

LAST OF THE HERRING FLEET

SCH. SMUGGLER HERE THIS MORNING FROM PORT AUX BASQUES, N. F.

Sch. Smuggler, from Port aux Basques, N. F., arrived this morning with a cargo of frozen herring shipped overland to that port from Bay of Islands, consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The craft hauls for 800 barrels of frozen herring, 45 barrels of salt herring and 10,000 pounds of salt cod, in addition.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis is also down from Boston with about 8000 pounds of fresh fish, left over from Saturday.

The gill netters secured about 30,000 pounds Saturday, and about 25,000 pounds of fresh fish yesterday. This morning most of the fleet got underway for the day's fishing.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, via Boston, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Smuggler, Port aux Basques, N. F., 800 bbls frozen herring, 45 bbls. salt herring, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston.

Sch. Alert, via Boston.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Jorgina, shore.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulla, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

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

Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

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

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

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mindora, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, all netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

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

Str. Venture, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed

Sch. Harriet, haddocking.
Sch. Little Fannie, haddocking.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Rebecca, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Laverna, haddocking.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$2.15, medium, \$1.75, snappers 75 cts.

Western cod, large, \$2.25, mediums, \$1.85, snappers 75 cts.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 9 1-2 cts. for gray.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

READY FOR THE LENTEN TRADE.

T WHARF DEALERS START WEEK WITH GOOD SUPPLY OF FISH.

Another batch of off shore crafts arrived at T wharf, Boston, over Saturday and Sunday, all bringing in big fares which, with that of the shore boats, gave the dealers a nice supply for the opening trade of the week.

The new sch. Flora L. Oliver, Capt. Viator Oliver, is at the dock from her maiden trip. Capt. Oliver has a nice fare, hauling for 70,000 pounds, 30,000 pounds of which are cod. He is very much pleased with the new craft and makes a good start upon her initial trip.

Other arrivals include sch. Frances S. Grueby, Capt. Enos Nickerson, from her third trip with 82,000 lbs., sch. Morning Star, 76,000 pounds, sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 55,000 pounds, sch. Adeline, 75,000 pounds, sch. Georgiana, 73,000 pounds, and sch. Gov. Foss, 73,000 pounds.

With the approach of the Lenten season which commences with Ash Wednesday, there is every indication that there will be plenty of fresh fish, provided weather conditions are good, together with good business for the dealers.

Haddock sold this morning at \$1.75 to \$3.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$4.25 to \$5, market cod, \$2.50 to \$3, hake, \$3 to \$6.35, pollock, \$3, cusk, \$2.50 and halibut, 16 cents a pound right through.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6500 haddock.

Sch. Leo, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 4000 haddock, 500 hake.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 17,000 haddock, 300 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Jennie Gilbert, 4000 cod.

Str. Foam, 37,000 haddock, 5200 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 60,000 haddock, 10,000 cod 5000 hake 1500 halibut.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 36,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 9000 cusk, 3500 halibut.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 77,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Adeline, 70,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Georgiana, 40,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 6000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 7500 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Standish, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Jeanette, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Actor, 2000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 9000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 22,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Gov. Foss, 60,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 11,000 haddock, 400 cod.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3.50; large cod, \$4.25 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$6.35; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$2.50; halibut, 16c for white and gray.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Tug Sadie House, Boston.

Sch. Frances V. Sawyer, returned.

Sch. Methebesic, returned.

Barge Bonanza, South Amboy, coal.

Barge Bear Creek, South Amboy, coal.

Barge Haverford, Perth Amboy, coal.

Tug Wyoming, South Amboy.

Tug Tacony, South Amboy.

Fish Landings at T Wharf.

A total of 83 fares, aggregating 2,343,200 pounds of groundfish were landed at Boston for the week ending February 16, against 105 arrivals or 2,566,700 pounds for the same period of 1911.

BILL OF HEALTH IS NECESSARY.

FOR BANKERS AND SHACKERS WHICH MAY MAKE PORT AT ST. PIERRE.

Masters of salt bankers and shackers making port at St. Pierre, Miquelon the coming season are liable to find themselves in trouble and a prison term facing them should they be without a proper bill of health.

The local Custom house calls the attention of all vessel owners and masters to the following abstract of a letter just received from the office of the Commissioner of Navigation:

"The Health department of St. Pierre and Miquelon is enforcing strictly the general French law requiring all vessels from foreign countries, which touch at ports in France or the French colonies, to show proper bills of health.

"Vessels coming from American or Canadian ports are expected to show bills of health, and the certificates should be visited by the French consular officer at the port from which the vessel clears. Should there be no consular officer a certificate from the customs authorities will suffice.

"Even fishing vessels will be required to produce bills of health. It will be advisable, therefore, for all vessels intending to touch at St. Pierre to secure bills of health from the proper authority, and have them visited by the French consular officer, should there be such an officer before sailing.

"The penalty for failure to produce a proper health paper includes imprisonment."

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BIG PLANS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.

Plans for the coming year which include the improvement of the fisheries, the extension of roads, additional coastal steamers, better telephone, telegraph and wireless facilities, and a general scheme to combat tuberculosis through the agency of the Reid Sanatoriums, recent gifts to the colony, were announced by Governor Ralph Champney Williams in his opening address to Newfoundland Legislature. He also forecasted extension of old-age pension system by making school teachers eligible as pensioners.

Governor Williams declared the prosperity of the colony to be unexampled, this welcome condition being due, he said, to the good fisheries, the high prices secured for exported goods, and the exceptional progress that has been made in farming, mining and manufacturing industries. He announced a handsome surplus from the revenue of the last fiscal year and stated that the colony's income still continues to exceed all past records.

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Made Fine Stock.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, Capt. Leslie Coffill which arrived at Boston Saturday, stocked \$2008 as the result of her trip, the crew sharing \$72 each. Considering that it was the week-end when trade and prices are not exceptionally brisk, the crew did exceptionally well, their share being one of big ones in the winter haddock fishery.

On the Railways.

Sch. Juno is on Rocky Neck railways. Sch. Manomet was on Parkhurst's railways yesterday afternoon, and sch. Patriot and tug Nellie are on there this morning.

Crafts Fitting Out

Schs. Gossip, J. J. Flaherty and Annie M. Parker are fitting for early salt banking trips.

Sch. Patriot is fitting for a Georges handling trip under command of Capt. William Bissert.

Frozen Herring Notes.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon has gone to Boston where she will discharge her frozen herring.

The schooner fishermen have the best of reasons for protesting against the steam trawlers, which are beginning to appear upon the fishing grounds on this side of the North Atlantic. And it is important that the public should understand the ground of this protest. Some are so misinformed that they imagine it to be a contest between vessels propelled by steam and others in which the wind is still the propelling power. Some fancy that the whole trouble grows out of jealousies and rivalries incident to any industry. This, however, is beside the mark. Jealousies have nothing to do with the matter. It makes no difference how vessels are propelled, but it does make a tremendous difference as to what method is used in fishing. And the protest against the steam trawlers is a protest against a method of fishing. These steam vessels use a beam or an otter trawl which scoops up everything in its path with the result that large numbers of fish which are yet unfit for market are destroyed, and damage is done to the feeding places. Such methods in the North Sea resulted in the tremendous impoverishment of the fishing grounds. The claim is made that the effect will be the same on the banks, and that in a relatively short time these famous fishing grounds would be made almost worthless.

The protest to Congress, therefore, is a protest against waste, and against the destruction of fishing grounds, which for nearly three centuries have been a source of food and of wealth to the inhabitants of the United States and of Canada. It is a demand that Congress prohibit methods which are needlessly destructive, and apply to the fishing industry the same policy of conservation which is being urged for other natural products. Action needs to be prompt, for damage may be done very quickly, but it is repaired very slowly. Naturally men who see in the steam trawlers an easy and quick method of making money are protesting hard. But Congress can hardly consent that a few men shall fatten and, in the end, leave many to starve.

In too many cases action is taken too late. In this matter we may well be forehanded. Fish is too important an article of diet to be wasted. The fishing industry of New England is too important to be destroyed.

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THIRTY MORE FOR LUNENBURG.

A recent visitor to Lunenburg tells us, says the Maritime Merchant, that the fleet this season will be increased by the addition of 30 new sail. These with an allowance for vessels disposed of brings the total up to 140. Measured by numbers this is not quite as great as it has been before, but measured by tonnage it establishes a new high record.

The old type of fishing vessel was about 25 per cent. smaller than the new ones of today and very much less expensive. It is said that the average cost of the 30 new ones is in the vicinity of \$12,000 each; so they will show a total of new capital invested of \$360,000.

We asked whether there was any difficulty to get crews for all these new ships, and the answer was, none whatever, any man who could get a bulder to supply him with a vessel this year had no trouble to sign on a crew almost without the asking.

These are days of great hopefulness in Lunenburg county. The fishermen made a tidy sum of money last year and they are hoping to duplicate it this season. They must not forget, however, that they had very good luck in getting clear of their cargoes at just the right time last season, and that they cannot expect to be equally fortunate every year.

THE STEAM TRAWLER'S SIDE OF IT.

Attorney Garcelon Makes Statement For Bay State Fisheries Co.

The officers of the Bay State Fisheries Company, the only concern operating steam trawlers on the Atlantic coast of the United States, denounce the allegations of Boston and Gloucester fishermen that the steam trawler is exhausting the fish supply on the banks.

Attorney William Garcelon, who is conducting a thorough investigation of steam trawling for the Bay State Fisheries Company, issues the following statement in reply to the fishermen:

"There are only four steam trawlers now in operation, which belong to United States concerns. Two more have been practically completed at the Fore River shipyards. It is claimed that these vessels deplete and exhaust the fishing grounds. The real objection is, perhaps, that the bringing of large numbers of fish by steam trawlers reduces the price of fish, so that old-fashioned fishing is not so profitable.

"The Bay State Fisheries Company began five years ago with one vessel. It is impossible for steam trawlers to fish on rough bottoms and they now fish on not more than five per cent. of the fishing territory. Those interested in the business believe that this method of fishing will lead to a much cheaper and better fish for the public and besides, there is not connected with it the danger of fishermen being set adrift in the fog or on the rough sea, in a dory.

England Made Probe.

"The question of exhausting the fish supply has been investigated thoroughly in England, and nearly 100 years ago the cry was raised that the sea would be depleted of fish. A royal commission was appointed to investigate. In 1883 a body of experts, presided over by Earl Dalhousie, made an investigation and collected much evidence from the fishermen. They reported to Parliament that the alleged diminution of the fish supply could not be proved.

"Scientific men are almost unanimously opposed to further restriction. The Scottish Fishery Board has made exhaustive tests through a series of years and has published a book, entitled, 'Resources of the Sea,' in which it says that fears of ultimate extinction or diminution of the fish supply are entirely baseless; that the alleged destruction of spawn has no basis, in fact, a greater authority, the late Professor Huxley, has shown how idle are these attempts to check the colossal reproductive and destructive work of nature herself. He said that he believed that the supply of cod, herring and practically all of the great sea fish is inexhaustible

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Fulton Market Fish Notes.

The past week was a poor one for the Fulton Market commission men. Green stock was scarce and prices high. The cod smacks made light catches. Codfish was high in price, market fish during the first half of the week and on Friday selling at 4 to 5 cents, and steak cod at 9 to 10 cents until Wednesday, when it dropped 1 cent a pound. The same figures held on Thursday. Friday's quotation was 7 to 8 cents.

Eastern white halibut brought 10 to 15 cents per pound.
Haddock was quoted at 3 to 5 cents.
There was no hake in the market.
Pollock sold at 6 to 8 cents.

Digby, N. S., Arrivals.

Arrivals at Digby, N. S., last week were schs, Dorothy G. Snow, 88,000 pounds mixed fish; Albert J. Lutz, 61,000 pounds and Cora Gerlie from Freeport with a cargo of fresh fish.

"Dr. Brown Goode of the United States fisheries department" has stated that he had reached the conclusion that the number of any one kind of oceanic fish killed by man is insignificant when compared with the destruction effected by their natural enemies.

"Mr. Shaw LeFevre, a member of the British Royal Commission, has given his opinion thus: 'I think that it may be taken as an established and incontrovertible fact that there has been no falling off in English fisheries, but a very great increase, an increase in most cases greater in proportion than in the number of men and boats employed, and giving an adequate return to the very largely increased capital devoted to them.

Town's Big Industry.

"The London Economist of December 16, 1911, tells the story of the steam trawlers of England: 'The town of Grimsby furnishes 70 per cent. of London's supply and has through the steam trawler developed a wonderful growth and prosperity.'

"Where only six trawlers are expected to go out from Boston during the coming year, 600 will go out from the town of Grimsby, and this is not counting those which go out from the other fishing ports of England, such as Hull, Fleetwood, Boston, Milford, Haven and Aberdeen.

"In 1906 the total catch of cod, haddock and plaice was 45,330 cwt.; in 1909, it was 337,496. In 1854 the total catch in England for the year was 453 tons. That much is caught now in a day, for in 1910, there were landed 174,550 tons of fish. The result of this has been a constant demand for fresh fish and a natural decrease in the price of this food product. The Economist ends its editorial by saying that the oceanic supply seems inexhaustible.

"Objections were made to the introduction of machinery into the mills, the old-fashioned shoemaker protested against machinery for making shoes. Every advance in almost every industry has found objection by those who had been educated in and clung to old-fashioned methods.

"A thorough investigation, scientific and economic, will show that the fears of the fishermen are without good cause and that the prejudice which they have against the steam trawler is as baseless and as foolish as the prejudice of the old-time Gloucester fishermen against the introduction of motors into fishing boats."

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Pensacola Fish Notes.

Eight smacks, five for the E. E. Saunders Company and three for the Warren Fish Company arrived at Pensacola last week, bringing a total of 190,400 pounds of fish. The Saunders Company received 92,000 pounds of red snapper and 37,900 pounds of grouper; total 129,900 pounds. The Warren Company received 59,000 pounds of red snapper and 1,500 pounds of grouper; total, 60,500 pounds. The Saunders smack Ida S. Brooks brought in an exceptionally large load, 44,800 pounds. The smack Clara P. Sewell, of the Warren Fish Company's fleet, caused some anxiety by reason of failing to make port anywhere near on time. She finally arrived on February 9, and explained her long delay—the running into a series of storms. Other smacks coming in also reported stormy trips from the banks.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

Arrivals of fishstuffs at Porto Rico ports for the week ending February 6 are given by S. Ramirez & Company as follows: Codfish, 604 tierces, 125 boxes; mackerel, 10 half barrels; split herring, 160 barrels. The firm on the date given quoted codfish at \$7.25 per 100 pounds and pollock and haddock at \$5 the 100 pounds. Notwithstanding light arrivals and the efforts of receivers to dispose of their holdings stocks are accumulating and can only be kept moving by liberal concessions in prices. It is evident that consumption is not up to former levels, and it remains to be seen whether the Lenten season will cause a revival in the demand such as would be needed to bring about an improvement in the market.

HANDLINER HAS HALIBUT.

SCH. PATRIOT IN HERE THIS MORNING BRINGS 6000 POUNDS.

Fishing receipts are rather light here this forenoon, the only off shore arrival being sch. Jubilee, from a Georges handling trip, with 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 6000 pounds of halibut.

Most of the shore fleet put into Boston yesterday, and after disposing of their fares came here. The gill netters had about 30,000 weight yesterday, some of the crafts lifting only small fares.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Jubilee, Georges, handling, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
- Sch. Jeanette, shore.
- Sch. Jeanette, shore.
- Sch. Flavilla, shore
- Sch. Flora H. Oliver, via Boston.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston
- Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Alice, gill netting, 500 lbs fresh fish.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Eagle, gill netting, 700 lbs, fresh fish.
- Str. Namoi Bruce, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mindora, gill netting, 1000 lbs fresh fish.
- Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1000 lbs fresh fish.
- Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 6000 lbs, fresh fish.
- Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 625 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Venture, gill netting, 2000 lbs fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Boston.
- Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
- Sch. A. D. Story, Georges.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.
- Haddock, \$1.50.
- Pollock, \$1.50.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
- Peak cod, large, \$2.15, medium, \$1.75, snappers 75 cts.
- Western cod, large, \$2.25, mediums, \$1.85, snappers 75 cts.
- All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.
- Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.
- Bank halibut, \$ 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 9 1-2 cts. for gray.

Bait Prices.

- Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.
- Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.
- Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.
- Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

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A FAVORABLE REPORT,

On Cong. Gardner's Resoution for Council of the Sea Appropriation.

The house committee on foreign affairs has ordered a favorable report upon Congressman Gardner's resolutions which provide an appropriation for the participation of the United States in the International Council of the Sea.

This is a matter in which the Bureau of Fisheries is much interested as well as the fishermen and vessel owners here in this city. The resolution has already passed the senate where it was introduced by Senator Lodge.

"THAD" MORGAN GOING AGAIN.

Capt. Thaddeus Morgan will again command the sch. Constellation this season at mackerel seining and has written from his home in Virginia, requesting that the craft's seines be in readiness about March 25, when he will go south with the early spring fleet for mackerel.

After nearly two years' absence, Capt. Morgan's friends will be glad to see him back again. He has not been in command of the craft here since 1910, when he came on for a short while and then returned home again. Last year he did not engage in seining at all.

Capt. Morgan has always been one of the high liners among the seining fleet and all hands will be pleased to see him again in pursuit of the elusive mackerel.

WHERE FISH ARE FRESH.

How the Copenhagen Men Catch and Sell Them Large and Small.

When a person buys fresh fish in Copenhagen he really gets it. More than that, he gets uncontaminated fish. The sewers used to empty into the sea at the nearest convenient points. Now the sewage is collected into a main trunk line and carried two kilometers out to sea before it is released.

This enables boats full of live fish to come close to shore and right into the town by spreading the fish on slabs so that dust and dirt may not settle on them. Very pretty tessellated tile tanks are filled with running water, and here the smaller fish swim about. The larger fish, such as cod or halibut, are too cumbersome to keep alive and are therefore placed in the cold storage rooms.

Not only are the fish fresh, but they are generally very well, sometimes even artistically, cooked. At Copenhagen the domestic servant trade union has instituted a school where members of the union are taught how to be clean and neat, and above all how to cook fish.

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The Herring Failed.

As to the winter herring fishing along the Scotland coast the "John O'Groat Journal" says it may be written down as an utter failure. This means much and will make the remaining months before the summer season opens very hard ones to endure. Nothing will tell against the proposal for a close time so much as the dire necessity of many crews to be up and doing something to hold their homes together. The season's total catch amounts only to 80 crans as compared with 681 crans at same date last year. The fishing on the west coast and at the Irish ports has been extremely moderate, and as a rule prices have ruled high.

Fish Men Paid Bets.

Because at noon yesterday the schs. Victor and Ethan and Athena, formerly of Boston which are bound around South America to the fishing grounds of the Pacific, were 102 days out from port, and a number of people bet the two schooners would make the long trip in 100 days or less, a lot of hats and things changed hands down at T wharf yesterday morning. Hats seemed to be the principal bets, one man capturing a half dozen new lids. There was considerable money up, and a few shirts and cigars.

Salt Mackerel Market.

Domestic salt mackerel is in great demand, with remarkably little fish in dealers' storehouses, says the Fishing Gazette. Cape Breton bloaters are \$30 a barrel, while shore and bay salt mackerel are absolutely out of the market. Many dealers with large contracts to fill in the south will have to fall back on some of the cheaper grades of foreign salt mackerel to fill their written requirements. A few Magdalen islands salt mackerel come forward from time to time, but not enough to supply the demand.

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MARKET PRICES HOLD VERY LOW

ON HADDOCK, BUT COD ARE BRINGING VERY GOOD FIGURES.

T wharf dealers are well supplied with fresh fish with the approach of the Lenten season which opens tomorrow, for in addition to yesterday's large receipts, 16 more arrivals are at the dock this forenoon with good fares.

From off shore are schs. Quannapowit with 45,000 pounds, Eugenia 45,000 pounds, Effie M. Prior 60,000 pounds, Teazer 20,000 pounds of fresh fish and 16,000 pounds of halibut and the steam trawler Crest with 18,000 pounds. Several of the shore boats are also in from short trips and report good fares.

Off shore haddock sold at \$1.60 and some shore haddock as high as \$4 a hundred weight. Large cod was quoted at \$4.50 to \$5, market cod, \$2.50 to \$3, hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$4 to \$5; cusk, \$1.75 to \$2.50 and halibut 12 cents a pound right through.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Motor, 9000 cod,
Sch. Alice, 6000 haddock, 9000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Quannapowit, 42,000 haddock, 2500 cod.
Sch. Eugenia, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Effie M. Prior, 30,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 20,000 cusk, 1000 halibut.
Sch. Annie Perry, 16,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Matchless, 18,000 haddock, 1100 cod, 3500 hake.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 hake.
Sch. Emily Sears, 9500 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 2500 cod.
Sch. Maxwell, 2200 cod.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 10,000 haddock, 200 cod, 400 hake.
Sch. Genesta, 12,000 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Teazer, 10,000 cod 10,000 hake, 16,000 halibut.
Str. Crest 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon frozen herring from Gloucester.
Haddock, \$1.60 to \$4; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$4 to \$5; cusk, \$1.75 to \$2.50; halibut, 12 cents for white and gray.

BETTER PRICE HERE.

Halibut Fare Here Brings Cent More Than One at Portland.

Sch. Harvard is at Portland today with 6000 pounds of halibut which sold at 12 cents a pound for white and 10 cents a pound for gray.

The halibut fare of sch. Jubilee sold to the American Halibut Company this morning at 13 cents a pound for white and 11 cents a pound for gray, the price on white and gray being a cent better than at Portland.

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Australian Sea Dragon.

The Australian sea dragon is a kind of sea horse, but it is so richly ornamented with loose and flapping ribbons of skin that it looks like a bunch of seaweed when traveling through the water, and the ravenous wolves of the sea searching for food may pass it a dozen times a day without suspecting that the innocent looking bit of seaweed is really a fish.

Fisherman Died in the West.

Thomas Larsen, a fisherman of Pensacola, Fla., died in Tuscan, Ariz., on Tuesday, and was buried there by the Fishermen's Benevolent Association. He had gone there for his health.

Value of Gulf Catch.

During the month of January fish taken from the gulf of Mexico along the Texas coast had a value of \$36,500.

A Treaty Coast Trip.

Sch. S. P. Willard sailed today for the Newfoundland treaty coast for a cargo of salt cod.

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BRINGS COD AND HERRING.

SCH. ARBUTUS HOME THIS MORNING FROM HER NEWFOUNDLAND TRIP.

Sch. Arbutus the last of the Newfoundland herring fleet, arrived this forenoon from Port aux Basques, N. F., with 700 barrels of salt herring, 40 barrels of pickled herring and 60,000 pounds of salt cod for Cunningham & Thompson Company.

Sch. Rhodora, one of the halibuters, arrived from Quero with 20,000 pounds of halibut which sold to the New England Fish Company and about 2500 pounds of fletches.

The catch of the gill netting crafts was less than 15,000 pounds, only the steamers getting under way.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Rhodora, Quero, 16,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 2500 lbs. fletched halibut.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

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

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

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

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulla, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Arbutus, Port aux Basques, 700 bbls. frozen herring, 40 bbls. pickled herring, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Flavilla, shore.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore

Sch. Flora L. Olyier, via Boston.

Sch. Adeline, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Pauline, Georges, handling.

Sch. Carrie C., Georges, handling.

Sch. Moonam, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Greer, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Manomet, haddocking.

Sch. S. P. Willard, Newfoundland treaty coast.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3. Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$2.15, medium, \$1.75, snappers 75 cts.

Western cod, large, \$2.25, mediums, \$1.85, snappers 75 cts.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers 60 cts.

Bank halibut 11c per lb. for white and 9c per lb. for gray.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

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Well Christened.

The new sch. Flora L. Oliver stocked \$2158 as the result of her maiden trip, the crew sharing \$83 each. Capt. Oliver starts out well in his new command and his many friends wish that his success will continue.

Has Fine Trip.

Sch. Kineo of this port, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, which sailed from here New Year's day is at Portland this morning with a fine fare of 30,000 pounds of halibut.

Good Pickerel Fishing.

Within a week 1000 pickerel were taken through the ice from Doan's Pond near Brookfield. One of them weighed 4 1-2 pounds.

BILLIONS OF FRY.

And Fish Eggs Distributed by Bureau of Fisheries During 1911.

The report of Commissioner George M. Bowers shows the Bureau of Fisheries made a record in 1911, the total eggs and fry distributed being 3,646,294,535, or 12.83 per cent. greater than 1910. Of these distributions, 550,470,144 eggs, 1,029,800 fry, and 1060 larger fish were delivered to State fish commissions and 86,000 eggs, 6,000,000 fry, and 2050 older fish were furnished to foreign countries.

Applications for food and game fishes during the year numbered 10,393, and over half were for black basses, crappies, sunfishes and catfishes for stocking artificial ponds on farms, which are being made a valuable adjunct to farming as food supply for home consumption and as a source of revenue. The species propagated in larger numbers in 1911 than in 1910 included the chinook salmon, steelhead trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, grayling, pike, perch, yellow perch, white perch, smallmouth black bass, buffalo fish, pollock, haddock, and lobster. The output of Atlantic salmon was double that of any previous year.

Portland Fish Notes.

Portland's supply of fish was considerably increased Monday by the arrival of several of the local fleet and one Gloucesterman. The trips reported were: Albert D. Willard, 6000; Hockmoo, 6000; Edmund F. Black, 6000; Fanny Reed, 2000; Bernie and Bessie, 3500; Watauga, 2000; Mary E. Sennett, 3000; Hattie L. Trask, 7000 pounds of halibut and 15,000 pounds of salt fish. The Trask came from Georges and had been out three weeks. Some cold weather was encountered, but the trip was regarded as an average winter one.

Sch. Paragon is also at Portland this morning with 20,000 pounds of halibut. The fare sold for 10 cents a pound for white and 8 cents a pound for greys, the trip of sch. Kineo also bringing the same figure. This is one cent a pound less on each grade than paid here this morning for the trip of sch. Rhodora.

It was the sch. Mary E. Harty of this port that arrived at Portland yesterday with a fare of halibut instead of sch. Harvard as previously reported.

Few Dollars Against Many.

Commenting on the Massachusetts Legislature's refusal to open the bay to trap fishermen this year, the Taunton, Mass., "Gazette" says: "The great source of income to all that section surrounding Buzzard's Bay is from the summer visitors who have invested millions of dollars in the development of the sandy land and who spend millions more with the natives every year. Should fish trapping be allowed it would mean perhaps a greater income to some few fishermen in the immediate vicinity, but this they would have to share with visiting fishermen and would militate in no small manner against the income of the rest of the residents by diminishing the attractiveness of the region to the people who spend the money there."

Fresh Halibut Notes.

There were six cars of Western white halibut in Fulton market last week, of which only five cars were opened. I. W. Robbins & Son had three cars, Chesboro Bros. and John Feeney one car each, and the New England Fish Co. one car, which will be opened on Monday. From Monday to Wednesday white halibut sold at 10 cents. On Thursday there was a jump of two cents per pound in the price, and the same figure held Friday. Indications are that halibut will be scarce and high in price during the coming week. As far as is known only one car of green fish is due. The Continental Fish Co. has a car of frozen halibut on the way.—Fishing Gazette.

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Never Done Before.

The Canadian government has long anticipated that the navigation of the St. Lawrence river from Quebec could be kept open all winter. In view of this, a short time ago, it dispatched the government ice breaking steamer Montcalm with the mails and food supplies to Anticosti and other places along the St. Lawrence. The feat, however, was accomplished without any great difficulty or accident.

HALIBUT SALE.

The halibut fare of sch. Rhodora sold this forenoon to the New England Halibut Company at 11 cents a pound for white and 9 cents a pound for gray.

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HADDOCK TOOK UPWARD JUMP.

NOT MUCH FISH AT T WHARF FOR OPENING OF LENTEN SEASON.

Fresh fish arrivals at Boston this morning were rather light for the opening of Lent, a total of nine crafts being at the dock with a total catch aggregating about 160,000 pounds.

The big trip of the fleet was brought in by the steam trawler Swell which hails for 80,000 pounds of haddock and 2500 pounds of cod. Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson from a short trip has 40,000 pounds mostly haddock.

Haddock sold from \$3 to \$4.25 a hundred weight, large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$3.25 to \$4.50 and cusk, \$1.75.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 900 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 25,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Rebecca, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Str. Swell, 80,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 2000 cod.

Sch. Harriett, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Thos. J. Carroll, 8000 haddock, 100 cod, 400 hake.

Haddock, \$3 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$3.25 to \$4.50; cusk, \$1.75.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sch. Edward S. Eveleth, Boston for Ipswich.

Sch. Mary E. Lynch, Boston for Stonington.

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COMMITTEE HEARD REPORTS.

WORK OF ANTI-BEAM TRAWL WORKERS HERE GOING ON SMOOTHLY.

An enthusiastic meeting of the anti-beam trawling committee in behalf of this port was held at the rooms of the Master Mariners' association recently.

The reports of Capt. George E. Heckman, delegate of the local committee to the recent mass meeting at Lunenburg, N. S., and Capt. Joshua Stanley who went to Maine in the interests of the movement were received.

Capt. Heckman told of what the Nova Scotians did at the meeting as previously given in the Times and brought most encouraging reports of action along the lines as laid down in Congressman Gardner's bill, pending at Washington.

Capt. Stanley also had a very profitable and encouraging visit along the Maine coast, and the interests there are interviewing their senators and congressman, and it is even hinted that the Maine legislature may pass resolutions endorsing the Gardner bill.

Several matters pertaining to ways and means and other details of a confident nature were discussed. All were satisfied with the progress that is being made, and it is quite evident that Gloucester and the other ports will have some strong and convincing arguments, data, etc., when they appear at the hearing in Washington.