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# A JOINT AGREEMENT SOUGHT

## As to Abolition of Beam Trawling in North Atlantic.

### Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and U. S. Are Cooperating.

The Canadian Department of Fisheries is co-operating with the Newfoundland and United States fisheries authorities in endeavoring to reach some joint agreement as to the abolition of steam trawling in the Atlantic coast waters.

The matter has been before the government here for many years, says the Ottawa despatch, but the difficulties in the way of securing

joint international action have so far prevented any satisfactory arrangement to prevent the admitted and growing menace of steam trawling both in regard to the gear of the regular fishermen and in regard to the conservation of the fisheries.

Now all three governments have signified readiness to co-operate in checking steam trawling as far as possible. The Canadian Fisheries department here has placed two officers on board steam trawlers now operating off the Maritime Provinces and they will report as to conditions. Similar action has been taken by the Newfoundland department. It is hoped, says the despatch, that joint legislation in the matter may be secured during the course of next year.

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#### Porto Rico Fish Market.

The position of our local markets for codfish continues to show weakness, in sympathy with the impending general decline in the centers of supply, say S. Ramirez & Co., of San Juan, as per report of July 9. Stocks are not large, however, and based on recent sales made at the three ports we figure \$28.25 net ex wharf, as the average quotation ruling in Porto Rico today. Pollock and haddock are very scarce, and in good demand. We quote \$18 per drum, net ex wharf.

#### North Sea Fisheries Valuable.

The North sea is Great Britain's most profitable fishing ground. Last year the value of the fish landed on the northeast coast £3,740,614, over a third of the total value of the fish landed in the whole of England and Wales, and £400,000 worth more than was landed in the whole of Scotland and Ireland combined during the same year. The increase over 1910 was £178,584, and, compared with 1891 the total value of fish landed in 1911 showed an increase of nearly £2,000,000.

#### Sealers Will Now Go Fishing.

Several of the vessels which were formerly a part of the Victoria sealing fleet have been purchased for use in the fisheries. A Vancouver firm has bought the Markland and will equip the vessel with auxiliary power for use as a deep-sea fishing craft. The sch. Pescawha will also go to Vancouver for use as a fishing vessel. The Canadian Fishing Company of Vancouver purchased the Pescawha, which is being overhauled.

#### Portland Fishing Notes.

Steamer Gannet, U. S. fish commission, arrived from Portsmouth Wednesday with a few seed lobsters. She secured 500 more here, which she will take down to the Boothbay hatchery this morning.

#### Taking Squid at Provincetown.

Advices from Provincetown states that the traps are taking some squid.

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#### Capt. Seavey in Sch. Constellation.

Sch. Constellation sailed for seining yesterday afternoon in command of Capt. John Seavey. Capt. Morgan who came on from Virginia this spring and has been in command of the craft has returned home.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Conqueror, Vanessa, Arabia and Bohemia were at Liverpool, N. S., last Monday.

## BUT FEW TRIPS IN AT T WHARF

### Haddock Sold at \$3 and Large Cod Touched the \$9 Mark.

Fresh fish was a pretty scarce article at T wharf this morning, less than 50,000 pounds being brought in to supply the Friday's trade.

The steam trawler Crest had 34,000 pounds and about 1000 pounds of soles in addition, and sch. Robert and Arthur 38,000 pounds, which were the only off shores. Cod was scarce a few hundred pounds which the Marion had, selling for \$9 a hundred weight.

Sch. M. Madeline landed 85 swordfish, receiving 12 cents a pound right through for her fare. The steamer Bessie M. Dugan with 4000 fresh mackerel was the only other trip and the trip was quickly snapped up.

Haddock sold at \$3 a hundred weight, large cod, \$6 to \$9; market cod, \$4 to \$7; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; and swordfish 12 cents per pound.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 4000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. M. Madeline, 85 swordfish. Sch. Marion, 50 haddock, 800 cod, 1200 pollock.

Steamer Crest, 33,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 lbs. soles.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake.

Haddock \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$9; market cod, \$4 to \$7; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.; fresh mackerel, 40 cents for large; 22 cts. for mediums and 10 cts. for tinkers.

#### Caught Big Halibut.

Beautiful Narragausus Bay, says the Machias, Me., Times, has always been noted as a fine fishing ground where halibut, cod, haddock, hake, flounders, eels, lobsters and many kinds of small fish can be caught at all times. Delicious clams can also be dug on its shores. Among the fish brought to our village one day recently were four halibut caught in one forenoon by Forester Huckins and Edgar Gay, the two largest weighing, respectively, 320 and 225 pounds each, the largest fish being a little over 7½ feet long. Other large halibut were also brought into town later in the week by these lucky fishermen. All of these fish were quickly disposed of in this town and Cherryfield.

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## TWO SEINERS WITH NO FISH

### The Only Arrivals From 'Off Shore at This Port Today

It was a quiet morning in the harbor today, only two seiners, both without fish, being the only arrivals from off shore.

Several of the gasoline boats brought in fares of bluebacks yesterday afternoon, averaging from 25 to 30 barrels apiece, while this morning, steamer Jeffery landed 400 fresh mackerel.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Arthur James, seining.
- Steamer Marchant, seining, 30 bbls. bluebacks.
- Steamer Bessie A., seining, 25 bbls. bluebacks.
- Steamer Yankee, seining, 25 bbls. bluebacks.
- Steamer Unknown, seining, 30 bbls. bluebacks.
- Steamer Gertrude, seining, 30 bbls. bluebacks.
- Steamer Beatrice F., seining, 30 bbls. bluebacks.
- Steamer Jeffery, seining, 400 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Clintonia, seining.

#### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.
- Sch. Constellation, seining.
- Sch. Gladys and Nellie, haddocking.
- Sch. Richard, shacking.
- Sch. Teazer, halibuting.
- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges hand lining.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

- Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87½; snappers, \$2.00.
- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50; snappers \$2.50.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87½; snappers, \$2.00.
- Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12 1-2; snappers, \$2.25.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½; mediums, \$3.50.
- Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37½.
- Haddock, \$1.50.
- Pollock, \$1.25.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers \$1.25.
- Hake, \$1.25.
- Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$11 per bbl.; blinks, \$7 per bbl.
- Fledged halibut, 8 cts. per lb.

##### 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 8 1-2c per lb. for white 6 1-4 cents for gray, and 4 cents for chicken.
- Fresh mackerel, 30c for large, 20c for medium.
- Fresh shad, \$3.50 per bbl., fresh; \$2.50 per bbl., to salt; \$3 per bbl., to freezer.
- Fresh bluebacks \$2.50 per bbl.
- Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl. for bait; 75c per bbl. for oil.
- Fresh herring, \$1.50 per bbl. to freezer; \$2.50 per bbl. for bait.

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## JERRY COOK IN WITH NICE HAUL.

### Has 4000 Mackerel at Boston Today Selling at Fancy Prices.

Three of the seining steamers struck mackerel on Middle Bank yesterday afternoon, one trip being landed at Boston and one at this port this morning.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan made a nice haul, having 4000 fish in count, large, mediums and tinkers, which sold at T wharf, Boston this morning at 40 cents a piece for large, 22 cents for mediums and 10 cents for tinkers.

Steamer Jeffery took 400 mackerel in the same vicinity which sold here this forenoon to Anthony Cooney at 36 cents for large and 23 cents for mediums.

Steamer Bethulia is also known to have made a haul, and took about 1000 fish at the same time yesterday that the Dugan and Jeffery secured theirs.

## THE MYSTERY OF THE HERRING

In the winter you can catch herring in the Firth of Forth or on the other side of Scotland off the coast of Ayrshire, and you can find them in quantities large enough to pay for netting near Plymouth, says a writer in the London "Standard." They are not important fisheries, but they exist.

There are no herring in the Mediterranean Sea, but everywhere else around the coasts to the east and west of the North Atlantic a certain number may be found at all times of the year. In normal times it is not exactly a rare fish, but it is no more common than the cod or the haddock. It is caught occasionally, but no fisherman takes the trouble to catch it.

Quite suddenly in June or July it comes seemingly from nowhere at all and swarms the northern seas. From Norway and the north of Scotland the boats put out and sweep the full-grown fish into their net in millions. They find a shoal and destroy it. Yet a day later the shoal appears apparently unhurt, a little to the south. The boats pursue relentlessly and the undying shoals survive as though none had been near them. Southward they are followed. The shoals never seem to move; they simply drift into the nets. All the fishermen know is that there are no fish left behind them in the north, and that there will be none to the south yet awhile.

So they follow the phantom fish that will soon appear as they move down the German Ocean, gathering their harvest as they go. They catch herring off the estuary of the Thames, off the north-east of France, down the Channel; then, as suddenly as they appear, the herring vanish, to reappear in the following season in the far north.