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**SALT COD DROP
 AT ST. JOHNS,**

Since last week began, says the St. John's, N. F., Chronicle, cod has dropped about \$1 a quintal and the markets are so depressed that it is difficult to find purchasers along Water street even at these figures. Merchants do not consider the outlook for sales very bright and therefore will buy only from dealers with whom they have close relations. The cause of this drop is the big Norwegian fishery and it has affected cod liver oil, which has gone down \$12 a tun as well. Outport people in town with fish to sell have been going to Coaker the "Jinker" to see what he can do in the emergency, and find that he can do nothing, so that they are denouncing him in all quarters of the town, arguing that if, as he claims himself, he could "rise" the price of fish last fall, he can do the same now which, of course, he is utterly unable to accomplish.

**LOBSTER MEN WIN AND LOSE.
 Court Frees Defendants, But Refuses
 to Establish Sunday Precedent.**

Although Chief Justice Bolster of the municipal court discharged the three defendants in the test case regarding the handling of live lobsters on Sunday, he carefully stated that he did not wish his decision to serve as a precedent. Those who were held not guilty were George S. Nickerson, a dealer, living at 420 Border street, East Boston; Henry E. Bickford, a teamster, and Richard Halloran, an employee of a steamship company. Previously Judge Bolster had announced that he did not think a trade dispute should be brought into a criminal court. His decision leaves both sides in a quandary, as the court did not rule as to whether the unloading of live lobsters at the wharf was a violation of the Lord's Day ordinances.

One of the witnesses was Dr. William F. Boos, who declared that the best method of preserving the lobsters as food was being followed in transferring them from the crates in which they reached Boston into salt water, their native element. He mentioned a recent epidemic of typhoid in France, due to eating oysters that had been placed in salt water after shipment, so that they could purge themselves of impurities.

The Captain's Story.

Capt. John McKenzie arrived home from Gloucester on Tuesday, having given up the idea of taking a vessel down to the banks this year. The difficulty in securing men brought about this decision on the part of Capt. McKenzie. He states that the schooner Priscilla Smith, Capt. Angus Hines, has been able to get only four men so far. The schooner Smuggler, Capt. Peter Pothier, has been at Wedgeport for a month and has not mustered a crew yet.—Yarmouth Herald.

New Halifax Fish Concern.

In Halifax, N. S., the Piscatorial Appetizers has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000 in 50,000 shares of \$1 each, with these incorporators: P. J. Hanifen, H. G. Howard, J. Walker, all of Halifax. The object of the new concern is to purchase, acquire, operate and carry on a general fish catching business.

New Fish Concern.

The Cape Cod Products Company, a new corporation dealing in fish, has filed its charter in Illinois as a Massachusetts corporation with a capital stock of \$500,000. F. Clarke, of Chicago, is the western representative.

Reports Fish Scarce.

Letters received recently from Capt. Thomas Benham, who ran into Canso, N. S., to land a sick man, report fish very scarce and weather most boisterous on Quero.

Quite a Port of Call.

During the year ending March 31, 1912, no less than 119 American fishing vessels made 311 calls for bait and ice at Liverpool, N. S.

Gill Nets Put Ashore.

Steamer Bethulia will engage in mackerel seining and will sail for Block Island this afternoon.

Shared Over \$100.

Sch. Yakima stocked \$3502 as the result of her recent halibuting trip, the crew sharing \$101.20 to a man.

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**CAPTAIN LOST
 EVERYTHING.**

**NEIGHBORS TURNED OUT TO
 HELP SAVE SCH. SLADE GORTON
 BUT IN VAIN.**

Sch. Slade Gorton formerly of this port which went ashore at Cape Broyle, N. F., has gone to pieces, the owners being unable to save any of her gear whatever.

Capt. Gillard of Grand Bank, N. F., owner of the craft is said to have lost his all in the mishap. The vessel went ashore during a fog, it seems, and as soon as the news of her ill luck reached St. Shotts, people gathered and volunteered to help to refloat her. They worked energetically but the vessel was too fast aground and the weather turning bad she went to pieces very soon and the cargo, which was not a large one, washed out of her part of it sinking and the remainder being flung ashore. The crew came along by the Portia to St. John's having made their way to Trepassey in the meantime.

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**TONS OF FISH
 GONE TO WASTE.**

**FULTON MARKET MEN SENDING
 FRESH GOODS TO GO FOR
 FERTILIZER.**

While the cost of living is mounting steadily and beef is bringing Civil war prices, tons of fresh food fish are being shipped daily from Fulton market, the headquarters of New York fish trade, to be made into fertilizer. On some days more than 200 barrels of fish have been destroyed—enough to supply 40,000 meals. In fact, for several weeks past more fish have gone to the fertilizer companies than have been sold to the retail trade in New York city.

Wholesale dealers say they have to destroy the fish because the public is apparently afraid to buy at low prices. Exceptionally large catches are reported all the way from Cape Henry, Va., to Seabright, N. J., and the supply of fish is 75 per cent. larger than the average season.

"The chief reason that good eating fish has to be destroyed," says a statement given out by the market officials, "is that dealers who place it on sale at low prices cannot sell it. The average woman does not know how to judge the condition of fish, and her only test of its quality is the price. If it is lower than she has been in the habit of paying, she is afraid the fish is stale. She won't buy unless the dealer charges two or three times what would be a fair price."

"Another factor is the belief of many people in this city that fresh fish can be obtained only on Friday. They think what is on the market any other day is stale or left over. A fish day comes only once a week and the retailer has only one good selling day in the week, and he has to make a larger profit, so he sells at an advance of from 300 to 500 per cent."

"The public opinion is capricious in another respect. It has taste for winter fish in summer and for summer fish in winter. When fish is in season, at its very best condition and flavor and at its lowest price, the demand usually shifts for some other variety that probably is costlier and poorer quality."

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Will Sell Vessel.

The Boston schooner Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., will be sold at United States marshal's sale at the Gloucester Coal Company's wharf on Tuesday, June 11, at 12 o'clock, with her tackle, apparel and furniture as she now lies. The sale is by order of the United States district court.

Fish Sworder Away.

Sch. Rose Standish, the first of the swordfishing fleet to get away, sailed this morning.

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**SECOND SALT
 BANKER HOME.**

**SCH. FANNIE A. SMITH DID NOT
 FIND GOOD FISHING ON NEW-
 FOUNDLAND COAST.**

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, the second of the salt bank trawling fleet to reach home, arrived here yesterday, Capt. Bonia reporting 150,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

The craft has been absent on a long trip, and fished off the southern coast of Newfoundland, but Capt. Bonia did not find the fish very plentiful.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson from a halibuting trip has 20,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 28,000 pounds of fresh fish as well.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver brought down 25,000 pounds of fresh fish from her fare left over in Boston yesterday, and sch. Elsie brought over 15,000 weight of salt cod from Portland, after disposing of her halibut there.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Newfoundland southeast, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Quero bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. salt cod 28,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Flora J. Oliver, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Elsie, via Portland, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Prince Olaf, gill netting 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, Boston.

Sch. Rose Standish, swordfishing.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87 1-2; snappers, \$2.00.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.12½ per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87 1-2; snappers, \$2.00.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½; mediums, \$3.50.

Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.37 1-2.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.25.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 70c per cwt.

Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75c.

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

Hake, 70c.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

Bank halibut, ¾c lb. for white, 5¼c lb. for large gray, and 6¼c for medium gray.

Hake sounds, \$8.80 per cwt.

**THE PORTO RICO
 MARKET DULL.**

S. Ramirez & Co., of San Juan, report May 21: Lower offers from the U. S. and the report of sales under \$30 at Ponce have affected somewhat the San Juan and Mayaguez markets and their tributaries. General business is dull, and it will be difficult to obtain for this week's imports \$31 net ex wharf, paid here recently for medium codfish. There is less inquiry for large codfish.

The demand for pollock and haddock is very meagre, and prices remain between \$17 and \$17.50 per drum net ex wharf.

Since last report, May 7, arrivals were as follows: San Juan, 80 tcs. cod, 10 tcs. pollock, 137 boxes fish. At Ponce, 570 tcs., 100 boxes cod, 144 bds. herring. At Mayaguez, 40 tcs. cod, 10 tcs. pollock. At Aguadilla, 25 tcs. cod. At Arecibo, 50 tcs. cod.

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**NEWFOUNDLAND
 FISHING NOTES.**

A message to the Marine and Fisheries from King's Cove contains very encouraging news of the fishery at that place. Recently one trap secured thirty quintals, while others report from four to eight quintals each.

Herrings are very plentiful at St. George's, the fishers getting 10 to 12 barrels daily in their nets, which are being salted and packed for shipment. The catch the past few weeks exceeded last year's, and by a recent freight train two carloads of barrels were shipped to the scene.

In Green Bay about 100 motor boats are now plying in fishing, freighting and otherwise and are all doing well. Incoming passengers report that in various parts of Green Bay the fishery outlook is favorable and that the finest showing for many years is being made.

From northern ports comes news that the fishery is opening favorably about Fogo and Joe Batt's Arm. Traps have got 3 to 6 brls., and at Bonavista and Knight's Cove about twice that quantity daily. In one or two cases traps have landed nearly 200 quintals.

**GOT THE FIRST.
 SWORDFISH.**

The first swordfish of the season arrived at Boston yesterday, five of them, averaging 250 pounds each being shipped by rail from Cape Cod ports.

The fish were quickly sold as they were put up at the T wharf exchange. Bidding was so lively that a couple of the fish were cut and sold piecemeal. And the pieces brought a good price it is said.

COASTERS COLLIDED.

**Sch. James Young Brings in Crew
 of Cora Green at Bath.**

The two-master sch. James Young of Bath arrived with the crew of the two-masted Bangor sch. Cora Green, and the news that the two schooners were in collision Sunday night about 10 miles west of Seguin. The Green, with her cargo of car wheels, consigned to Halifax, was sunk.

Capt. Amos Pinkham and crew of three men left the sinking schooner in their boat and were taken aboard the Young.

The collision took place at 9 p. m. The Young was by the wind and the Green was running before the wind. The latter hove her wheel down and came across the Young's bow. The Green was struck forward of the fore rigging and her side was stove in. The Young carried away her headgear and broke her gaff, and her fore-sail was badly torn.

The Young, Capt. George Barter, is bound from St. John, N. B., for New York with laths. She will be repaired here. The Green sailed from Boston.

The Cora Green was built at Bangor in 1875 and was owned there. Both crafts have been frequent visitors here for years.

Boston's Herring Supply.

The principal source of supply for the herrings or alewives consumed in Boston, says the Boston Herald, is located at Reed's Woods at Somers, and the fish are called Taunton River herring. "These fishing grounds of long standing, and the present veteran owner is James N. Miller, who has been at the fishing trade for nearly 50 years. The drag net or seine used there is about 620 feet long, and is worked down river between boat and shore. From two to three thousand fish are often taken in one haul, and the yearly average for the season, March 1 to June 1, is about 200,000. Fishing is allowed on four days of the week, and the men often work 20 hours per day during the brief season. The fish are salted 200 to the barrel, and there is a steady export demand for these Taunton River fish in Porto Rico, Cuba, Hayti, and 21 points in the northern part of South America."