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WERE LONG TIME GETTING HOME.

ALEXANDER AND HALL SINCE FEBRUARY 7 COMING FROM PORT AUX BASQUES.

A. B. Alexander, who has been at the Bay of Islands, N. F., this winter taking observations of the herring fishery in the interests of the state department at Washington and Chaney Hall, agent of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company, arrived in Boston last evening and will reach here this afternoon.

They had quite a hard time of it getting home, having left Port aux Basques, N. F., on February 7, making their way along the coast in steamers until they reached St. John's where they boarded the new sealing steamer Nascopic arriving at Louisburg, N. S., on Monday.

Yesterday the gentlemen were detained by the derailment of their train in Nova Scotia, finally reaching Boston last evening.

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ONLY THREE TRIPS ARE IN.

BUT T WHARF DEALERS HAVE ENOUGH TO FINISH THE WEEK OUT WITH.

Three off shore fares were the only arrivals at T wharf, Boston, this morning with a total catch approximating 180,000 pounds.

They were schs. John J. Fallon, 46,000 pounds; Diana, 70,000 pounds and Frances V. Sylvia, 64,000 pounds. Notwithstanding the short market, the supply was just about enough to carry the dealers over, for the week has been a good one for fish receipts and the trade brisk, sufficient to clean up the supply on hand.

Haddock sold from \$2 to \$2.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$5 to \$6, market cod, \$4, hake, \$5, pollock, \$4, cusk, \$2 and halibut 30 cents a pound right through.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. John J. Fallon, 42,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Diana, 65,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 54,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$4; hake, \$5; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2; halibut, 30 cts. for white.

HAD THE GALE HEAVY.

Sch. Edmund F. Black Reached Portland After a Tough Two Days.

After being out in the big storm of Monday night and Tuesday morning, the Portland fishing sch. Edmund F. Black came to her dock Wednesday morning undamaged from the heavy blow. Capt. William Black said he had been fishing on Jeffries bank and it was 7 o'clock Monday evening before his last dory was taken aboard. He then headed for Portland and about 11 o'clock, he was off the port, but could not make out any lights. He was then about five miles from the lightship that could not be picked up in the storm.

Capt. Black then decided the safe thing for him to do was to put to sea again. He did and when the storm cleared Tuesday morning, he found he was back on Jeffries. He returned to Portland that day and arrived late in the evening. Wednesday morning he took out his fare of 10,000 pounds of fish for the F. S. Willard Co.

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WEEK ENDED VERY POORLY.

STILL ANOTHER DAY WITH NO FISH FARES FROM OFF SHORE.

It was another cold bleak day along the harbor front, no off shores being reported. A number of the shore boats are in, while some of the coasting fleet came in last evening for shelter.

The gill netters did not strike very heavy fishing as a whole yesterday on account of the rough weather although some of the boats brought in fairly good catches, making a fair day's work, as prices remained high.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
Sch. Ibsen, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Alice, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Eagle, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mindora, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Venture, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Georgiana, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, shore.
Sch. Reliance, shore.
Sch. Harriett, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.
Sch. Thos. J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston.
Sch. Alice, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Corsair, Georges, handling.
Sch. Annie M. Parker, salt bank trawling

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handling 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, 13c per lb. for white and 11c 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.

MARTIE WELCH'S \$3310 STOCK.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, made another big stick as the result of his recent haddock trip, which is one of the two largest ever made in the winter haddock fishery. Capt. Welch took down a check for just \$3310, which will go to swell the receipts of his fine winter's fishing. The crew received \$80.56 to a man, clear, as their share of the proceeds.

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SCH. ELSIE HAS A FINE TRIP.

AND SHOULD MAKE A GOOD DOLLAR AT T WHARF TODAY.

Only five arrivals were reported at Boston this morning, each vessel coming in coated with ice which froze on the decks as the heavy chop swept across them on their homeward trip.

Sch. Elsie arrived yesterday afternoon, after a tough trip with a nice fare, consisting of about 77,000 pounds. Other arrivals were schs. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 15,000 pounds, Azorean, 2500 pounds and Annie and Jennie, 5000 pounds.

Wholesale prices on haddock ranged from \$2.85 to \$6 a hundred weight, large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$5.50 to \$6 and hake, \$5.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 13,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Yankee, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5000 haddock.
Sch. Azorean, 200 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Elsie, 65,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 300 halibut.
Haddock, \$2.85 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$5.50 to \$6; hake, \$5.50.

NEWFOUNDLAND GILL NETTERS.

Next summer the cod fishery from Placentia, N. F., will be prosecuted by a company of which J. F. Murphy is promoter, which will engage at gill-net fishing, as practised on the New England coast, with great success. Mr. Murphy visited this city and Boston recently, studied its practical aspects, and motor boats will be employed in charge of John Collins, late manager at Hawke's Harbor whaling factory.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Though there were several fishing vessels at Portland Thursday, but two fares were reported. They were of 300 pounds each and were brought in by the Albert D. Willard and the Katie L. Palmer. They had been tied up in the lower bay since the storm of the first of the week.

For all a fair amount of fish is now being caught, haddock are reported as extremely scarce. There is not nearly enough to supply the market and the smoke houses are not doing as much as a month ago. It is expected there will be a big supply as soon as the fish begin to school and may be netted.

Ice Holds Up Banker.

Messages from the Newfoundland west coast report the fishery there a failure, owing to the frequency of storms, so severe as to prevent the men getting to the grounds. About 15 bankers are on the coast, well supplied with bait, but unable to leave harbor because of the weather, though last year at this date some of the vessels had already got 100 to 300 quintals by using their trawls on the grounds.

Fish Supply Lessening.

The fish exports last week at St. John's, N. F., were not large, but the bulk in store is getting less every day. The amount of fish passed through St. John's Customs since last reports is 6791 quintals. Of this amount, 2795 quintals went to Brazil; 2500 to other parts; 1224 quintals to Spain; 184 quintals to Portugal; 88 to England.

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Early Season at Norway.

Reports from Norway indicate that the voyage has opened earlier than usual on the fishing grounds of that country, and a comparison of figures to this date last year shows this year's catch to be somewhat ahead. It is, however, too early to yet figure on what the voyage will be like before reeling up time.

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Word from the Sealers. Word has been received from two of the Halifax sealing schooners in the South Seas. The Hilda R. has 2100, taken in the South Seas, and the Ida M. Clarke has 500, taken off Cape Horn. These skins approximately are worth \$2 apiece, so that the Hilda R.'s catch at present is worth \$25,200, and that of the Ida M. Clarke \$6000. No reports have yet come from the schooners Agnes Donohoe, Ysobel May and Village Belle.

Ice at Placentia.

Placentia Bay is now filled with slob ice and the harbor is so packed with it that the Invermore and Home cannot enter, while the Morien, from Louisburg, coal laden to the Reid Company, is also due and will probably have to come to St. John's. Point Verde report no water visible in the bay and the condition there is worse than has been witnessed for very many years.

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THE PICKEREL LAW.

Will Not Take Effect Until March 17, Says Fish and Game Commissioner.

The recently passed act, creating a close season on pickerel will not take effect until March 17, according to notices posted by the Fish and Game Commission. The act was signed by the governor on February 16, but contained no provision that it should take effect "upon its passage," and therefore is not in force until 30 days after its signature by the governor. The act prohibits the taking of pickerel between March 1 and May 1, the breeding season.

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LONG TRAMP THROUGH GREAT DRIFTS.

Capt. Percy Firth and Crew of Frozen In Craft are Home.

Capt. Percy Firth of the sch. Bohemia who has just returned from Newfoundland, tells a story of thrilling adventure. Capt. Firth was master of the sch. Bohemia, the one vessel which did not escape being frozen in at Bonne Bay, N. F. After realizing that the vessel was hopelessly imprisoned until late in the spring, Capt. Firth decided to strip the vessel, having a partial cargo of frozen herring.

Unwilling to lose so much time in this out-of-the-way spot, Capt. Firth determined to reach a railroad station. Leaving two of the crew to care for the vessel, he, with six of the crew and two mail carriers, who had a team of 10 dogs and sleds, set out for Deer Lake, the nearest railroad station, carrying a supply of food. This is reached by a path through the woods and over mountains. The snow at the time was waist deep.

Along this trail every five miles there is a shelter camp, with stove and wood. At these they rested, thoroughly exhausted wading through the snow, each man having a blanket strapped to his back. The first day they walked 16 miles, resting at a camp, feeding the dogs on frozen herring.

Before daylight next morning they started again, but during the day some of the men began to show signs of fatigue and were obliged to take shelter in one of the camps. Capt. Firth, however, decided to press on alone and at 6 at night arrived at Deer Lake, where he was joined at 7 in the morning by the rest of the party, he making the 45-mile march through the pathless drifts in 35 hours, including the rests.

Herds of deer and caribou and abundance of partridges and small game were seen digging under the snow for food. From Deer Lake they took the train to Port aux Basques, thence by steamer to Sydney and by rail home. Capt. Firth thinks that when the ice breaks up in the arms of the bay in the spring, it may be possible to secure a load of herring.