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SOME OFF-SHORES ARE IN TODAY

No Very Large Trips and Prices Good But Lower Than Yesterday.

T wharf dealers were better off this morning than they have been for several days, there being 13 arrivals at the dock since yesterday, including several off shores with fair sized trips. Among the arrivals is the new sch. Ruth from her maiden trip with 37,000 pounds. Other trips include schs. Frances S. Grueby, 26,000 pounds; Imperator, 55,000 pounds; Pontiac, 56,000 pounds; Mildred Robinson, 42,000 pounds; Alice, 37,000 pounds.

Prices tumbled yesterday's figures a little, although cod and haddock still remain high. Haddock sold at \$4.10 to \$5.50 a hundred pounds; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.35; and cusk, \$3.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Juno, 1800 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Manomet, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 2600 haddock, 400 cod.
Sch. Imperator, 35,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk, 400 halibut.
Sch. Pontiac, 38,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 6300 hake.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, 26,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Ruth, 30,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk, 500 halibut.
Sch. Alice, 24,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1200 hake.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 1000 haddock, 600 cod, 3000 hake, 7000 cusk.
Sch. Richard F. Nunan, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod, 6500 hake, 12,000 cusk.
Sch. William H. Reed, 2300 cod.
Sch. W. H. Clements, 2500 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 2500 cod.
Haddock, \$4.10 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.35; cusk, \$3.

MARKET BOAT GILL NETTING

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins Having Engine Put in and Will Discard Dorries.

Maine fishermen are to engage in gill netting and the first craft to go into the business on an extensive scale is the Cape Porpoise schooner Olive F. Hutchings, Capt. Merton Hutchings, who is installing a 75 horse power Wolverine engine on his craft.

HIGHEST HALIBUT PRICE OF SEASON

Halibut reached the highest price of the winter yesterday afternoon when 1700 pounds of the sch. Volant sold to the American Halibut Company at 25 cents a pound for white and 21 1-2 cents for grays.

The halibut fare of sch. Teazer also sold to the American Halibut Company this morning at 17 cents a pound right through.

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Putting in Engine.

A new 100 horse power Wolverine engine is being installed on sch. Quapanowitt, Capt. Daniel McDonald. The craft will get away after Christmas and engage in the halibut fishery.

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TINKER MACKEREL ON MIDDLE BANK

Big Rats Reported Schooling by Capt. and Crew of Sch. Norma

Mackerel and big rafts of them, too, have been schooling on Western Bank, according to the story told by Capt. Asa McComisky and crew of the sch. Norma, which has just arrived here from a deck handling trip.

The bank was simply alive with mackerel of the tinker variety and for several days and nights schools of these elusive fish, a most unusual

spectacle for December, were seen by Capt. McComisky and his crew.

Codfish, dogfish and pollock had a bountiful feast, as was evidenced from the fact that frequently live mackerel would flip from the mouth of a pollock, as it was landed on the deck.

Practically all the fish caught on the ground where the mackerel were seen were found to be full of mackerel, when cleaned.

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BROUGHT HIS FAMILY ALONG

Little Gill Netter Swan Was Two Months Coming from the Great Lakes.

After a passage of nearly eight weeks, the little lake steamer Swan has arrived here to engage in the gill netting fishery, which already embraces a number of small crafts and boat fishermen from the Great Lakes.

The Swan is owned and commanded by Capt. George Mooney who is accompanied by his wife, their 15-year-old son Ralph and a pet Scotch collie dog. Capt. Mooney also brought along his household effects and will make his home here permanently.

The little craft came through the Erie locks and took her time coming along. Capt. Mooney could have made much better time, but was laid up a week from an injury received while coming through the canal. The steamer was in harbor nearly every night, continuing her journey out into the Atlantic, thence up the coast to this port.

The Swan will immediately fit for the gill netting fishery and expects to be ready for fishing in about two weeks.

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Portland Fish Notes.

After being dry, the Portland fish market received quite a supply of fish Monday when a good part of the local fleet came in. Among the arrivals were the schooners Topsail Girl, 10,000; Edmund F. Black, 8000; Albert W. Black, 10,000; Dorcas, 12,000; George H. Lube, 10,000; Lochinvar, 2000; Hockomock, 10,000; Bernie and Besse, 200; Fannie Hayden, 2000.

The market has not eased off much in price, for all the fares were fairly large. Large cod and haddock were bought at \$5 and \$5.50, market cod at \$3.50 and large hake at \$5.50.

Not in recent years, and probably not before in the history of the port, have so many smelts been landed at the wharves in Portland as were brought here during the fall just closing. The season is practically over now, so there will not be many more brought up from down the bay.

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THE NOVA SCOTIA FISH REPORT

The Canadian government fishery bulletin for October shows that Shelburne County easily led Nova Scotia in the total value of fish caught, the figures for the leading counties being: Shelburne \$72,475; Digby \$54,552; Inverness \$33,000; Halifax \$25,303; Yarmouth \$24,122; Guysboro \$23,700; Queens \$19,624; Lunenburg \$17,860; and Annapolis \$16,355. The total was \$303,341.

Mackerel was easily king and again Shelburne was high line with a catch to the value of \$36,704; Inverness \$10,000; Queens \$15,550; Lunenburg \$10,505; Digby \$10,175; Yarmouth \$9,880. The total Nova Scotia mackerel catch for the month was \$124,761. And the total catch for the whole of Canada was \$126,172 showing that of the total mackerel catch for October that Nova Scotia practically furnished the whole amount. For the same month last year the mackerel catch for the whole of Canada totalled only \$90,105.

The total catch of cod for one month was \$58,000, Guysboro leading with \$10,869 and Shelburne next with \$10,035. The catch of herring was \$46,077, of which Shelburne furnished nearly half or \$21,051.

Around Cape Breton island and westward along the south shore of Nova Scotia the weather was generally rough during the first half of October, so much so that very little fishing was carried on in some of the easterly parts of Cape Breton.

Rough weather on the "bank" was reported by the Lunenburg deep-sea fleet.

The fishermen of Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties found mackerel and herring very plentiful during October.

Inshore fishing in the bay of Fundy was poor; but mackerel fishing in St. Mary's bay was good. Cod were plentiful on the inshore grounds of Annapolis county.

Very stormy weather prevailed on the coasts of Prince Edward Island. This notwithstanding, the results of oyster fishing, which began with October, compare favorably with those for the same period last year, the figures being 6,148 barrels for 1912 and 6,018 for 1911.

Fresh Fish at Halifax.

A correspondent of the "Maritime Merchant" asks why Halifax is not provided with a daily supply of fresh fish. He refers to the development of fresh fish supplies in Great Britain during the last 30 years, and to a similar success in Boston, Mass., and states his belief that if the local fishermen were encouraged Halifax would get into line as a progressive city with the other large centers of population. It is rumored that the Department of Marine and Fisheries will change its present location in Halifax for a site elsewhere on the waterfront. Of late years the operations of the department have been much increased and larger premises and a more convenient center have become necessary for the better handling of the marine and fishery business. Last week was one of the largest known in Halifax for big receipts of fish. The Cold Storage Co.'s wharf presented one of the busiest scenes along the waterfront. This company took in about 180,000 pounds of fish, cod and haddock alone, in three days. The value of the fish would approximate about \$2250.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

Arrivals of codfish have not been very heavy, but a great part of the supplies at market consists of very inferior grades, and these are being sacrificed in order to avoid the total destruction which has befallen some lots. Under such influences our markets have been sagging, and we cannot quote above \$28 to \$29 per cask of 540 lbs. for superior cod.

Pollock and haddock—The demand is very limited and buyers show no interest above \$22, at which price even some retailers have been offering broadcast, ex store.—Reported December 3, 1912, by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico.

Union Men in Fisheries.

The branch of the English National Sailors and Fishermen's, etc., Union, has presented a long list of demands to the trawlers and other fishery employers of Grimsby. The shore fishermen and fishing engineers have already separate unions, but the trawlers have agreed to receive the representatives of this new organization.

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PRICES TOOK QUITE A TUMBLE

Some of the Off-Shore Fleet Are at T Wharf With Fair Catches.

Fresh fish receipts at Boston this morning, including yesterday afternoon's arrivals, totalled 260,000 pounds, mostly haddock and cod, while prices took another tumble downward.

The off shore fleet in with fair sized trips are schs. Regina, 45,000 pounds; Georgianna, 50,000 pounds; Flora L. Oliver, 37,000 pounds; Matthew S. Greer, 32,000 pounds; steam trawler Crest, 68,000 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$3 to \$5 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5, and pollock, \$1.35.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Manhasset, 8000 haddock, 900 cod, 600 hake.
Sch. Crest, 68,000 haddock, 400 cod.
Sch. Moonam, 17,000 haddock, 2300 cod.
Sch. Maxwell, 2400 cod.
Sch. Sarah, 200 cod.
Sch. Regina, 25,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2500 hake, 9000 cusk.
Sch. Georgianna, 24,000 haddock, 26,000 cod.
Sch. Flora L. Oliver, 20,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 3000 haddock, 2000 hake.
Haddock, \$3 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$1.35.

THE SALT FISH MARKET REPORT

The deplorable conditions previously reported in foreign markets have not improved in the meantime; on the contrary conditions have become worse daily, the Fishing Gazette reports. Consignments have continued from most unexpected quarters. The Pacific Coast has dumped another 800 boxes on an already overloaded market.

Norway reports excessive quantities of codfish carried over, and altogether the present situation is unsatisfactory to all concerned. Holders pretend to continue their bluff of holding for unnecessarily high prices, while dealers who have bought already are in the unhappy quandary of not knowing whether to let go or hold on; in fact, at the present time it is probably easiest to hold on, as there is no one who will take over the burden of this load at the moment.

Sales of codfish that probably cost the shipper somewhere near \$35 per cask by the time the fish is landed and duty paid in Porto Rico are reported to have been made as low as \$24, and presumably the "confidential" side of the story that some shippers are getting is very much worse than the known low quotations. One would have to hunt far and wide to find a simpler and more easily deceived crowd than these same cute fish dealers and speculators, who will haggle over a penny and lose thousands apparently without a whimper, and the end is not yet.

Fulton Fish Market Notes.

The supply of green fish was limited in the salt water fish market during the entire last week. Prices which were high showed few fluctuations. The smacks landed codfish only.

There was no green mackerel or tinkers, weakfish or Eastern halibut.

Codfish was high in price during the latter part of the week, 7 cents being the quotation on market fish, with steak cod up to 10 to 11 cents. During the early part of the week market cod was down to 4 to 5 cents, and steak cod at 6 to 8 cents.

From Monday on, haddock was high, the general price being 7 cents per pound. On Saturday some sales were made at a slightly lower figure.

Western white halibut continues to be scarce. The price for the present week was 15 to 16 cents per pound.

Hake on Wednesday and Thursday brought as much money as haddock. During other days it sold at 5 to 7 cents.

Pollock was not as high as other groundfish. The quotation was 4 to 5 cents, with the exception of Thursday, when some sales were made up to 6 cents.

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SHIPMENTS FELL OFF SOME

Some of Gill Netting Fares Went to the Splitters Yesterday.

This morning's receipts at this port include the Bucksport sch. William Matheson with a full load of salt and pickled herring from Bonne Bay, N. F., and sch. Esperanto from the Cape Shore. The latter craft, which arrived here during the forenoon has a nice fare, hailing for 60,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Yesterday's shipments of the gill netters fell off to 140 boxes. These were mostly pollock, while a number of fares sold to the splitters to salt.

Several good trips were landed, steamer George E. Fisher having 20,000 pounds, steamer F. S. Willard 12,500 pounds, steamer Enterprise, 14,000 pounds, which were largest arrivals.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Alice, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Eagle, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4200 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 12,500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Philomena, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Anna T., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 4200 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Geisha, gill netting, 9500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Scola, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mystery, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 16,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Scout, 4200 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Esperanto, Cape Shore, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. William Matheson, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1200 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.

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 handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$1.50; mediums, \$1.
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, 17c lb. for white and for gray.
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl for salt.
Newfoundland frozen herrings, \$2.75 per cwt.

War Effects Fish Trade.

According to a recent advice, the war with Turkey will seriously interfere with the fish trade in Greece, as all able-bodied men between 21 and 40 have joined the colors, and the consumption of all kinds of dried, salted, pickled and smoked fish will naturally be diminished. Greece usually takes about 60,000 quintals of salted codfish, haddock, etc., but unless the war is soon ended it is doubtful if a quarter of that amount will be imported. Salmon and herring will also suffer in proportion. Only one small lot of Labrador codfish in casks has been received; it sold at \$100 per ton, c.i.f. Some tierces of salmon sold for \$30 per tierce, c.i.f.

A Big One.

A seahorse brought to the New York Aquarium one day last week by a Great South Bay fisherman breaks all records in size. It is 7 1-2 inches in length and 3 3-4 inches in girth, and its head is 1 5-8 inches long. The normal size for seahorses in this neighborhood is three inches, while on the Pacific Coast they grow to the length or height of 10 inches.

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LIBELLED AN ENGLISH CRAFT

Claim Owners of Sch. Ada Bishop Failed to Make Adjustment.

The Shelburne, N. S. sch. Ada Bishop, lying at Davis Brothers' wharf where she has been discharging a cargo of Newfoundland salt cod, has been seized by the United States Marshal in a libel suit brought by the Providence Washington Insurance company.

The Bishop is owned by C. F. Bishop & Company of Burin, Newfoundland, and left that place, November 9 with a cargo of salt cod for Davis Brothers of this port. In the stress of weather, the craft was disabled off Miquelon and after removing part of her cargo, she was towed into St. Pierre for repairs.

The towboat people would not allow her to go, however, until expenses of \$1200 had been paid. Davis Brothers in the meanwhile wanted their fish and the craft was finally released upon payment of the amount in question by the Providence Washington Insurance company, insurers of the cargo, it being understood that the owners of the vessel would pay their proportionate part of the expense upon the arrival of the vessel at her port of destination.

The libellant claims that the owners have failed to make an adjustment and in consequence thereof the Providence Washington Insurance company has libelled to craft. J. Manuel Marshall appears for the libellant.

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Foreign Salt Fish.

The total exports of codfish from Newfoundland, from August 1 to December 7, with comparative figures for the same period of the preceding year were: 359,725 qtls., against 436,769 qtls. in 1911. Of these this year Italy took 102,513; Brazil, 83,970; Spain, 65,914; British West Indies, 27,289, and Dominion of Canada, 21,410 qtls. The United States took 12,871, and Great Britain 2,742 qtls.

Having New Boiler.

The gill netting steamer Ethel, owned by Lufkin & Tarr is having a new boiler installed.

Pensacola Arrivals.

Two fishing vessels arrived at Pensacola during Sunday to the E. E. Saunders Fish Company. Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, on her second trip from the banks, reported a catch of 20,000 pounds of snappers and 15,000 pounds of groupers. The Albert Geiger hailed for 28,000 pounds of grouper and 10,000 pounds of snappers.

NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

The Erie fishermen are now making good hauls. Boats from Ohio and New York are also fishing out of Erie. Fairly good prices are being received. The fish tug Philadelphia, Capt. Mead, of the Booth Fish company, brought into Erie, 10,240 pounds of herring and other fish, the largest catch from nets of the present season. Other boats made fairly good catches.

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 11.—The fishing at Bay City is at an end for this fall, and very few fish will now be caught until we get ice, and so can set nets again for winter, and that should be soon now for it is very cold and the bay and river full of floating ice. The fishing was good up to Saturday night until the big storm set in and then it put the nets all out of business, and quite a few nets will be lost, but they are small nets and old twine, so the loss will not be large. The prices now paid to the fishermen are as follows: Perch, 5c.; mullets, 5c.; grass pike, 8c.; bullheads, 4c.; dogfish, 2c.; pickerel, 12c.; carp, 4c.; sunfish and rock bass, 4c., and are scarce and the catch consists mostly of perch and mullets. There is a good demand for fish this week, and the prices high, and prices are as follows to the trade: Perch, 6 to 7c.; mullets, 6 to 7c.; pike, 9 to 10c.; bullheads, 10 to 12c.; carp, 5 to 6c.; dogfish, 2 1-2 to 3c.; sunfish and rock bass, 5 to 6c. a pound. No change in prices of frozen and smoked fish, but

the trade is good and the dealers are selling a lot of them to the city and state trade. They take the place of fresh caught stock at lower prices than they could sell the fresh stock for this time of the year. No change in the salt fish market, and playing and selling prices are about the same as last week, fishermen holding for better prices. It looks now as if they will get it.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 12.—The cold weather has stopped all pound netters on the west shore from fishing, and unless it moderates soon many hundreds of dollars will be lost on account of stakes which cannot be taken out on account of the ice which is blocking them in at the present time. The catch on the west shore has been a normal one, and the total for Green Bay is something like 45,000 half-barrels, a good average catch. Prices being paid for salted stock are as follows: Flat herring, \$2.35 per half barrel; ciscoes, \$2.25 per half-barrel. A good many of the fishermen are selling their catch, and some who have the capital are holding for higher prices. Plenty of old fish are being held over from last year, and the catches elsewhere do not point for a raise in prices, and it is pretty certain that present prices will not waver one way or the other.

Menekaunee flats is covered with ice, some of the gill netters set twine for perch and suckers and were fairly successful. These fish are in demand at the present time, and prices paid are higher than usual.

East shore pound netters are doing good herring fishing, but will be compelled to pull up stakes this week unless there is a decided change in the weather. The shore had a fair catch up to date, something like 70,000 halves. These fishermen are selling their catches as fast as cured.

Few frozen fish coming, and dealers 8 cents offering per pound for frozen herring.—Fishing Gazette.

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THE SEA OTTER IS INTELLIGENT.

The sea otter combines the habits of a seal with the intelligence and amusing character of the otter. When met in herds far out at sea, which is but seldom now, they are commonly seen swimming on their backs, says an exchange. They even eat their food lying in this position on the water and nurse their young ones on their chests between their paws, exactly as a South Sea island mother swims with her baby in the water. When swimming in this attitude they shade their eyes with their paws when the sun dazzles them.

LATE NEWS OF HERRING FLEET

The sch. J. B. Young entered Bonne Bay last Friday to load herring for Young of Lunenburg. The sch. Tattler arrived at Wood's Island to load herring for the Gorton-Pew Co. at Bonne Bay. Herring still continues plentiful. Sch. Athlete left Wood's Island last Friday for Gloucester taking 1447 barrels of herring for the Gorton-Pew Co.

The Deputy Minister of Customs, H. W. LeMessurier, had a weekly report from Inspector O'Rielly at present on the west coast carrying on the herring laws showing that from the date of the last report up to Thursday, December 12, 16 vessels had entered at Wood's Island and Bonne Bay to take cargoes of herring aggregating 10,600 barrels, five for Gloucester, three for Buxport and one for Halifax while five others had sailed from Wood's Island with cargoes totalling 6200 barrels three for Gloucester and two for Halifax. He closes his report by saying that herring were plentiful in both Middle and North Arms yesterday (Wednesday).—St. John's, N. S. Chronicle.

WHERE HAVE THE HALIBUT GONE?

All the captains of the big fishing vessels sailing out of Boston and Gloucester are at a loss to account for the disappearance of halibut in the waters of the North Atlantic, says the Portland Press. It cannot be supposed that they have been all caught, for a year ago large fares were being brought back from all the favorite fishing grounds.

This season, however, an entirely different state of affairs exists. A large catch of halibut is the exception rather than the rule. Very few of the fishermen have been able to land a trip of 20,000 pounds while the greater part of them have been under that figure. Some have not even secured 10,000 pounds of the flat fish.

When Capt. Andrew Goveureau was in here this week in the Claudia, he was asked about the scarcity of fish. "What's the reason?" was the question put to him. "If you can tell why the fish are scarce," said Capt. Goveureau, "you would make a mint of money. Nobody knows. They just are not there."

DOG FISH PEST.

Letter Received by Mr. Davis From Commissioner Bowers.

A letter received by Mr. Davis of Portland from U. S. Fish Commissioner Bowers appears to point a favorable solution of the dogfish-shark "pest" problem on the original utilization and elimination plan devised by Secretary Davis of Portland, September 27, 1903.

The commissioner practically now challenges Mr. Davis to show the merit of his plan. The commissioner writes Mr. Davis in part as follows: "If your proposition has the merit you claim for it, Congress will undoubtedly take favorable action."

Mr. Davis is writing the commissioner in reply that if he (the commissioner) will recommend that Congress build and finance the reduction works, pay the fishermen not less than two cents federal bounty, or a purchase price of not less than \$8 per ton for dogfish or other shark species, on the "Davis plan" instead of trying to restock the ocean with fish and lobsters where all the fish and lobsters themselves cannot do this in nature because the dogfish are devouring them, then the merits of the Davis plan will easily be seen by Congress, and the Davis bill and plan will be adopted by Congress and financed very soon.

"The evidence of two reports and two hearings by Massachusetts and Congress are now all in for reference," said Mr. Davis, "and have been since 1903. President Taft is taking a deep interest in the matter now, it appears."