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# BIG CATCHES OF HALIBUT.

BROUGHT IN AT VANCOUVER BY THREE OF THE BIG STEAM FISHERMEN.

Halibut operators were interested in the preparations at Seattle, Wash., last week for the getting away of three new power vessels on their maiden trips to the banks, first of the west and north coast of Vancouver Island and later further away to new grounds. The vessels are the Tordenskjold, the Sumner and the Orient, and all three are of about a size and of equal speed, being designed to make about 10 1/2 miles an hour. The first named was expected to get away early in the week and the other two about three or four days later.

The fishing steamer Flamingo and Celestial Empire after being out for over three weeks, during which they went through almost continuous and furious storms, returned to Vancouver, B. C., in the last week of February, having each a cargo of 100,000 pounds of halibut for the Canadian Fishing Company. The catch was made off the northern coast of British Columbia, and was so good that several other halibut vessels at once prepared to go to those grounds. The steamers New Zealand, Manhattan and Kingfisher, belonging to the New England Fish Company, were at once put into commission after an idleness of three months.

### Portland Fish Notes.

The first trip of pollock to be landed at Portland this season was brought in last Friday by the steamer Carrie and Mildred, hauling for 4500 pounds.

For a week the seiners have been off Cape Elizabeth, after fish. They have not been doing any too well and some of the skippers had about become discouraged. The catch of the Carrie and Mildred will give all of them a little courage now and more good fares may be expected. Last year, the pollock made their appearance in January and continued off the coast during the greater part of the spring. As a result, the greatest catch of this kind of fish known in the history of the industry in Maine followed and thousands and thousands of pounds were shipped salted to Massachusetts.

Sch. Topsail Girl, one of the finest vessels of the Portland fishing fleet, has just changed hands, having been sold by the J. W. Trefethen Co., to the F. S. Willard Co. at a price understood to be about \$4000. The craft is a comparatively new vessel, less than three years old. She registers 62 gross tons, and was built at East Boothbay in 1909.

### Fulton Fish Market Notes.

There were only two days last week in which there was any activity in the market, Tuesday and Thursday, and even on those days business was only fair, according to the Fishing Gazette. Prices were altogether too high to result in much buying. Groundfish of all varieties was scarce.

Cod.—Steak fish sold at 8 to 12 cents per pound. Market fish brought 4 to 6 cents.

Haddock was worth 4 to 8 cents. Western white halibut sold at 10 to 14 cents. There was no eastern fish to speak of in the market.

Hake was scarce during the entire week and brought unusually high prices. On Wednesday sales were made at 9 to 10 cents per pound. On Monday the quotation was 5 to 6 cents. There was no hake to be had on Thursday or Friday.

Pollock was quoted on Saturday at 6 cents. On Thursday the price was 7 to 8 cents, and on Friday 7 cents.

### Lived in Ice Cakes.

In half a dozen cakes of ice hauled out recently by the ice-cutters on Queechy Lake, N. Y., several pickerel were found. The water is very shallow and the supposition is that it froze so quickly that the fish had no time to swim to deeper water. They were somewhat sluggish when chopped from the ice, but revived when laid on a board near the fire.

### A Good Catch.

In the estimate of the catch of the fisheries of British Columbia for 1911 is the following: Codfish, fresh and frozen, 2,000,000 lbs.; salmon, fresh and frozen, 4,500,000 lbs.; smelt, fresh and frozen, 500,000 lbs.; other fish, 1,000,000 lbs., and the total of all kinds of fish is placed at 78,025,000 lbs.

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### Had Heavy Weather.

Sch. Avalon that arrived at Portland Saturday afternoon had 4000 pounds of salt cod in addition to her halibut fare. Capt. Green reports having experienced very heavy weather all the way to Portland and says that the conditions this winter on the water have been rather more severe than usual.

### Made Harbor.

The nor'wester drove five of the fishing fleet into Provincetown Sunday. The schooners were the W. A. Morse, the Rose Cabral, the W. M. Goodspeed, the Manomet and the Washakie.

### Crashed Into T Wharf.

Too great momentum and a cross-current resulted in the fishing sch. Virginia crashing into T wharf yesterday. The vessel's stem was twisted and she was hurried to a marine railway in East Boston. The caplog of the wharf was badly broken.

### Trade Mark Registered.

Registration of a trade-mark was granted March 5, 1912, to Sylvanus Smith & Co., Inc., of this city, for salted, smoked, pickled and canned fish.

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### Listen, Local Smelters.

Fish wardens have of late been investigating the smelt fishing operations through the ice on Lake Champlain, as the taking of fish under six inches is against the law. They found that the fish are exceptionally large this season, running eight to the pounds. Single fishermen have been taking 30 to 40 pounds a day with hook and line.

### Another Banker Away.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, another of the salt trawl banking fleet, sailed this morning.

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### To Build Steamers.

Indications are that the many shipyards at Victoria, B. C., will have a very busy season, says the Fishing Gazette. It is expected that contracts will be given for several fishing steamers during the coming summer for use in the northern fisheries.

### Looking For Pollock.

Capt. Joseph Graham in the Portland sch. Dorcas is now to the eastward in the vicinity of Vinalhaven looking for pollock. No signs of the fish have yet been seen there, but they are expected to put in an appearance at any time.

### Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Corona sold to the American Halibut Company this forenoon at 9 cents a pound for white and 7 cents a pound for gray.

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### Porto Rico Notes.

Arrivals of fishstuffs at the various ports of Porto Rico up to the end of last month, according to the weekly market report of S. Ramirez & Co., were 513 tes., 125 bxs. of codfish, 27 half bbls. salt mackerel, 103 bbls. and 12 half bbls. of split herring. A slight improvement in the demand for codfish has not as yet influenced selling values to any appreciable extent, owing to the presence in the market of inferior stocks, which are being moved by dint of low prices. Inquiry for pollock and haddock is very small and sales are affected by very low "c. i. f." offers of some New York commission houses. The concern quotes on usual net ex wharf basis, codfish at \$7 to \$7.75 per 100 lbs. and pollock and haddock, \$4.50 to \$4.75.

### He Is Probably Right.

Speaking of the possibilities of clamming in Massachusetts, Dr. George W. Field, chairman of the Fisheries Commission, says frequently eight quarts are yielded by one quart of planted seed clams, and the clams mature to market size in two years.

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### Will Enlarge Hatchery.

The Massachusetts State fish hatchery at Adams will be enlarged to three times its present size, with a capacity of 600,000 fry yearly.

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# SHORE FARES IMPROVING.

MARKET BOAT MEN ANXIOUSLY LOOKING FOR HADDOCK SCHOOL TO STRIKE.

The arrivals at T wharf, Boston this morning were for the most the shore fleet, several of which have some nice hauls.

Yesterday's market took a sudden drop, on account of the large number of arrivals and a falling off in the demand. This morning the market picked up a little and fair prices prevailed on all grades of shore fish.

Some of the good trips are sch. John J. Fallon, 89,000 pounds and the steam trawler Swell with 51,000 pounds from off shore, and schs. Frances S. Grueby, 20,000 pounds, Eleanor DeCosta, 27,000 pounds from the shore.

Haddock sold at \$3 to \$4 a hundred weight, large and market cod, \$4, hake \$2 to \$5 pollock \$4 and cusk \$2.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 8000 haddock, 300 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 400 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith, 5000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 5500 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Valentina, 1500 haddock, 6000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. William H. Reed, 3000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1100 cod.

Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 6000 haddock, 400 cod.

Steamer Swell, 39,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 5000 haddock, 200 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Mary B. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 43,000 haddock, 41,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 18,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Alice, 9000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 4000 haddock, 200 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 18,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Haddock, \$3 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$4; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2.

# RECORD FISH DAY FOR DIGBY.

Nearly 300,000 pounds of fresh fish arrived at Digby, N. S., Friday in the schs. Loran B. Snow, Capt. Ansel Snow; Dorothy M. Smart, Capt. Arthur Longmire, and Albert J. Lutz, Capt. John Apt. These three vessels secured their trips on Brown's Bank and sold to local concerns at two and a half cents per pound. Considering they have been less than two weeks out from Digby, and will stock over \$2,000 for each vessel, it is a record for that port. Capt. Snow has smashed the record of the Digby fleet for one day's fishing. On Wednesday with two dories, or four men short, his vessel caught sixty thousand pounds.

### Many Fish Families.

Prof. Herubel in "Sea Fisheries," says of fishes: "There are about 180 families, with an average of 20 genera, and five or six species to each genus. The turbot spawns 9,000,000 eggs in a season, the codfish, 6,000,000, the mackerel 700,000, the herring 50,000, the sole 85,000, and the brill 200,000. The females of the species are more numerous than the male; 75 to 25 in the case of the herring. It has been estimated that there are 67,000,000,000 fish in the North Sea in February and March, and a naturalist has found about 279,000,000,000 fecundated eggs in a square mile in the Skagerack."

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# THE MACKEREL SITUATION.

Demand for domestic salt mackerel, says the Fishing Gazette continues urgent enough to make dealers seek high and low for small stocks that have been held back by first hands waiting for top prices. There is very little shore salt mackerel to be had, however, at any price. Some Magdalen Islands fish came forward early in the week, but the quantities were ridiculously inadequate to supply even the local demand. Prices are unchanged, but all sales were made at the outside quotations.

The market for imported salt mackerel is in a puzzling state in that so far consumption during Lent has not been anywhere near that of ordinary years. Irish salt mackerel, because of the lower prices quoted for it, is in fair demand, as are several of the cheaper grades of Norway. No. 1 Norway is very closely held, however, and the holders this week showed no inclination to go below the quotations marked down a week ago. It will be some months before any new Norway mackerel can be cured for this market, so dealers say they are not worrying about their stocks of 1911 now on hand.

# HERRING HAULS NEAR SIDNEY.

Some good catches of herring were made last week at the North Side, Sydney, C. B. On Monday and Tuesday the average catch was from 300 to 500 to a net. Until last week there was poor fishing along the North Side shore, and on that account not more than a dozen nets were set there when the herring struck in. At the "boom" Eskasoni, there are upwards of 200 nets set in the ice, but fishing has been slack there during the past week. Several Sydney fish dealers are usually out here every day, and buy the herring just as they are taken from the nets. The prices paid to the owners vary from 80 cents to \$1 per hundred, while in the markets, the herring are sold at 25 or 30 cts. a dozen. This would seem to the casual observer to be a very profitable business to the fish dealers or middlemen.

### Lobsters Not High Yet.

Lobsters, says the Portland Press, have not yet begun to soar in price. It will be remembered that around this time last year, the shell fish were very scarce. The prices of them were the highest they had known for years and the fishermen on the few crustaceans they were able to catch, were reaping a rich harvest.

This winter has been bad enough for the lobster industry, but its has been nothing like that of last year, as far as the prices are concerned. Just at present, lobsters are selling at wholesale around 30 and 35 cents a pound. They may go higher, if the weather should become particularly severe as was the case last year, or they may drop, if there are many warm days. The rush of Nova Scotia lobsters has held the price down, but there has not been enough of these to flood the American market.

### Lunenburg Fish Notes.

Councillor Lemuel J. Hebb of Lunenburg, N. S., the new fishery officer of that county, is busily engaged in paying out bounty checks to the fishermen. There is about \$21,000 to be distributed.

With three vessels building, the marine railway crowded with schooners fitting for the banks, the waterfront is now a scene of great activity.

Smith & Rhuland have two fishing schooners under construction—one for Capt. Robert Silver of Riverport, and one for Capt. John Westhaver of Lunenburg. In W. C. Smith & Company's yard a fisherman is being built for Capt. V. Wentzell of Riverport.

Schs. Nicola, Alma Nelson and Wau-taga are fitting at the wharves of Rob-in, Jones and White, limited.

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# ONE GEORGES HANDLINER.

CAME IN YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON. NO ARRIVALS HERE THIS MORNING.

The morning was rather a quiet and dismal one along the water front, no off shore arrivals being reported during the early part of the forenoon.

Sch. Claudia came in from Georges yesterday with 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut. The gill netters had another good day of fishing, although the catch was not up to the preceding day. About 30,000 pounds in all was brought in, steamers F. S. Willard having 3500 pounds, the Ibsen 3000 pounds, Quoddy 3300 pounds, Enterprise 3000 pounds and Nomad, 4300 pounds.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Claudia, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Steamer Ibsen, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Alice, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 3300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Eagle, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Mindora, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Venture, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Hopc, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Massachusetts, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Sch. Manomet, shore.
- Sch. Rebecca, shore.
- Sch. Stranger, shore.
- Sch. Georgiana, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

### 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, 9c per lb. for white and 7c 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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### Secured Cod Eggs.

Over five million cod eggs were secured last week from the fishermen along the coast by the U. S. fish commission steamer Gannet. The weather of late has not been favorable for the securing of the desired supplies, but Capt. Greenleaf is looking for better results following the warmer weather.

### Portland Fish Notes.

The netters are still landing small fares off Portland, for all the steamer Carrie and Mildred had Monday was 1500 pounds of mixed fish.

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### Clams Washed Ashore.

Hundreds of bushels of clams were washed ashore at Horse Neck Beach, New Bedford, during the fierce gale that raged along the south shore recently. In some places along the beach there were long windrows of clams as far as 150 feet from the water. Residents in the neighborhood were out in force next day collecting the clams. People came in farm wagons, tipcars, lumber gears and even automobiles, and for a time there was a wild scramble for the best heaps of clams, it is said.

### Digby Fish Notes.

Capt. Harry Ross, of the fishing sch. Dorothy M. Smart, of Digby, N. S., has retired to command the Effie M. Morrisey, and he is succeeded by Capt. Arthur Longmire, of the Myrtle I. In taking the Morrisey, Capt. Ross succeeds Capt. Ansel Snow, who is now sailing the Loran B. Snow. The Morrisey is of American register and Capt. Ross will be able to dispose of his catches in the American markets.

### Sch. Cavalier's Big Stock.

Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert Porper, made the splendid stock of \$3911.61 on her recent halibut trip, the crew clearing \$83.07 to a man. This is one of the big stocks of the winter in the fresh halibut fishery.

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# BIGGEST TRIPS OF THE SEASON.

AND MANY OF THEM AT T WHARF EARLY THIS MORNING.

Haddock and cod were in abundance at T wharf, Boston, this morning as the result of a number of monster fares brought in by the off shore fleet.

The biggest trip of the season is that of sch. Walter P. Goulart of this port, her haul being for 140,000 pounds, evenly divided in haddock and cod. Some of the other big fellows are schs. Mary F. Curtis, 120,000 pounds, Walter P. Goulart, 72,000 pounds, Slade Gorton, 115,000 pounds, James W. Parker, 86,000 pounds, Adeline, 90,000 pounds, Rob Roy, 58,000 pounds, and the steam trawlers Ripple and Foam with 54,000 and 72,000 pounds each.

Prices dropped from yesterday, consequently some of the crafts will undoubtedly bring a portion of their fares here to the splitters.

Haddock was quoted at \$1.60 to \$3.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50, market cod, \$2, and hake, \$2 to \$4.

### Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 17,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 70,000 haddock, 70,000 cod.
- Sch. Rob Roy, 42,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Adeline, 45,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.
- Sch. Georgia, 10,000 haddock, 34,000 cod.
- Sch. James W. Parker 50,000 haddock, 36,000 cod.
- Str. Foam, 43,000 haddock, 29,000 cod.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, 60,000 haddock, 55,000 cod.
- Sch. Azorian, 800 haddock, 2700 cod.
- Sch. Emily Sears, 3500 haddock, 7000 cod.
- Str. Ripple, 48,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 60,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Mary F. Curtis 75,000 haddock, 44,000 cod.
- Haddock, \$1.60 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2 to \$4.

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### Bought Fishing Steamer.

Capt. William B. McDonald has purchased the steamer R. J. Kellick of Portland, Maine, which will be fitted for the pollock seining under command of Capt. Solomon Jacobs. Later the craft will shift over to mackerel seining and this coming fall will engage in gill netting. Capt. Jacobs has gone to Eastport to bring the craft here.

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# FISH DOWN HERE TO SPLIT.

BIG CARGO OF SALT COD IN BRITISH BOTTOM FROM ROSE BLANCHE.

It was quite active along the water front this morning, quite a fleet from off shore and several crafts which came down from Boston being in.

Sch. Mary E. Harty from Georges handling trip has 30,000 pounds of salt cod. Of the fresh fish arrivals are schs. Ingomar from Georges with 55,000 pounds, Mary DeCosta with 50,000 pounds, and Mildred Robinson, 20,000 pounds, the two latter down from Boston.

During the morning the British sch. Ambition arrived from Rose Blanche, N. F., with a cargo of 448,000 pounds of salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

There was nothing doing among the gill netters yesterday, the entire fleet remaining inside on account of the stormy weather.

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- Sch. Mary E. Harty, Georges, handling, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Ingomar, Georges, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Morning Star, via Boston
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Br. sch. Ambition, Rose Blanche, N. F., 448,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.
- Sch. Actor, via Boston.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, via Boston.
- Sch. Frances S. Grueby, via Boston.
- Sch. Jorgina, via Boston.
- Sch. Avalon, via Portland.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Teazer, halibuting.
- Sch. Selma, halibuting.
- Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
- Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.
- Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.
- Sch. Harvard, Georges.
- Sch. N. A. Rowe, cod netting.

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### Brought In Four Anchors

Four 600-pound anchors dragged up from Georges shoal were brought to T wharf yesterday by the steam trawler Swell. The anchors were secured last Monday, after considerable damage had been done to gear. About \$100 will be realized from sale of the mud-hooks, which originally belonged to fishing vessels.

### Has Pig Iron.

Sch. Ella Clifton, which arrived here yesterday, brings a load of pig iron for E. L. Rowe & Sons.

### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Margie Turner is at Portland with 8000 pounds of halibut.

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# OUT AROUND THE MAGDALENS.

Out in the middle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence where the ocean waves dash over them for five months of the year so fiercely as to close all communication with the mainland except by cable, lie the Magdalen Islands. Nine out of every 10 Canadians, says "Wide World Magazine," have never even heard of them, and the other one remembers dimly that he encountered the name at school in the list of Canadian islands. Nine out of 10 of the islanders themselves have never been farther from their birthplace than the trips to the fishing grounds, and the 10th has gone no farther than Pictou, or on a long-to-be-remembered trip as far as Halifax or Quebec.

Seventy miles to the southwest lies Prince Edward Island; Cape Breton is the same distance southeast; Newfoundland's rough coast faces them 100 miles east. From away to the north the wild waves crash down unopposed from the forbidding shores of Labrador 300 miles distant. During about five months of the year, and then only twice a week, is there any opportunity for the islander to see the outside world. For the remainder the sea runs with a consistent wildness known only to this region, and the hundred miles or more of coastline shows the wrecks that have marked with failure the puny attempts of man to combat the elements.

In the midst of all this fierceness of nature live 7000 French Acadians and 1000 English, in a quaintness and quietness of life that is truly remarkable. And year by year the population increases until even now the land is overcrowded with a people reluctant to obey the demands of nature and get out into the wider world. There are 13 islands in all, nine of which are connected at low tide by a treacherous beach, which it is possible to drive over with the guidance of one who knows the quicksands and tides. Fif-

ty-three miles from north to south makes an island of respectable size. Then farther north, lies Byron Island, a summer fishing station leased and peopled by a merchant on the main islands, but almost deserted in winter. Ten miles still farther is the famous Bird Rock, watched over only by millions of birds and the lighthouse keeper and his wife, with two assistants.

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# THE GULF ICE CONDITIONS.

The following bulletin shows the ice conditions and weather in the Gulf Monday, March 3:

Anticosti, West Point and Southwest Point—N. E. wind, but no ice.

South Point, Heath Point, Point Armour and Belle Isle—No communication today.

Cape Ray—Cloudy, strong easterly wind, no ice.

Flat Point—Clear, strong, westerly wind; heavy close packed ice distant, moving southeast.

Magdalen Islands—Cloudy, strong, northeast wind; heavy, close packed ice everywhere; moving south.

St. Paul's Island—Cloudy, strong northeast wind; heavy close packed ice everywhere, stationary.