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# REMAINED IN FOR GLOUCESTER DAY.

## Many Fishing Vessels Sailed This Forenoon on Trips of Various Kinds.

The only off shore arrival here this morning was sch. Mystery from halibuting, the craft having 8000 pounds of halibut and about 35,000 pounds of shack. The halibut was purchased by the American Halibut Company.

Sch. Clara G. Silva from Boston brought down 40,000 pounds of mixed fish for the splitters, while sch. Margie Turner which arrived from Portland yesterday had 40,000 pounds.

The gasliners did nothing yesterday to speak of, the only arrival being steamer Jeffery with 24 barrels of porgies.

A large number of the fleet that remained in port for Gloucester Day sailed this forenoon.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Mystery, Quero, 8000 lbs. fresh halibut, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Margie Turner, via Portland, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Jeffery, seining, 24 bbls. porgies.
- Sch. Georgiana, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.
- Str. Nashawena, seining.
- Str. Philomena, seining.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.
- Sch. Virginia, haddocking.
- Sch. Ralph Russell, drifting.
- Sch. Romance, Boston.
- Sch. Lafayette, swordfishing.
- Sch. Elk, halibuting.
- Sch. Gov. Foss, halibuting.
- Sch. Hortense, halibuting.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

- Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87 1-2; snappers, \$2.
- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.00 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87 1/2; snappers, \$2.00.
- Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12 1/2; snappers, \$2.25.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2; mediums, \$3.50.
- Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37 1/2.
- Haddock, \$1.50.
- Pollock, \$1.25.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
- Hake, \$1.25.
- Salt tinker mackerel, \$9 per bbl.
- Fledged halibut, 8c per lb.

#### Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, 70c per cwt.
- Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
- Western cod, large, \$2.00; 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, 9c per lb., for white, 10c for gray.
- Fresh mackerel, 40c for large, 5c per lb. for tinkers.
- 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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### Mackerel Reported Off Monhegan.

Mackerel have been reported off Monhegan Island, Me., a despatch from that place stating that Capt. Walter Davis took 50 barrels of large fish off there yesterday.

### Mackerel Imports.

The salt mackerel imports at Boston to date is 5304 barrels as compared with 2326 barrels for the same period of last year.

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# T WHARF TRADE OVER THE RUSH.

## Today's Receipts of Ground Fish Normal With Swordfish Plentiful.

It was a little quieter on T wharf this morning than it had been for the past two days, during the great rush, receipts of groundfish being rather light today.

There were no mackerel in the market, the morning's list including six groundfishermen and two swordfish fares. Schs. Elmer E. Gray and Flora L. Oliver had the largest hauls of fresh fish, the former with 57,000 pounds and the latter 44,000 pounds.

Three swordfishermen had 104 fish among them, the Massasoit 55, Julietta 26, and Two Brothers 23.

Haddock was lower than ever, and sold at \$1.50 to \$1.70 a hundred pounds. Large cod brought \$2.50 to \$3, market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$1.75; pollock, \$2 and swordfish 7c a pound.

### Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Flora L. Oliver, 8000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Dixie, 900 cod, 2000 pollock, 1 swordfish.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 26,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Olivia Sears, 400 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Squanto, 33,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 55,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Massasoit, 55 swordfish.
- Sch. Julietta, 26 swordfish.
- Sch. Two Brothers, 23 swordfish.
- Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.70 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$1.75; pollock, \$2; swordfish, 7 cts. per lb.

### Maine Lobsters.

About this time of year one may annually expect the report that the lobsters are becoming scarce along the Maine coast, a statement that the facts do not bear out, except in that there is a diminution of the catch generally and naturally accompanied by an accession of price, says the Bangor Commercial. But the decrease is not due to a decrease of lobsters, but rather to the natural conditions. There are a number of closed seasons now on in this State, some of which have closed temporarily fishing grounds that are among the best.

Another chief cause is that the lobsters are now in hiding to change their shells, a period at which they are always more than usually difficult to catch. A third reason is found in the vacation season. Vacationists are found all along the coast of the State and when they come many of the lobster men change their business for a few weeks. They fix up their motor and sail boats and take out excursion parties, while some lease their boats and their own services for the season. The accession of city people to the coast also increases the local demands for lobsters and prevents so many from reaching the market.

More and more lobsters are being caught annually in the State of Maine and put on the market than for a great many years. The catch of 1910 was a record breaker and that of 1911 held the pace, while there is every indication that the catch of this year will not fall behind. Today the annual lobster catch in this State amounts to about \$2,000,000 to the fishermen, and with the enormous number of young lobsters that are being distributed each year there is every reason to suppose that the yield will increase rather than diminish. The fact that there are certain times of the year when the catch, for various reasons, falls away temporarily does not mean that there are less lobsters. The statistics at the end of the year will find no decrease.

### Shelburne, N. S., Fishing Notes.

Herring have continued fairly plentiful during the past week. The trap of Capt. John H. Thorburn of Sandy Point has so far about 175 barrels. The boats in the harbor are making fairly good hauls.

Tinker mackerel, which are being caught in large quantities in many districts have not appeared in this harbor in any quantities worth speaking about. One Sandy Point boat got about a dozen one morning this week.

Capt. Thorburn's schooner Gladys Thorburn continues to make good hauls off the Prince Edward Island coast.

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### New York Salt Fish Market.

There is no change to record in salt fish market conditions in New York, but codfish may be reported easier as the result of continued depression at the principal points of export, says the Fishing Gazette. A somewhat better feeling in the codfish market is reported from Halifax. The weather in Nova Scotia has been very bad for drying, and consequently supplies have not been coming on the market so quickly that buyers could not take care of them, says the Maritime Merchant. As a result there is a little stronger tone for new cure bank fish at the present time, and we hear of some vessels that are holding out for \$4.25, although up to the time of writing we have not heard of any sales at over \$4.

There was little news of the banking fleet to be had last week, but the impression prevails that the boats have done fairly well, as no reports of poor catches have been received as yet. The two new British built steam trawlers belonging, respectively, to the Maritime Fish Corporation and the Halifax Cold Storage Co., are reported to have kept up a steady supply of fish.

The British consul at Bordeaux, France, reported the codfish imports at that city as 21,454 tons in 1911, compared with 36,876 tons in the previous year. The Boulogne steam trawlers brought the first cargoes from Iceland at the beginning of April, says the Fish Trades Gazette, and these were quickly disposed of at £1 7s. 10d. per 121 lb., which represents about £1 10s. 2d. delivered at Bordeaux. Owing to the success of the island fishing, prices gradually fell to £1 3s. 10d. The Paimpol schooners arrived at about the same time, but their cargoes had been sold in January at from £1 8s. 7d. to £1 9s. 4d. per 121 lb., and these did not suffer from the fall in value. The second island fishing was less productive, and was affected by the large cargoes already received. The Newfoundland fishing gave poor results, prices ruling very high throughout the season, as follows, per 121 lb.: First fishing, £1 7s. 10d. to £1 10s. 2d.; second fishing, £1 7s. 10d. to £1 9s. 4d.; the last cargoes from St. Pierre and Miquelon sold at £1 10s. 2d.

News from St. John's N. F., dated August 3, says that a few new codfish were offered for sale in the market this week. Some of the fish came from near ports, and the rest from the west side of Placentia Bay. No new fish is expected in any quantity for at least two weeks. The first new cargo of fish will come from Notre Dame Bay, and is now reported on the way. Telegrams from Labrador the past few days report an improvement in fishing.

A Halifax house has just received back from Gibraltar 3000 qtls. of Labrador fish, for which the highest price offered was \$2.40. The fish cost \$4.50 in Newfoundland, where it was packed.

### Fulton Fish Market Notes.

The smacks landed over 1,000,000 pounds of fish at the market during the week ending Friday noon, says the Fishing Gazette. On the last day fish were almost given away, codfish selling at 2 to 3 1-2 cents per pound, hake and haddock being equally low, while sea bass was so plentiful that it could be bought at 2 cents per pound. There were few buyers. Bluefish was also low, the quotation being 6 to 6 1-2 cents per pound, against 6 cents flat on Thursday.

Unfortunately, there was but a scant supply of fish during the first half of the week, consequently prices were high. There was no market cod to be had until Thursday, and neither haddock or hake until Tuesday. The result was that pollock sold at 6 to 7 cents and steak cod at 8 cents during the period of scant supply.

There was plenty of cheap halibut in the market. Western white fish sold at 8 to 10 cents, and Eastern fish at 9 to 15 cents.

### Newfoundland Ships Will Pack Fish at Outports.

From all we can hear, there will be a larger quantity of codfish than ever packed and shipped to market from the outports this season, says the St. John's Trade Review. Up to the present only the exporting merchants doing business in the outports have had their fish packed there. Now we hear that several city skippers will have their fish packed where it is purchased from the fishermen, and sent from there direct to market. The alleged reason for this is that labor and fish casks are both very much cheaper in the outports than in St. John's, and that considerable money is saved by having the work done in the outports.

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### A LIVING FISH NET.

#### Method Used by Oceanica Islanders to Procure Food.

A peculiar method of fishing is employed by the natives of certain of the islands of Oceanica.

At stated intervals about 200 of them will assemble on the beach and all together will plunge into the water each carrying a branch of the cocoa palm.

At a given distance from the shore they will turn toward it and form a compact half circle each holding his palm branch perpendicularly in the water thus forming a kind of seine. The leader of the party gives a signal and this living net approaches the shore gradually in perfect order driving before it a multitude of fishes. Surrounded by this living wall and caught in the cocoa palm branches many of the fishes are cast on the sands and others are killed with sticks.

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### Boston Groundfish Receipts.

Fresh groundfish arrivals at Boston last week totaled 2,231,525 pounds from 66 arrivals against 1,989,740 pounds from 53 arrivals in 1911.

### Mackerel Receipts.

Receipts of fresh mackerel to date are 16,426 barrels against 32,614 barrels in 1911.

### Salt Mackerel Catch.

The catch of salt mackerel for 1912 has been 2077 barrels against 5581 barrels in 1911.

### Halibut Sale.

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

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### Lockport, N. S., Fishing Notes.

The swordfish have appeared off Lockport, N. S., and large numbers are being taken and shipped fresh from that port.

The Cold Storage Company has been extending its operations considerably of late. A large extension has been built to this wharf particularly for the accommodation of several gill-netting steamers, which will shortly be in use. One of these boats, to be 60 feet in length, has been ordered from Kenneth Mc-Alpine, Shelburne. The company also intends to place on the Canadian and American markets a new style of package for fresh fish. The package will be made of pressed paper in three sizes, for one, two and four pounds, net of boneless fresh fish. It will be similar to that used for seal-shipt oysters.

The fleet of the company has been increased recently, and a further extension is proposed for the immediate future. A glue factory has been in operation for two weeks, and a fresh fish canning establishment thoroughly equipped, will be in operation in a very short time. The additional outlay necessary to provide these increased facilities will be considerably more than \$100,000 and has been estimated at \$130,000. Herring are being taken in large quantities. Traps have within the past few days secured more than 1000 barrels. Fuller particulars will be given shortly.

### Big Mackerel Reported on the Maine Coast.

Big mackerel have hit the Maine coast. Tuesday 20 more barrels were brought in when the sloop North Star landed with about 3000 pounds. They were all big fish and ran from three to better than four pounds each. All were in magnificent condition. Many of them were sold over the side of the schooner, so eager were the people to get them. The fishing steamer Geisha also ran upon a big school of mackerel off Witch rock. The seines were set and just as the fish were being hauled in, the nets caught on bottom and the whole fare was lost.

Large quantities of tinker mackerel continue to be found in the traps at Richmond Island, and the fishermen are confident that before many days the larger sized fish will be found schooling in large numbers along shore.

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# SEIZED SCHOONER CONDEMNED.

## Sch. Hattie A. Heckman Charged With Purchasing Ice Without a License.

### Crew Claimed They Were Given Small Piece for Water Bucket.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman seized in Shelburne Harbor on July 15, for an alleged infraction of the fishing laws has been condemned by the admiralty court, sitting at Halifax, N. S., according to a despatch from that city.

Ralph D. Marshall, representing the firm of M. Walen & Sons, Inc., returned from Halifax Wednesday, where he was in consultation with the authorities relative to the case, and employed counsel to look after the firm's interest.

According to the despatch, the admiralty court evidently got busy right away and met at Halifax on Tuesday, when action was taken confiscating the craft. Sheriff McLean has been directed to place the vessel in the custody of Inspector Ward Fisher. The fish sold on board and other stores will be sold.

The offense with which the Heckman was specifically charged was purchasing ice without a license. Capt. Butler of the Heckman was lying in the Shelburne harbor on July 15, and on that day his brother, who

is master of sch. Quonnapowitt, took on ice. A dory from the Quonnapowitt put alongside the Heckman, it appears, and according to the statement of the crew they were given a small piece of ice for the water bucket. Almost immediately the craft was seized for purchasing ice without a license.

Recently the fishing license of the Quonnapowitt was recalled as a result of the affair.

Mr. Marshall up to this forenoon had received no information relative to the action of the admiralty court, although he expected to hear from the firm's counsel at any time.

The Heckman was built in Essex in 1895, and measures 105 tons gross and 72 tons net. She was engaged in salt drift fishing and was at Shelburne for shelter at the time of the seizure. She is valued at \$8000.

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#### New Nova Scotia Schooner.

A handsome new fishing schooner called the Roseway, was successfully launched last Saturday from the shipyard of the well known builder, Joseph McGill at Shelburne. She was built for The Roseway Fish Co., Ltd., of Shelburne, and was designed by her master-builder, Amos Pentz, and reflects great credit on his ability and taste. She is 78 feet long over all, 17 feet 6 inches beam, 8 feet 6 inches hold, and registers about 40 tons. She is exceptionally well built, and her outfit will be complete and up-to-date in every particular. She will be fitted with auxiliary gasoline power, and will at once be rigged and put in commission, under command of Capt. Burns Locke of Jordan Bay.

The fishing schooner which Mr. McGill is building for the Halifax Cold Storage Co. is nearing completion, and will be launched shortly. He will then start construction on a schooner of 100 tons register.

#### French Fishing Craft Buried on the Banks.

Word has been received at St. John's N. F., from St. Pierre, Miquelon, of the destruction by fire of the French fishing barkentine Printemps, on the Grand banks, July 29. The crew of 32 men were rescued and brought to St. Pierre by the barkentine Marie Louise.

The Printemps had 1500 quintals of fish on board. She was owned by G. Anquetil of Fecamp. The Printemps registered 349 tons net, and was built at St. Malo in 1900. She was insured for \$30,000.

#### No Squid Reported at Placentia, N. F.

J. H. Dee, fish inspector, returned to St. John's, N. F., last Thursday from Placentia. Mr. Dee reports no sign of squid near the shore or in the usual haunt, but in abundance 10 miles from the western side of the bay. There was a good sign of fish along the shore during the past few days but the scarcity of bait and the prevalence of dogfish, prevents the fishermen from catching any. Mr. Dee also reports the prospects for a fair fishery good if bait is procurable.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Harry A. Nickerson and Alert were at Halifax, N. S., Monday last for shelter and cleared for fishing on the following day.

Schs. Mettacommet, Mary E. Greer, Lucinda L. Lowell were at Liverpool, N. S., last Monday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

Schs. Onato, Ingomar, Muriel and Eglantine were at Canso, N. S., Monday last.

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# JUST ONE FARE FROM BOSTON.

This With Gasoline Crafts All That Saved Arrival List from Whitewash.

One lone arrival was all that the forymen, who ply in the stream at laylight reported this forenoon, sch. Flora L. Oliver being down from Boston with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The gasoline crafts landed a few bluebacks yesterday. Steamer Rough Rider had 75 barrels and steamers Bryda F. and Herbert and Emma, 50 barrels and 40 barrels respectively. The two latter fares went to Boston. The gasoline steamer Pegasus had 50 barrels of porgies which sold for oil.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Flora L. Oliver, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Grace Otis, seining.
- Steamer Rough Rider, seining, 75 bbls. bluebacks.
- Steamer Bryda F., seining, 50 bbls. (went to Boston).
- Steamer Herbert and Emma, seining, 40 bbls. blueback (went to Boston).
- Steamer Pegasus, seining, 50 bbls. porgies.
- Sch. Cherokee, shore.

#### Vessels Sailed.

- Steamer R. J. Kellick, seining.
- Sch. Yakima, halibuting.
- Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibuting.
- Sch. Benj. A. Smith, shacking.
- Sch. Helen G. Wells, drifting.
- Sch. Thalia, drifting.
- Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, haddocking.
- Sch. Blanche F. Irving, swordfishing.
- Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, swordfishing.
- Sch. Elva L. Spurling, Boston.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

- Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87 1-2; snappers, \$2.
- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.00 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87 1/2; snappers, \$2.00.
- Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12 1/2; snappers, \$2.25.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2; mediums, \$3.50.
- Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37 1/2.
- Haddock, \$1.50.
- Pollock, \$1.25.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
- Hake, \$1.25.
- Salt tinker mackerel, \$10 per bbl.
- Fledged halibut, 8c per lb.

##### Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, 70c per cwt.
- Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
- Western cod, large, \$2.00; 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, 9c per lb., for white, 7c for gray.
- Fresh mackerel, 40c for large, 5c per lb. for tinkers.
- Fresh bluebacks, \$2 to \$2.25 per bbl. for bait; \$1.25 per bbl. to freezer; 60 cts. per bbl. for oil.
- 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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#### More Canadian Patrol Boats.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries, decided last spring to provide additional patrol boats for the Fishery Protection Service, and one of these boats is to patrol the coast of the Southwestern Counties of Nova Scotia. The new boat will be ready probably in the early autumn, but in the meantime, the government has chartered a gasoline boat for patrol service, and she will go into commission immediately. John M. Bateman of Stony Island has been appointed captain of this boat, and James E. Hopkins of Barrington Passage, is cook, and Murray C. Stoddard of Lower Woods Harbor goes as deckhand.

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# NO SAIL CRAFT AT T WHARF.

Only Arrivals Since Yesterday Were Steam Trawlers and Gasoline Boats.

Not a sailing craft of any description was reported at T wharf, Boston, this morning since yesterday's list, and it was a pretty quiet market as far as fresh fish was concerned.

No mackerel was in the market, while the only fares of groundfish were those of the steam trawlers Crest, Surf and Ripple with less than 150,000 pounds between them. The steamer Comorant landed 40 barrels of whiting.

Haddock was way down, selling at \$1.25 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$4 and market cod, \$2.

#### Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Steamer Comorant, 40 bbls. whiting.
- Steamer Surf, 14,000 haddock, 24,000 hake, 2000 pollock.
- Steamer Crest, 17,000 haddock, 31,000 cod.
- Steamer Ripple, 34,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
- Haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.10.

#### Portland Fishing Notes.

The small boats continue to be about the only ones bringing fishing fares into Portland.

After a voyage of five weeks the Italian bark Era, Capt. Martini, arrived in Portland Tuesday afternoon from Liverpool with a cargo of salt. She got away from the British port on July 4 and had a rather uneventful voyage across the Atlantic.

Central wharf was a busy place Wednesday, the dock being lined with steamers and other craft discharging cargoes of fish of various kind, mostly blueback herring, of which large quantities are now being found off Half Way Rock and around the lightship. The steamers coming in were the Alice, with 130 barrels of bluebacks, the Kearsarge, with 40 barrels, the Elthier with 90 barrels, and the Carrie and Mildred, with 80. The latter also brought in 600 large mackerel caught off Cod Ledge. The sloops Pantoset had 75 barrels of bluebacks, and the North Star 110 barrels, the latter craft also having 12 barrels of mackerel. The herring now being taken are of very large size, and the cold storage plants on Central wharf are taking all brought in, as they will be in great demand for bait later in the season.

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# SEAL TREATY BILL PASSED.

After four hours' debate the Senate yesterday passed a bill putting into effect the fur seal treaties with Japan, England and Russia for the protection of seals in the Pribilof Islands.

The measure prohibits pelagic sealing and by a vote of 42 to 18 the senate placed in it a provision prohibiting land-killing on the islands for 10 years.

It was during the discussion of this bill that Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, made an attack on Fish commissioner George M. Bowers, charging that he had been lobbying to prevent the passage of the bill.

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#### Lunenburg Banker Arrives

The banker Frank H. Adams, Capt. R. Sullivan, arrived a week ago Thursday at St. John's, N. F., with 1100 quintals of fish, taken on the Grand Banks. Capt. Sullivan fishes out of Lunenburg, but has made many trips to St. John's. He reports cod fairly plentiful, but bait difficult to procure. He will leave again in a day or two to continue the voyage.

# MANY SPANISH FISHERMEN LOST.

One hundred and nineteen Spanish fishermen belonging to Bilbao, Spain, lost their lives by the sinking of 14 fishing boats in a terrible storm which has raged along the Spanish coast during the past two days.

The hurricane, which has now abated, caused immense havoc in the coast towns.

#### San Juan Codfish Market.

Values of codfish have rule pretty steady at San Juan, owing to light supplies and fair demand, at about \$27 per drum. Receipts at Ponce have again exceeded the reduced capacity of that market, which is now glutted and demoralized, today's quotations for codfish being about \$25 per drum, while some sales have been made at lower prices. There is a fair inquiry for pollock and a limited interest for haddock at about \$18 per drum on usual net ex wharf basis.

Since last report the arrivals have been: At San Juan, 208 tes. pollock, 15 tes. fish; at Arecibo, 75 tes. codfish; at Ponce, 415 tes.; 50 drums 140 boxes. Reported by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico, July 30, 1912.

The imports of dry salted fish at Porto Rico for the six months to June 30, 1912, were: 16,423 tes., 302 drums, 1830 boxes codfish, 2295 tes. pollock, 378 tes. haddock, 1124 tes. dry fish. This includes importations at San Juan, Ponce, Mayquez and the outposts. The comparative grand total of all kinds for the six months to June 30, 1912, and the same period in 1911 were: 20,720 against 19,653 tes.; 302 against 203 drums; 1830 against 819 boxes. The comparative totals for the year to June 30, 1912, and the previous year were 40,373 against 36,689 tes.; 505 against 1506 drums; 2649, against 2014 boxes. Reported by S. Ferrer & Co., New York.