

TWO OF TRIBUNAL ARE SELECTED

To Arbitrate Pecuniary Claims, Some of Which Are Local.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick and Chandler P. Anderson Are Named.

A press despatch from Washington says that Great Britain and the United States have agreed upon the composition of the tribunal for the arbitration

of pecuniary claims, as provided in the special arrangement recently ratified by the two governments.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of Canada, and the British member of the North Atlantic coast fisheries arbitration tribunal at The Hague, in 1910, will represent Great Britain. Chandler P. Anderson, counsellor of the department of state, will represent the United States. These two will select a third member, who will act as umpire and will be a subject of neither Great Britain nor the United States. The third member has practically been agreed upon and his name will be announced later.

Cecil J. B. Hurst of the British Foreign Office, will be chief counsel for Great Britain. Edmand L. Newcombe, Canadian deputy minister of justice, will be associated with him. Severc Mallet-Prevost of New York will be chief counsel for the United States. He was one of counsel in the Venezuela boundary arbitration. Robert Lansing, one of counsel for the United States in the fisheries arbitration, will be associated with him.

A schedule of claims for submission to arbitration has already been agreed upon and the amount claimed on both sides is altogether about \$4,000,000.

It is expected that the tribunal will meet next spring and by agreement of the two governments its first session will be held in Washington.



CHANDLER P. ANDERSON,

Who Will Represent the United States on the Tribunal.

Dec. 9.

GALE DROVE THE SHORE FLEET IN

The Gill Netting Fleet Had a Pretty Good Day on Saturday.

Quite a fleet of shore crafts which left here Saturday forenoon were driven back to port on account of the heavy gale outside yesterday, which was at its height at midnight and was felt all along the coast.

No arrivals from off shore are reported although several of the coasting crafts put in here for harbor. Only a few of the gill netting steamers ventured out yesterday, while the entire fleet was tied up here this morning.

The gill netters had a fair day of it Saturday, several good trips being landed. Among the high liners were the R. J. Kellick, Sawyer, Medonak and Gertrude T. Most of the landings were pollock, with a few haddock and cod, which were shipped to Boston.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Str. Ethel, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Philomena, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 5,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

- Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 4,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Alice, gill netting, 1,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3,500 lbs. fresh fish.

- Str. Eagle, gill netting, 1,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 3,600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mindora, gill netting, 3,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 6,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Venture, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Hugo, gill netting, 4,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 4,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Anna T., gill netting, 5,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 4,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Ethel, gill netting, 8,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mary L., gill netting, 1,600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Medomak, gill netting, 11,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1,200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 7,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 6,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 6,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 8,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Scout, gill netting, 4,000 lbs. fresh fish.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.
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 Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
 Dory handlining 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.
 Fledged halibut, 10c per lb.

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, 95c; round, 85c.
 Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and 14c lb. for gray.
 Fresh mackerel, 31c for large.
 Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl for bait.

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80 FISHERMEN MAY BE DROWNED

Eighty-one Portuguese fishermen lost their lives during a recent storm on the coast of Portugal. On Monday last a fleet of 100 small fishing vessels, whose crews totalled 192 men, were caught in a gale. Up to yesterday only 110 of the men had returned and it is almost certain the remainder went down with their craft. The survivors were without food or water for three days while the seas were very heavy and cold winds prevailed.

Four of the fishermen became insane, jumped overboard and were drowned.

During the past few years, quite a number of Lisbon fishermen have come to this city and shipped in local crafts and undoubtedly several if not many of the victims are known by those here.

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Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Elmer E. Gray, haddocking.
- Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, haddocking.
- Sch. Juno, haddocking.
- Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.

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Pensacola Arrivals.

Last week was a fish week for Pensacola, red snappers and black groupers have been coming in by the thousands every day. This is what arrived for E. E. Sanders Co.: Favorite, 16,485 snappers, 1385 groupers; Ida M. Silva, 20,680 snappers, 12,035 groupers; Cavalier, 19,440 snappers, 10,085 groupers; Dorothy, 21,590 snappers, 11,995 groupers; Wallace McDonald 13,620 snappers; Priscilla, 17,880 snappers, 3,465 groupers; Lottie S. Haskins, 19,240 snappers, 1,145 groupers; Carrie B. Welles, 12,300 snappers, 1,250 groupers; Ruth A. Welles, 25,060 snappers, 6,155 groupers; Clara M. Littlefield, 18,060 snappers, 5,075 groupers; Cavaliere, 20,000 snappers, 10,000 groupers. Smack arrivals for Warren Co. were as follows: Galatea, 3,500 snappers; Mary L. Harty, 13,935 snappers; 8,390 groupers; Franklin, 5,200 snappers, 4,800 groupers; Alcoma, 23,500 snappers, 10,300 groupers; Hope, 27,700 snappers, 13,400 groupers; Emma Jean, 18,500 snappers, 3,200 groupers.

THE SALT FISH SITUATION

The local market for salt fish is quiet under the influence of the usual holiday season dullness, says the Fishing Gazette. The general condition, however, is one of shortage of stocks, and this is likely to continue until a break occurs in St. John's or Halifax. Of course it is possible that the present abnormal values for dried fish will obtain for a time, but the whole interests of the trade would benefit by a return to sane prices.

The prices at St. John's are nominally the same as those of last week, but the demand is not anything like so keen, says the Trade-Review. The latest highest price is given as \$6.70, but no great business is looked for until the figure is \$6.50. The export merchants seem bound to suffer, as usual, some of them having bid as high as \$6.90 for talquale. When it comes to the inauguration of any new departure in commercial enterprise in this country, Job Bros. & Co. may be always found near the front. They believe that quick despatch to market is becoming more and more a necessary feature of the fish trade every year, and hence, standing in with some of their brother merchants, they have despatched the Nascopie from St. John's with a cargo of 21,000 quintals of fish to Alicante. The steamers being employed on previous occasions in this business were generally Norwegian tramps, it being presumed that it would not pay local steamers to undertake foreign fish freighting. Messrs. Job Bros. & Co., however, thought otherwise, hence the present venture.

Good supplies of Pacific codfish are being received at San Francisco this month, but no active buying has set in as yet. Prices have been somewhat easier, but a demand from the east is looked for after the first of next year, if not before.

A New York importer says: West Indian conditions have not improved any. The rains have kept up now for about 30 days, and every day of their continuance from now on is bound to bring further damage and loss, not only to the fish trade, but to the crops and prosperity of those countries as well.

Meantime the prices in producing centers continue remarkably firm, or at least the pretence is that they are firm, and how long dealers will sustain the market, and continue to arrange for certain and heavy losses is for the dealers to decide. It is reported that Gloucester has just bought a fair sized cargo of Labrador fish at a good price for damp fish, particularly if the full duty should be paid on the same. It has also been reported that there is a break in prices in St. John's, where most of the dealers have been more conservative this season than elsewhere.

JAP TRAWLERS ARE DOING WELL

More trawlers are wanted for the fisheries of Japan, and during recent days a representative from the Far East has been staying at Grimsby, Eng., where he hoped to make the necessary additions to the fleet which left that port some few months ago, says the "Fish Trades Gazette." But Grimsby was unable to fulfil expectations owing to the fact that the class of vessel sought after was too small. Private letters from the Grimsby skipper who is in charge of one of the trawlers fishing from Osaka show a truly remarkable development in the fishing, and though the steam trawler has had much to contend against with its modern methods, the marked success of the operations opened up great possibilities. His own ship had made a profit of about £300 each week since its initial trip; good grounds existed within sight of land; no ice was carried on board, but absolutely fresh fish was insured by making short trips of about two days each. The demand, says the skipper, is good and certain, but up to the present the other three vessels under Japanese commanders have not done so well as his own.

T WHARF HAS SHORT SUPPLY

Only Five Trips in at Pier and the Prices Are Way Up.

Four offshore and one shore arrival constituted T wharf's fresh fish supply this morning. The total receipts was rising of 125,000 pounds, mostly haddock and cod, which on account of the scarcity and demand for fish kept the prices well up.

Sch. James W. Parker has 53,000 pounds, the largest fare of the morning. Three of the fleet of steam trawlers were also at the dock, steamer Surf with 5100 pounds; Ripple, 29,000 lbs.; Foam, 35,000 pounds. Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, the lone shore arrival has 6300 pounds.

Haddock sales were at \$4 to \$6.25 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$6 to \$7, market cod, \$2.50 to \$3, hake, \$3.50 to \$6, pollock, \$2 and cusk, \$2.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
 Str. Surf, 4300 haddock, 800 cod.
 Str. Ripple, 29,000 haddock, 400 cod.
 Str. Foam, 35 000 haddock, 100 cod.
 Sch James W. Parker, 15,000 haddock, 36,000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 300 cusk.

Haddock, \$4 to \$6.25 per cwt.; large cod \$6 to \$7; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3.50 to \$6; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$2.50.

LOBSTERS DROP IN PRICE.

Law Off in New Brunswick, Large Shipments at Portland.

Lobsters have dropped in price somewhat, at Portland, and there is every indication that the shellfish will soon be cheap. The law went off in New Brunswick last week and large shipments of lobsters are beginning to arrive by rail. December 15 the law goes off in one of the Nova Scotia provinces, and from that time on shipments will arrive here twice a week aboard the steamers from Yarmouth.

Meanwhile the domestic lobster fishing is very poor. Only last week storms destroyed many traps along the Maine coast and the lobstermen of Port Clyde and other places gave up fishing for the winter.

Foreign Mackerel Notes.

The New York market for foreign mackerel continues easy on all varieties, and will probably remain so until the close of the holiday season, as usual, the Fishing Gazette says. The Strohmeier & Arpe Co. report that Norway mackerel is in fair demand at prices somewhat higher than those of last week and state that their shippers abroad have cabled withdrawing their goods from the market at present anticipating higher prices after the turn of next year. Irish mackerel remains fairly steady but without much call. Last week's shipments amounted to 153 bbls., bringing the total receipts here of Irish autumn mackerel to date to 18,018 bbls.

The report on Irish mackerel, dated Liverpool, November 23, runs as follows: Shipments this week were: To Boston, s. s. Bohemian, 174 bbls.; to Philadelphia, s. s. Haverford, 24 bbls.; Sardinian 455; St. John, s. s. Victorian, 500. Total, 1,153. The report, by wire of November 30, stated that the recent fishing had been poor, and that the shipments for mackerel to date were: To Boston, 1,100 bbls., and to all other ports, 875 bbls. Total, 1,975 bbls. The count of the shipments was given as 350 to 400.

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New Fish Concern.

The Cape Cod Fish Freezing & Packing Co. Sandwich, Mass. Filed November 22, 1912. Capital, \$72,000; 720 shares \$100. Directors: L. C. Jones, president; Charles G. Ellis, Sagamore, treasurer, and A. McKay.

Cured Fish Here.

Two cargoes of cured fish came here yesterday, sch. Annie F. Kimball from Southwest Harbor having a cargo for Fred Bradley and sch. E. T. Hamor a cargo from Bristol for George Perkins & Son.

AS DULL AS CAN BE IMAGINED

For Not Even a Gill Netter Has Arrived Here Since Last Report.

It was another quiet morning in the harbor this morning, not an off shore arrival having been reported since Saturday.

None of the gill netters ventured out yesterday. All the boats got underway this morning, but the small crafts found a heavy west wind and chop outside and most of them put back here during the forenoon.

Two cured fish cargoes arrived yesterday morning from Maine ports, they being schs. F. T. Hamor and Annie F. Kimball consigned to George Perkins & Son and Fred Bradley.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball, Southwest Harbor, cured fish.

Sch. E. T. Hamor, Bristol, cured fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elk, haddocking.
 Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.
 Sch. Juno, haddocking.
 Sch. Corona, Newfoundland herring trip.
 Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, deck handlining.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, Boston.

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 Dory handlining 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.

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, 95c; round, 85c.
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 Fresh mackerel, 31c for large.
 Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl for bait.

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Fish at Twillingate.

Large stocks of fish are held here yet. It is estimated that two of the biggest firms here must have somewhere between 20 and 30 thousand each on hand yet. Fortunately telegraphic reports show the state of Spanish market firm, and British fish in good demand. Labrador fish seems more or less of a drag and no one apparently buying it very energetically.

Franklin vesse's loading at H. J. Howlett's wharf, Arm, from members of the Fishermen's Unions will take about 2000 qtls. We understand Mr. Bradbury from Franklin's has charge of the loading. It is currently reported that the S.S. Erik is coming here to load fish for Messrs. J. W. Hodge, H. J. Howlett and George Gillett. It is also said that the S.S. Bauline is due here shortly.—Twillingate Sun.

Good Catch of Codfish.

Capt. Billy Wright of the Gertrude brought in a good trip of codfish Saturday at Newburyport, of about 10,500 pounds. Capt. Nestor Thurlow, Capt. "Tayor" Short and Capt. Fred Goodwin had smaller fares that brought the total receipts at the Consumers up to 13,000 pounds.

NO HEARING ON FISH SCHEDULE

Announced in List Arranged for Coming Revision of the Tariff.

A press despatch from Washington says that thorough revision, schedule by schedule, of the present tariff law by the next congress was indicated by the decision of the democratic members of the house ways and means committee today to have hearings on the tariff every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in January, beginning January 6. One day will be devoted to each schedule, though, if necessary in any case, not exceeding two days will be allowed. There are 14 schedules, but merging two or three of the minor schedules with the adjoining important schedules, the committee expects to get through with the hearings by the end of January. The schedules will be considered in their regular sequence in the present tariff law.

The action of the democrats of the committee was to be ratified at a meeting of the full committee Saturday morning.

Dates for the hearings on the various schedules have been assigned, beginning January 6, but no mention is made in the despatch of any hearing in relation to the duty on fish.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Again Friday arrivals of fish were very few. The fares reported were the Lochinvar with 8000, Topsail Girl with 8000, and Fannie Hayden with 3000. The fish market has eased off a bit in the past few days. The prices paid the fishermen Friday were: Large cod, \$4.75; haddock, \$4.50; large hake, \$4.75; medium hake, \$2.50; cusk, \$2.25. In Boston Thursday, haddock were bringing \$7 a hundred weight because of the scarcity of that kind of fish.

A good sized trip of fish was brought in Sunday by the schooner Bernie and Bessie, while the schooner Effie M. Morrissey came in with a catch of 58,000 pounds of mixed fish for the local market.

Enlarging Plant.

The New England Fish Co. is enlarging its plant at Ketchikan, Alaska, from a capacity of 500 to 3000 tons, and last year the Pacific Cold Storage Co. found its plant near Juneau too small to handle the fish offered. These two are the only cold storage companies in Alaska so far. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad will be completed next year, and will put Sitka within 24 hours, steamer travel of transcontinental road that will carry fresh fish direct to the Eastern markets. A fine grade of leather is now being manufactured from sharks' skins by the Alaska Fish Products Co., of Seward, organized last spring for the purpose of engaging in the fish products business.

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FISHING CRAFT HAD GALE HEAVY

That the fishermen have had a hard time of it outside was plainly indicated yesterday when two of the fleet which arrived at T wharf came in ice coated and damaged.

While heading for port Monday in the teeth of a 60-mile gale, sch. James W. Parker had her jib torn to shreds while her other sails were split in the sudden squall.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes was also caught in the same manner. Big seas raked the vessel and the spray froze as it fell. The three steam trawlers also in yesterday escaped damage, but the shrouds and pilot houses were covered with ice nearly two inches thick.

At noon yesterday, a 50-mile southwesterly gale was blowing off Cape Cod. Four hours earlier the wind's velocity was only 25 miles an hour.

CAUGHT TAUTOG AND LOBSTERS

These Were Mixed In With Netter Ethel's Catch of Pollock.

For the fourth morning since last Saturday, not an off shore arrival was reported here this morning, the only landings of fresh fish being the gill netters yesterday, which had rising of 90,000 pounds.

The best fare of the day was that of the Nashawena, which had 14,000 pounds. Steamer Ethel, Lufkin & Tarr's boat, landed 12,000 weight, 1000 pounds being cod and remainder pollock. The Ethel also had a miscellaneous collection of 50 pounds of lobsters and several tautog in her nets.

The receipts which were for the most pollock, were iced and boxed and shipped fresh to Boston, which helped materially the famine at T wharf.

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The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Nomad, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Ethel, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Mary L., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Little Fannie, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Philomena, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Scout, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Nashawena, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Corsair, Newfoundland herring trip.
 Sch. Stranger, haddocking.
 Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.
 Sch. Flavilla, haddocking
 Sch. Clintonia, haddocking.

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