of 40,000 pounds, consisting of haddock and cod and 400 pounds of halibut. The steam otter trawlers Ripple and Crest were also in, the former with 26,000 pounds and the latter 31,000 pounds.

Haddock sold from \$3 to \$6 a hundred weight, large cod, \$5 to \$6, market cod, \$3 to \$6; pollock, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$2.50 to \$3; and halibut at 26 cents a pound for white and 16 cents a pound for gray.

Boston Arrivals

The receipts and prices in detail are:

- Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1200 haddock, 800 cod.
 - Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Str. Ripple, 26,000 haddock, 500 cod.
 - Str. Crest, 31,000 haddock, 600 cod.
 - Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 21,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.
 - Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2400 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Edith Silveria, 2500 haddock, 300 cod.
 - Sch. Rose Standish, 1500 haddock, 2500 cod.
 - Sch. Little Fannie, 3500 haddock, 900 cod, 500 pollock.
 - Sch. Jeanette, 4500 haddock, 500 cod.
 - Sch. Flavilla, 1500 haddock, 500 cod, 400 hake.
 - Str. Mystery, 3500 cod.
 - Sch. Richard Nunan, 2500 haddock, 2500 hake, 2500 cusk.
 - Sch. Jorgina, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 800 hake.
 - Sch. Actor, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.
- Haddock, \$3 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$6; pollock, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$2.50 to \$3; halibut, 26 cts. per lb. for white and 16 cts. per lb. for grey.

IN HOWLING GALE.

THREE LOCAL HADDOCKERS SUCCEEDED IN MAKING LIVERPOOL HARBOR.

The storm of the latter part of last week was considerably felt at Liverpool, N. S., where a howling gale from the northwest blew for 36 hours.

It was the severest weather of the winter. Schs. Conqueror and Esperanto of this port and another succeeded in making harbor there. Had they not gotten in when they did, they would have been driven before the wind to the gulf stream. So terrific was the gale which swept the harbor, part of the crews who came ashore are detained, being unable to get to their vessels.

DERELICT PAINTED GREEN.

Identity of Overturned Craft Off Nova Scotia Not Solved.

The wreck of a schooner, apparently about 150 feet in length, floating bottom up, was reported to have been sighted off the Nova Scotia coast by the captain of the West Indian liner Rodesian, which arrived at St. John, N. B., Monday. The derelict was sighted in lat. 42.07 N and lon. 66.16 W, in the path of liners and a menace to navigation. The hull is green and appeared to have been freshly painted.

EVIDENCES OF PROSPERITY.

LUNENBURG, N. S., ADDED 32 NEW VESSELS TO HER FLEET IN 1911.

During the past year the following schooners have been built and added to tonnages of Lunenburg, N. S.

- Marion Mosher—93 tons, built by Smith and Rhuland, Lunenburg.
- Lloyd-George—99 tons, built by Joseph McGill, of Shelburne.
- Jennie E. Ritcey—97 tons, built by W. C. McKay & Son of Shelburne.
- Nobility—99 tons, built by J. Norman Rafuse of Conquerall Bank.
- Harry W. Adams—99 tons, built by Smith and Rhuland, Lunenburg.
- Benevolence—98 tons, built by D. C. Mulhall of Liverpool.
- Lewis H. Smith—98 tons, built by W. C. Smith and company, limited, of Lunenburg.
- Doris V. Myra—99 tons, built by Smith and Rhuland of Lunenburg.
- Gigantic—99 tons, built by J. Norman Rafuse of Conquerall Bank.
- Artisan—97 tons, built by W. C. Mackay & Son of Shelburne.
- A. G. Eisnor—93 tons, built by J. Ernst & Son of Mahone Bay.
- Jennie E. Duff—99 tons, built by S. Naugler of Lower Bridgewater.
- Benjamin C. Smith—99 tons, built by H. M. Leary of Dayspring.
- Natoma—91 tons, built by John McLean & Sons of Mahone Bay.
- Nita M. Conrad—90 tons, built by J. Ernst & Son of Mahone Bay.
- Review—74 tons, built by J. Norman Rafuse of Conquerall Bank.
- Muriel M. Richard—97 tons, built by H. M. Leary of Dayspring.
- Donald L. Silver—92 tons, built by Smith and Rhuland of Lunenburg.
- Otokio—89 tons, built by J. Ernst & Son of Mahone Bay.
- Marguerite H.—74 tons, built by Henry Schnare of Mahone Bay.
- F. M. Toro—99 tons, built by Smith and Rhuland of Lunenburg.
- Lowell F. Parks—99 tons, built by H. M. Leary of Dayspring.
- M. M. Gardner—99 tons, built by W. C. Smith & Company, limited, of Lunenburg.
- Muriel E. Winters—99 tons, built by Smith and Rhuland of Lunenburg.
- Ada M. Westhaver—100 tons, built by J. Ernst & Son of Mahone Bay.
- Metapedia—99 tons, built by W. C. McKay & Son of Shelburne.
- R. L. Borden—99 tons, built by D. C. Mulhall of Liverpool.
- Florence E. Getson—99 tons, built by H. M. Leary of Dayspring.
- Falka—99 tons, built by W. A. Naugler of Lower Bridgewater.
- Lillian M. Richard—98 tons, built by Hendry, limited, of Liverpool.
- Laurentic—92 tons, built by John McLean & Sons of Mahone Bay.

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COLD WEATHER AT BAY ISLANDS

FISHERMEN AT MIDDLE ARM REPORTED TAKING UP THEIR NETS.

After a week of mild weather at the Bay of Islands which has made sad havoc of the herring fishery in the Humber Arm, causing the ice to be unsafe to fish through, thereby putting a stop to the taking of herring for the time being the weather has turned suddenly cold.

A few days freezing weather of the present kind will freeze over the clear patches of water and render it possible for fishermen to operate their nets.

Herring are plentiful, not in all parts, however, but in spots. A despatch received from Wood Island reports fishing good in Middle Arm. On account of many of the fishermen becoming dissatisfied, which is frequently the case at this season, the boats in Middle Arm are gradually taking up their nets.

Wood Island fishermen are generally the last to abandon the fishery, and on them, it is stated, vessels will have to rely for cargoes.

The Fiona has arrived, corroborating the contents of a telegram received last Thursday that the boats in Middle Arm are doing well.

SCH. LAVERNA FROM OFF SHORE

BREAKS THE LONG SPELL OF DULLNESS ALONG THE HARBOR FRONT.

Sch. Laverna broke the quiet spell that has hovered in the harbor the past few days by her arrival here this morning with a fresh fare, of 65,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Sch. Atlanta from the Bay of Islands is also here with a cargo of 180,000 pounds of salt cod and 206 barrels of salt herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, while the British sch. Goldie Bell from Louisburg has 264,000 pounds of salt cod for the Cunningham & Thompson Company.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:
- Sch. Laverna, Cape Shore, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Atlanta, Bonne Bay, N. F., 180,000 lbs. salt cod, 206 bbls. pickled herring.
- Br. sch. Goldie Bell, Louisburg, 264,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Weazel, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Alice, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Eagle, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer F. S. Willard, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Eddie Minot, shore.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Jeanette, shore.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. Rebecca, shore.
- Sch. N. A. Rowe, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, shore.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, shore.
- Sch. Richard J. Nunan, shore.
- Sch. Jorgina, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

- Salt Fish.**
- Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium 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, \$1.87 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 per bbl.
- Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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Fair at Port aux Basques.

The temperature at Port Aux Basques, N. F., yesterday registered at 24 degrees. Weather conditions were reported fair, with a southwest wind, velocity, 10.02 miles an hour.

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BIG HALIBUT STEAMER LOST

CREW OF THE GRANT TOOK TO DORIES AND ALL WERE PICKED UP.

The halibut steamer Grant of Seattle, Wash., went ashore off White Rock, Banks Island, and sank a week ago Tuesday night. Her crew of 40 men took to the dories and were picked up by the Canadian fishing steamer Falcon from Prince Rupert, B. C. The Grant had 30,000 pounds of halibut on board. She was owned by the San Juan Fishing & Packing Co., of Seattle, and was formerly a United States revenue cutter.

HAD BAD WEATHER.

And Dogfish Too Have Been Bothing Nova Scotia Fishermen.

The bulletin of the Canadian department of marines and fisheries has the following relative to the fisheries and conditions of the past week along the Nova Scotia coast:

Nova Scotia—In Victoria county the weather was unfavorable. Bait was generally scarce, but in some districts squid was fairly plentiful. Dogfish continued to give trouble.

Operations were interrupted by stormy weather in Iverness county.

In Cape Breton county the weather was favorable for fishing, and dogfish were not so plentiful as during the previous month. Scarcity of bait, however, retarded codfishing operations. Fall mackerel did not visit the shores of the county as in other years.

There was no fishing carried on during October in Hants and Colchester counties. In Cumberland county, oysters only were landed.

Rough weather operated against profitable fishing during the month in Guysborough county. Dogfish gave much trouble, and bait was rather scarce.

Blustery weather, dogfish and scarcity of bait interrupted fishing in Halifax county.

In the eastern part of Queens county, scarcity of fish has caused fishermen to practically give up codfishing for the balance of the season. Many mackerel are said to have passed along the coast during the month, but rough weather prevented fishermen from keeping their gear out.

The weather conditions were fair in Shelburne county, but cod, haddock and mackerel were scarce. Herring of good quality were very plentiful, however.

In Digby county, the weather was rough and windy during the first part of the month, but fine during the last two weeks.

Salt Mackerel Market.

The situation in shore salt mackerel is unchanged from the last few weeks. Prices continue high because so few fish have been packed along the shore and because of the high figures quoted for foreign fish. During the week comparatively few fish came forward, holders, apparently, not being anxious to force stocks on a dull market.

A fair trade is noted in foreign salt mackerel says the fishing Gazette, but several big sales of the week call for deliveries next month, buyers hoping prices will take some kind of a drop after the new year sets in. Stocks here are large in certain quarters, but are firmly held at prices unchanged for the last few weeks. Importations are of fair quantities. At Boston the total for the week ending Monday last was 300 barrels. To all other ports the total was 1,300 barrels. Total shipments to this country of Irish mackerel to December 19 are given as 17,675 barrels, against 57,300 barrels up to the same date last year.

Say, Just Read This.

Trawling, the most common way of taking green codfish, is described in the "Edison Monthly," which says two men put out in a dory and anchor a pair of buoys a short distance apart. A little further on they set a second pair. A line or trawl is stretched between each pair; hooks are attached at distances of about a foot and each hook is baited with a herring.

Porgies Are Worth Something.

In Virginia's total fisheries product for last year, \$7,500,000, menhaden fishing was quite an item, amounting to \$1,250,000. Of this fish 500,000,000 were taken, the valuation for same being averaged at \$2.50 per thousand.

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SEVERAL IN FROM EASTWARD

FISH AT T WHARF THIS MORNING BRINGING LOWER PRICES.

T wharf was well stocked with fresh fish this morning after the short supply of the week, a total of 24 crafts being there for the opening trade.

From the offshore are schs. Conqueror with 51,000 pounds, Valerie, 57,000 pounds, Esperanto, 30,000 pounds, Lillian, 60,000 pounds, and the steam trawlers Spray and Foam with about 43,000 pounds each.

Prices have taken a tumble on all kinds of fish except a few halibut which brought 29 cents a pound for white and 17 cents a pound for gray, which is an extra high price. There was less than 1500 pounds brought in by the fleet, and this was quickly gobbled up by the dealers.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Alice, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 4000 haddock, 4000 hake.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 4000 haddock, 2600 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 7000 haddock, 1200 cod, 5000 halibut.

Sch. Azorian, 1500 haddock, 700 cod.

Str. Spray, 43,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Conqueror, 30,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Valerie, 30,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Esperanto, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2500 hake, 200 halibut.

Sch. Lillian, 35,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 cusk, 600 halibut.

Sch. Rita A. Viator 1700 haddock, 700 cod, 2200 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 7000 haddock, 2500 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Harriett, 5500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Winnifred, 8500 haddock, 1100 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Adeline, 4500 haddock, 1600 cod, 2500 hake, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 400 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 7000 haddock, 900 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 7500 haddock, 100 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 1700 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 4500 haddock, 400 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 1500 haddock, 1100 cod, 6500 hake.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 6000 haddock, 800 cod, 2000 hake.

Str. Foam, 43,000 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2.50; halibut, 29 cts. per lb. for white, 17 cts. per lb. for gray.

RAN INTO WHARF BUILDING.

Sch. Edith Silveria Was Getting Under Way at T Wharf.

While sch. Edith Silveria of this port was leaving her berth on the south side of T wharf, Boston, yesterday for the fishing grounds, she crashed into the end of Long wharf, inflicting considerable damage to the wharf structure.

The tug Valora pulled the schooner from the fleet of vessels moored at the fish pier and gave her a start down the harbor. The crew was engaged in hoisting sail, but before the schooner was under control the momentum given her sent her with great force against the end of Long wharf.

The Valora soon got a line to the schooner and started down stream with her. Apparently she sustained no damage, but it will cost several hundred dollars to repair the injury to the building on the pier.

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Making Big Money.

Nine crews of Greeks are fishing sponges on the Dog Island reefs, says the Apalachicola, Fla., "Times," and one of the men admitted they were averaging \$500 per man a week. A visitor to the fleet says many of the yellow sponges he saw from these reefs were of unusual quality for yellows, while the sheep wool were of superior excellence.

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TALKED FISH AND LOBSTERS.

"Canada may adopt laws regulating the legal length of lobsters, which will be similar to the Maine laws," said Fish Commissioner Donohue of Maine. "Recently a member of the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa sent to me for a copy of the Maine laws in regard to the lobster fishing industry and the member of parliament said he hoped to secure similar laws to the lobster laws of Maine, for Canada."

"At the present time lobsters must be 9½ inches to be of legal length in Canada, but certain counties have adopted laws that lobsters must be 10½ inches in length to be of legal length. The legal length in Maine is 10½ inches and if the same law were adopted by other states and by Canada it would be of great benefit to the lobster fishing industry."

Commissioner Donohue says that the past season has been a decidedly successful one for the cruiser Sheldrake, as 25 per cent. more lobster fry has been collected than last season.

In speaking of the amount of porgies caught off the Maine coast during the present year the commissioner said that the catch by steamers owned by individuals outside of the state amounted to \$100,000, and local fishermen caught fully \$25,000 worth of the small fish.

"I was talking with one of the best posted men in the porgie fishing industry recently," said Commissioner Donohue, "and he told me that millions of dollars worth of porgies would have been caught had the fishermen had the apparatus with which to work. It is amusing to note that about one year ago many fishermen said that seines must be prohibited or the herring and mackerel would be exterminated. The past season proved a record breaker for herring catches and at many places along the coast the herring were practically given away. Not for 20 years have the fishermen caught so many mackerel on the Maine coast. There is just one reason why the mackerel and the porgies have not come to Maine waters before and that is because they were diverged from this direction because they did not find feeding grounds."

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Fulton Market Fish Notes.

Business at Fulton Market, N. Y., was only fair in the salt water fish market during last week, says the Fishing Gazette. On Tuesday and Wednesday it appeared as if there would be a short supply of stock and that prices would be right. On Thursday it was found that there was ample green stock to meet the demand and that only frozen fish called for was summer caught stock. The market was closed from Saturday to Tuesday because of Christmas.

During the forepart of the week codfish was plentiful, overland market stock selling at 2 cents to 3 cents per pound. On Thursday and Friday 4 cents to 5 cents was the quotation. Steak cod stock at 5 cents to 9 cents per pound.

Flounders were scarce, selling at 5 cents to 7 cents per pound.

Haddock brought 4 cents to 5 cents during the entire week.

Hake was scarce, selling at 6 cents to 7 cents on Thursday.

Caught a Shark.

It took Eddie Armstrong aboard the fishing sch. Elizabeth Nunan to find the shark that once through Neptune's Hall did disport himself. Eddie discovered the shark disporting himself on a trawl hook down off the eastward fishing grounds Monday night. The shark was eight feet long, weighed over 200 pounds, and had a disagreeable disposition. He swallowed the trawl hook and was only prevented from seasoning this dish with Armstrong himself by receiving a series of cracks over the head with an oar, delivered in rapid fire order by the said Armstrong.

Getting Ready Early.

The Provincetown schs. Matchless and Mary C. Santos which have been hauled up at this port, are fitting out for haddocking.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie arrived at Halifax Monday last and cleared for the fishing ground.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, formerly owned at this port but now under a British flag, arrived at White Head, N. S., Monday last, from Bay of Islands, N. F., bound to Halifax, with a cargo of herring.

All Ready For Maiden Trip.

The new steam trawler Swell finished taking aboard ice, bait and supplies at Boston yesterday and will sail on her maiden trip today.

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THE NEWFOUNDLAND MARKET.

Nearly All Available Fish Bought by Gloucester Concern.

As to the situation near the fishing grounds, the St. John's, N. F., "Trade Review" says there is nothing new in fish prices. The only transactions are between planters or outport business men on the one hand, and the exporting merchants on the other. While the prices are nominally quoted the same as last week, the parties to transactions are not talking loud enough for publication.

The markets are keeping healthy, and exporters, notwithstanding the high prices, will come through the season all right. A feature of the situation will be clean stores in the spring. From time immemorial there have been several thousand quintals of late-caught fish held over all winter, and this was more particularly the case from St. John's South and West. There will be none of this next year. The late fall and winter fish of the west coast has been bought ahead by American firms, and nearly all of the available fish at Petty Harbor and vicinity has been bought by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. within the last two weeks. This condition must of necessity make for high prices for the first dry fish ready for market next summer.

AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.

Smelt Fishery of New Brunswick Worth Over \$700,000 Annually.

Smelt fishing in New Brunswick, which commences the first of December, is an important industry, last year's catch amounting to \$726,661.

The smelt is the smallest and at the same time one of the best fish on the market. Its weight is one to two ounces. They are caught in nets through the ice or from scows anchored at different stations in the streams flowing into the ocean. They float in and out with the tide in great numbers and it is not an uncommon thing at the first of the season for a single net to take a ton or more of the fish per day. Buyers have been paying as high as \$110 per ton. The fish are frozen after caught and are placed in the market in that condition. They are more numerous in the streams and rivers flowing into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, particularly the Miramichi, Buctouche, and Richibucto.

Motor Boats Are the Thing.

Fishermen of the Shetland Islands are wide-awake, it seems, to the value of motor fishing boats as against the slow-moving sailboat, and the fleets the coming year will be noteworthy for the diminution in the number of sailing craft, says a correspondent of the London "Fish Trades Gazette." With the re-commencement of the haddock line fishing on the west of Shetland, there has been a considerable addition to the number of motor skiffs at Scalloway and Hamnavoe. Last year ended with a total of half a dozen motor boats working there, and their crews were so well pleased with them that other fishermen have been induced to invest in motors. So fare as Scalloway is concerned, the motor boat has evidently come to stay, and it is fast superseding the Shetland four-oar and lug-sail boat.

Porto Rico Market.

S. Ramirez & Co., in their weekly report, dated December 19, give arrivals of fishstuffs as follows. At San Juan, per Caracas, 10 tcs. codfish; per Coamo, 261 tcs. codfish. At Ponce, 190 tcs. cod, 50 tcs. pollock. At Mayaguez, 25 tcs. dry fish. At Arecibo, 150 tcs. codfish. At Arroyo, 60 tcs. codfish. Severe storms have interrupted traffic between seaports and the interior and stocks have accumulated. The quotations are: Codfish, \$7.75 to \$8 per 100 lbs.; pollock and haddock, \$5 to \$5.25.