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AT HOME WITH HERRING FARES

Schs. Flirt and Oriole Had It Hard All the Way Along.

Two more of the Newfoundland fleet are safely at home, sch. Oriole arriving yesterday afternoon and sch. Flirt during the night, both with full cargoes.

Heavy gales and seas were encountered all the way. Both captains experienced some of the toughest weather of the winter, the Flirt losing her foresail, making it necessary for her to put in to North Sydney, where a new one was sent down by the Gorton-Pew Company, her owners. Capt Firth arrived at Shelburne after last Friday night's gale and at the first favorable opportunity, headed her for home. The craft was 20 days from Bonne Bay.

Sch. Oriole, also from Bonne Bay was 14 days on her passage. She ran into the heavy gale last week and was obliged to carry her foresail through it all, but came through without damage. Her cargo is consigned to Orlando Merchant.

Yesterday's shipments by the gill netters was about 50 boxes. Some of the fleet picked up only part of their gear, while others were obliged to return without making a lift at all.

The little steamers Margaret D. and George S. Fisher which are fishing down on western Jefferies picked up their gear all right, the former landing 2000 weight of cod and the latter 1100 pounds of cod.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Mary F. Sears, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nomad, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mariner, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Geisha, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mystery, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Aloha, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mina Swim, Eastern deck handling, 23,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Flirt, Bonne Bay, N. F., 950 bbls. salt herring, 75 bbls. pickled herring, 250 bbls. frozen herring.
- Sch. Oriole, Bonne Bay, N. F., 16,700 lbs. frozen herring, 800 bbls. salt herring, 150 bbls. pickled herring.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.
- Sch. Rex, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Arethusa, haddocking.
- Sch. A. Platt Andrew, haddocking.
- Sch. Elsie, haddocking.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
- Sch. Esperanto, haddocking.
- Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.
- Sch. Marsala, Georges halibuting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75, snappers, \$2.75.
 Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.
 Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
 Dory handling codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.
 Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
 Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.
 Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.
 Hake, \$1.50.
 Haddock, \$1.50.
 Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.
 Fletched halibut, 10c per lb.
 Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.
 Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.
 Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
 Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
 Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.
 All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
 Hake, \$1.15.
 Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.
 Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 90c.
 Bank halibut, 25 1-2c lb. for white, 18 1-2c for gray.
 Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for bait.
 Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

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WOULD CHANGE LOBSTER LAWS

Just as was predicted the discussion of a proposed change in the Maine lobster law has been begun and it is being carried on in every quarter of the state, says the Portland Press.

Portland dealers are showing a great interest; it was expected they would for they are the largest dealers in Maine. But the Portland men are not endorsing the suggestion made by Gov. Haines in his inaugural. The chief executive suggested that a close time, during which it would be illegal to ship lobsters out of the State, should be placed on the crustaceans. This the Portland dealers do not favor.

"A close time is all right," said one of them to a Press reporter Monday, "but the governor has the wrong idea of a close time. It would be impossible to prevent shipment of lobsters out of the state. Lobsters by the thousand are kept in pounds along the Maine coast. If a smack was sent to a pound, took on a fare and sailed, how would any one know whether the lobsters were being brought to a Maine port or sent to some place out of the state Nobody could tell. They would be carried from a pound to a smack waiting off shore and the law be persistently violated without anyone being the wiser."

The Portland dealers are in favor of a close time, but they say it should be an absolute close time, one that would prevent the taking of the lobsters at all. "Put the close time on for July and August, during the shedding season," is the attitude they take, if a close time is to be provided at all. "Cut out the catching of lobsters altogether for lobsters are of little use when they are shedding their shells, anyway."

Much discussion, in favor of and against, the proposed change in the legal length of the lobster is being heard. The dealers in Portland for the most part maintain that as a matter of self defense, the Maine law should conform to the Massachusetts law. They take the attitude that if the present law continues and Massachusetts still allows nine inches to be the legal length, then the Maine dealers will be practically shut out of the market. "Change the law to nine inches and then have a close time," is the way they size up the situation.

Within the next few days it is expected that a new lobster law will make its appearance in the Legislature. There may be a dozen laws to be referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries. Any of them will be the subject of much discussion and all will be regarded with more than ordinary interest in view of the present agitation for a change.

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THE CATCH HERE AND AT BOSTON

Receipts of fresh and salt fish of all kinds landed at this port during the month of November, according to the Bureau of Fisheries, was 5,183,331 pounds of fresh, valued at \$70,841 and 2,733,215 pounds of salt fish, valued at 108,625. The receipts at the port of Boston for the same period were 7,548,200 pounds, the value of which was \$228,069.

The receipts by grades and values was as follows:

	Pounds.	Value.
Gloucester.		
Fresh cod	127,385	\$3,109
Salt cod	2,314,617	98,606
Total cod	2,442,002	101,715
Fresh haddock	96,970	2,978
Salt haddock	21,695	327
Total haddock	118,665	3,305
Fresh cusk	77,057	1,000
Salt cusk	9,880	223
Total cusk	86,937	1,223
Fresh hake	480,715	5,529
Salt hake	13,065	210
Total hake	493,780	5,739
Fresh pollock	4,290,451	44,165
Salt pollock	24,485	368
Total pollock	4,314,936	44,533
Fresh halibut	77,653	12,576
Salt halibut	965	97
Total halibut	78,618	12,673
Fresh herring	76,000	240
Salt herring	320,308	5,819
Total herring	336,308	6,059
Fresh mackerel	17,100	1,244
Salt mackerel	28,200	2,975
Total mackerel	45,300	4,219

	Pounds.	Value.
Boston.		
Fresh cod	1,093,500	\$50,700
Fresh haddock	3,452,400	119,151
Fresh cusk	360,000	6,615
Fresh hake	1,982,200	34,954
Fresh pollock	599,200	8,357
Fresh halibut	27,475	5,048
Fresh mackerel	25,425	3,109
Fresh herring	8,000	135

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STEAM TRAWLER LOST A MAN

The steam trawler Swell arrived at Boston this morning with her colors at half mast for the loss of Joseph Welsh, who was drowned on Georges last Sunday afternoon.

How and when Welsh met his fate, no one knows. He was on the watch below and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, it was noticed that he was missing. A thorough search was made of the craft, but without success, and reluctantly the captain and crew came to the conclusion that he had fallen overboard. It was perfectly calm at the time and Capt. Hayes' car, account for the accident in no other way.

The unfortunate man was a native of Newfoundland and resided in South Boston.

Executive committee—H. B. Ritchie, Joseph A. Rich, George N. Prior, Ward L. Pierce, Edward J. Livingstone.
Transportation committee—L. Pickert, L. A. Treat, H. O. Underwood.
Arbitration committee—R. M. Kelley, A. Winsor, Jr., L. G. Stillman.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Terra Nova, arrived at Liverpool Saturday last and cleared for fishing.
 Schs. Olga and Gladys and Nellie arrived at Liverpool Tuesday last and cleared.
 Sch. Fannie E. Prescott arrived at Halifax Tuesday last.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Claudia sold to the New England Fish Company this forenoon at 25 cents a pound for white and 17 cents a pound for gray.

In for Shelter.

The schooner Emma F. Chase, Capt. Look, bound from Jonesport to this port, with smoked herring, has put in to Horse island harbor for shelter.

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N. F. BANKERS WILL FIT EARLY

Benjamin Pine of the firm of Langsford & Pine has returned from Belleoram, N. F., after a very pleasant visit of several weeks. He reports that the south coast bankers are now fitting to get underway and several of them expect to sail about February 1 for the Rose Blanche grounds.

Among the crafts are several former Gloucester crafts. Sch. Effie M. Prior, the latest Gloucester addition to the fleet, will be commanded by Capt. Cluett; sch. Grayling, Capt. Fudge; Flora S. Nickerson, Capt. Fudge.

No herring are reported at Fortune Bay thus far this winter.

TWO BROKE MAIN BOOMS

The Provincetown schooner Annie Perry which has been hauled up several weeks at that port and is here this morning for painting and general overhauling, struck the blow heavily yesterday coming across the bay, losing her main boom.

Sch. Mystery which arrived here this morning from Portland after disposing of her halibut fare, met with a similar accident at the mouth of the harbor, snapping her main boom in the blow.

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 Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
 Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
 Pollock, \$1.50.
 Hake, \$1.50.
 Haddock, \$1.50.
 Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.
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THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Four Fishermen Had to Bail for Their Lives All Night Long.

Capt. A. W. Wallace, Charles Kohling, Loring H. Wallace and James F. Wallace, four fishermen, had an experience during the storm of last Friday night that they are not likely to soon forget. Their little craft, the Alice G., fouled her steering gear during the early hours of the severe storm which struck Portland Friday and all night long the sloop rode at anchor off Orr's island, while the four bailed and pumped the water over her rail. At times it seemed to the fishermen that the craft must surrender to the angry sea, but their ceaseless labors saved the sloop from going to the bottom and they bailed until Saturday afternoon, when the wind abated and they were able to make repairs sufficient to carry them to Sebasco, where they belong.

FISH BUREAU HEADS.

Edward J. Livingstone Elected Member of Executive Committee.

The annual meeting of the Boston Fish Bureau was held Tuesday afternoon, when the following officers were elected:

President—George E. Wiley.
 Vice president—John Burns, Jr.
 Treasurer—Burton Fernald.