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NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

Bay City, Mich., January 8.—The fishing at Bay City this week has not been very good, on account of the warm spell we have had the last few days, says the Fishing Gazette. All the fishermen have had to pull out their nets to cut them loose and wait for ice again before they can do anything. The hook and line fishermen were in the same shape, but as soon as it gets colder they can get out and do good fishing for a month or so. About 200 small boxes went out from Bay City this week, and they went to New York, Boston and Detroit and brought good prices. The catch is about all perch, but they are nice stock and are packed alive without ice, and the Jewish trade buys them up quick as they get to market. There is not very much change in the frozen, salted and smoked fish, but the trade is picking up every day and the prices fair. The dealers at Bay City feel good over the outlook. The fishermen at Bay City never got such prices for their fish as they did this fall in a good many years, and they feel thankful for it, for the catch has been small and the good prices helped them out. The fishermen are now getting their nets and boats ready for spring fishing, for they want to be on time, as they believe we are going to have an early spring, for Lent is very early—February 5, and ends in March. The weather has got cold again. We have had a big snow storm, and it has frozen the bay over solid, so now the fishermen will get out again to fix up their nets and the shanties will go out to spear and hook fish, so the catch should pick up again. The fishermen at East Tawas are getting quite a few nice perch with hooks, and they ship to New York on commission, getting good prices for them. They make from \$2 to \$5 per day for a month or six weeks each year. The fishermen all along the west and east shores of Saginaw Bay have from 200 to 500 kegs of salt herring for sale, but are waiting for better prices for them, for the catch has been light and the old stock has been cleaned up. They have been offered \$2.60 to \$2.75, but want \$3. They claim they have 125 to 135 in each keg, and they are cheap at \$3 when they fill up their kegs like this, for the dealers can afford to pay it, as out of every three or four kegs they gain one. The fishermen believe that, prices of meats and other things in proportion, salt fish is about the cheapest thing in the market.

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SKY HIGH PRICES AND SMALL FARES

Arrivals at T Wharf This Morning Confined to Few Shore Boats.

High prices and small fares prevailed at T wharf this morning, the only new arrivals since yesterday being six shore boats with average trips. Yesterday afternoon, sch. Lucania arrived from off shore, together with sch. Stranger and the steam trawler Ripple, with fares mostly haddock. The dealers paid \$5 to \$5.50 a hundred pounds for haddock this morning, \$7 to \$7.50 for large cod, \$5 for market cod, \$4.50 to \$7 for hake and \$5 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Str. Ripple, 48,500 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Stranger, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake. Sch. Lucania, 55,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake. Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 5500 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 pollock. Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6500 hake, 1500 cusk. Sch. James and Esther, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 300 hake, 10,000 cusk. Sch. Richard T. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1600 cod, 4500 hake. Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 600 hake. Sch. Nautilus, 1600 cod. Haddock, \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$7 to \$7.50; market cod, \$5; hake, \$4.50 to \$7; pollock, \$5.

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CAPT. JOS. COONEY ON GILL NETTING

Well Known Rockport Skipper Commends Recent Letter of Capt. Frank Nunan

Closely following the recent communication of Capt. Frank Nunan of Cape Porpoise, who in an extended article went into a discussion of trawling, cod and gill netting, Capt. Joseph Cooney of Rockport, one of the best known local shore fishermen, sends to the Times for publication, a very interesting letter, in which he commends Capt. Nunan and has some comment to make upon gill netting.

Capt. Cooney says: To the Editor of the Times:—If you will kindly spare me a small space in your paper I would like to say a word about gill nets.

I was very much pleased with the remarks in your columns several days ago in regard to this subject because I know that it is the opinion of the best authority on the New England coast; I mean Capt. Nunan of Cape Porpoise.

Last summer a committee was appointed to try and stop the destruction of our fisheries. The majority of the fishermen gave one per cent. of their stock to try and stop beam trawling. Now some of the same owners and captains that were in favor of stopping them are doing something a thousand times as bad by fishing with gill nets.

The government spends thousands of dollars every year trying to raise fish and one of these gill-netters kill more in one day than one hatchery can raise in 20 years, because they reap their harvest in the spawning season.

No longer than 15 years ago I could go right back of Salvages' so close that I could see the smoke from the chimney in my own home and get from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of haddock, and now I have got to go 20 or 30 miles away, because I can't fish nearer on account of all the shore grounds being covered with gill nets.

Now Mister Reader, there are business people right in Gloucester that have got their bread and butter from us fishermen and now they own and operate these gill-netters and are sure to drive us out of business unless something is done to prohibit these destroyers of the fishing industries.

Just as Capt. Nunan has told you about cod nets in our bays, no longer than four or five years ago I have got 25,000 pounds of cod fish in three days in Ipswich Bay, but now you could not get that many in three years.

Now gentlemen, if the government don't take steps to protect our fisheries, Gloucester and all of the cities and towns depending on the fisheries will see hard times.

These wharves that you get such good rents from now will have grass growing on them in the near future. I am not saying this for my own protection as my fishing days are nearly over but I pity those that are growing up and have got to go fishing for a living. Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours respectfully,
CAPT. JOSEPH COONEY.
Rockport.

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Will Fit for Gill Netting.

The new steamer Nora Robinson recently purchased by A. Cooney & Company, arrived from Maine last evening in charge of Capt. George Hill. She will immediately fit for gill netting.

Deck Handline Cod Sale.

The recent deck handline salt cod fare of sch. Mina Swim sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company at \$5.25 a hundred weight for large and \$4.50 for medium.

Was Known Here.

Angus Fisher, second engineer of the steamer Atlantic and a son of Capt. Fisher, of Port Mouton, N. S., was drowned at Liverpool one day last week, while boarding the steamer Anita at that place.

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Booth Fisheries Showing.
Booth Fisheries net earnings for fiscal year ended January 1, after charging off \$300,000 losses incurred by previous management, and charging inventories down \$250,000, were roundly \$1,000,000.

Made Big Stock.
Sch. Alice, Capt. James O'Brien, fared well on her recent haddocking trip, stocking a total of \$2000, from which the crew shared \$70 to a man clear.

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BAKER'S DOZEN UP AT T WHARF

Fares Are Generally Small and Prices Still Hold Way Up.

Arrivals at T wharf, Boston, since yesterday's report consist of 13 fares, all but two of which are from the shore, some with good fares of haddock and cod.

The total receipts are less than 100,000 pounds. The off shore trips are schs. Laverna with 35,000 pounds and Cynthia which arrived yesterday afternoon with 16,000 weight of haddock.

Wholesale prices quoted by the dealers this morning were \$4.75 a hundred weight for haddock, \$4.50 to \$7.50 for large cod, \$4.50 for market cod, \$4 to \$7 for hake and \$4 to \$4.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Mary F. Sears, 6000 haddock, 1200 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Flavilla, 3500 haddock, 5500 cod, 700 hake.
Sch. Rose Standish, 2500 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Laverna, 27,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Jeanette, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1500 haddock, 100 cod.
Sch. Manomet, 6500 haddock, 1700 cod.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 5500 haddock, 200 cod, 2500 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 5500 haddock, 1000 cod, 3500 hake.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 3500 haddock, 3500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Cynthia, 16,000 haddock.
Sch. Jorgina, 5000 haddock, 800 cod, 500 hake, 1000 pollock.
Haddock, \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$7.50; market cod, \$4.50; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$4 to \$4.50.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.
Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
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.
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, 25c per lb. for white, 17c 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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Cleveland, O., Jan. 9.—The market at this center is in the best possible condition for those who hold a variety of good stock and prices are firm at latest quotations, says the Fishing Gazette. The wholesale dealers are by no means anxious to dispose of their best quality of fish at a sacrifice price, as perhaps they were a year ago under slightly different circumstances. It is now learned, as on previous occasions, that fish is worth its value, that is, as an element of food necessity. Furthermore, the outlay for procuring this food supply demands due compensation from its users. It is beyond question that neither the fishermen, boats or wholesale dealers have been receiving the cost of the product for the last couple of years, and if they can, in a measure, make good this winter, it will help out the near future of the industry.

Port Huron parties were here this week looking over fish tugs with a view to purchasing one or more. It is not learned that any sales were effected.

Capt. Charles Motley, ex-keeper of the life saving station and one of the most experienced fishermen on the Great Lakes, is active this winter in other lines of work, and more especially in the sale of gas engines, hulls, twine, etc.

Capt. Alex Maciner, owner of the new wooden tug Caldera, tested the craft under all conditions this fall, and says he is well pleased with her seaworthy, steaming and handling qualities for the fishing trade on Lake Erie.

Capt. Lawrence Webber of Erie, Pa., late joint owner with James Law of the tug Schaeffer, of Cleveland, died suddenly this week. His death was a great surprise to all who knew him, and there were many sincere expressions of sorrow when the fact became known.

Capt. Gus Greenland of the fish tug Weigand, was fined \$100 and costs on a charge of throwing dead fish in the lake at Erie, Pa. Capt. Greenland denied his guilt, claiming the fish were burned under the tug's boilers, and it is understood he will enter an appeal.

CAPE SHORE HADDOCKING.

Nova Scotia In-Shore Crafts Have Done Well.

Prosecution of the winter haddock fishery along the coast of Nova Scotia has been much retarded by the boisterous weather prevailing during the past month, and although the few trips the off-shore vessels have been enabled to make in that period have proven very productive, still it is a matter of conjecture if the fishermen have averaged up in these rare—in this season of extreme gales—opportunities. Gloucester vessels cruising off the coast have suffered many minor damages from the succession of severe storms and have been compelled to forego their operations and lay in under the shelter of Nova Scotian harbors.

As the Nova Scotian craft have confined their fishing to close off shore and within easy range of port, but comparatively few of them have suffered any mishaps from the heaving combers that have been sweeping the open Atlantic. This temporary cessation of the fishery has proven quite a drawback to the followers of the sea and the general hope is for milder conditions.

That the fish are in evidence in large numbers is proved by the big cargoes taken around Canso and vicinity lately. It is expected they will gradually work southward towards Halifax, thus affording opportunities of an even larger harvest for the fleet of schooners which market their fares at Halifax. This number has been much augmented recently by many craft from along the shore that have left their home ports on account of cold weather and its resultant freezing in of the smaller boats. On the west side of Cape Breton the haddock fishery has just closed, but in view of the unfavorable weather situation that has prevailed the actual extent of the yield is not known.—Halifax Herald.

STRUCK GOOD RUN OF HADDOCK

Some of the Larger Gill-Netters Are Fishing Off on Jefferies.

Yesterday's receipts of fresh fish consisted of the fares landed by the 11 netters, nearly the entire fleet being out and some good catches were reported.

The larger boats which are fishing off southern and western Jefferies struck a good run of haddock yesterday, practically half of their fares being haddock.

Some of the best trips were Sch. Little Fannie, 10,000 pounds; Geisha, 10,000 pounds; Nomad, 7,000 pounds; Enterprise, 4,000 pounds.

The total shipments yesterday were out 140 boxes.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
- Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Alice, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Eagle, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Mindora, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Nomad, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Venture, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Little Fannie, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Anna T., gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2600 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Mary L., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Geisha, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Robert and Edwin, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Harold, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Mystery, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Seven Brothers, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 2100 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Lorena, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Mariner, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Scolia, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Mary F Ruth, gill netting, 3700 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Cynthia, via Boston.
 - Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Premier, haddocking.
- Sch. Delphina Cabral, haddocking.
- Sch. Gov. Foss, haddocking.
- Sch. Annie Perry, haddocking.
- Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.
- Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

Having Engine Put In.

Sch. Eglantine is having a new gasoline engine installed at Rocky Point.

Portland Fish Notes.

The fish arrivals of Monday were a little more encouraging than those of the past week. They were: the Albert Black, 10,000; Albert D. Willard, 7000; Dorcas, 3500; Trident, 2500; Bernie and Bessie, 1500; Fannie Hayden, 1500.

Among the coasters to sail Monday were the schooners Annie F. Kimball, Emma F. Chase, Mildred May, all Gloucester bound.

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The Lunenburg Season.

Notwithstanding the present position of affairs the Lunenburg banking fleet probably had a fairly good year in 1912, says the "Maritime Merchant." This applies more particularly to that portion which has already marketed its catch, but even with the price at \$5.75 or even \$5.50, things will not be too bad. A man who has a few shares in a Lunenburg banker that captured only 1,500 quintals for the whole season,—that is, two trips—showed us his dividend check last week, amounting to 20 per cent. on the capital invested. Other vessels with a larger catch may have done better, but 20 per cent. is no slouch of a return even in these days of big profits on industrial investments. We understand that preparations are now being made for quite as large a fleet as last year. New vessels to replace those that have been sold are now in course of construction and the Lunenburg shipyards, so we hear, expect to have just as busy a year as the one that has just closed.

West Coast News.

The west coast herring fishery will probably close by the end of this week; but few American vessels now remain and these will load as soon as a frosty spell occurs. From Bonne Bay, practically all the vessels have gone, tho' herring are abundant there; while at Bay of Islands, where most of the crafts are now gathered, the fishing has not been as good as usual. The Alcona, with the freezing plant, has done unusually well and supplied large quantities of the fish for the Yankee vessels. From Woods Island into Humber Mouth the nets were taken up last week as the Fiona had to cut them out, owing to ice forming over night. The Fiona is expected to leave for here about the 15th and today it has had but little work to do in cutting out vessels.—St. John's, N. F., Herald.

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The Pearlsides Fish.

The Commissioners of Fisheries have just received interesting specimens of a remarkable little fish never before found in Canada, although rare specimens have been caught in the United States and Europe; says a Canadian press despatch. It is a small silvery fish not unlike a small herring, but has two rows of pearl organs along the sides of the body.

The fish were caught by fishermen on Grand Manan, and they are scientifically valuable and interesting. The most wonderful feature is the fact that each of the pearl organs gives out a brilliant light, similar to a small electric lamp.

The fish is called the "Pearlsides" and belongs to a group of very rare fish that are luminous. Very little is known about the life history of these small fish, but scientific authorities are of the opinion that they inhabit the deepest waters of the ocean, and that the light they give out enables them to procure their food and may also protect them by frightening away their enemies.

Professor Prince is handing these specimens over to the Biological Society, of which he is chairman, but is preparing a technical report for the Royal Society of Canada. It may be added that no specimens of this luminous fish have ever been recorded previously in Canada.—Fishing Gazette.

Portland Fish Notes.

Although nearly 100,000 pounds of mixed fish was landed Tuesday, the record breaking prices for fish continue to prevail and the dealers eagerly "gobbled up" every pound of fish brought into port by the fleet of Hampton boats and fishing schooners. Large cod brought the highest price of the day, as the fishermen secured from \$6.50 to \$6.75 per hundredweight. They received from \$5.00 to \$5.50 for haddock, while hake was bought from the fishermen for \$4.00 per hundredweight.

It was a great day for the small boat fishermen, as many of the "mosquito fleet" came in with 1,800 to 2,000 pounds and the skippers of the little craft secured from \$20 to \$30 for their day's work.

Six schooners came with mixed fish and the big liner of the fleet was the schooner Annie B. Watson, which landed 18,000 pounds of fish. The Top-sail Girl had 2,000 pounds, while small fares were brought into port by the Lochinvar, Edmund Black, Lizzie May and George H. Labe.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Norma cleared from Halifax for the fishing ground Saturday last. Sch. Benevolence arrived at Halifax Saturday last with 100 quintals of cured codfish, shipped Robin, Jones & Whitman.

Schs. Elsie, Benjamin, Smith and Pontiac arrived at Liverpool Monday last and cleared for fish.

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STEAM TRAWLERS THE WHOLE SHOW

Two of Them Have All the Fish at T Wharf This Morning.

T wharf reported a quiet morning this morning in the line of fresh fish receipts, two of the steam trawling fleet with fares of haddock, and one little cod netter being the only crafts in since yesterday.

Steamer Swell has 66,000 pounds of haddock, 6000 pounds of scrod and 500 weight cod and steamer Surf 40,000 pounds of haddock, 8000 pounds of scrod and 800 pounds of cod. Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt is the only other fare with 800 pounds of cod.

Wholesalers paid \$4.50 to \$6 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$7 for large cod, \$5 for market cod, \$4 to \$7 for hake, \$5 for pollock and \$3 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Str. Swell, 72,000 haddock, 500 cod. Str. Surf, 48,000 haddock, 400 cod. Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 800 cod. Haddock, \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$5; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$5; cusk, \$3.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

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.

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, 25c per lb. for white, 17c 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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The Great Ray a Sea Horror.

One of the horrors of the sea is the great ray of Florida waters. Schools of them are often seen playing on the surface of the bayous or in the inlets. Their immense black fins rise and fall in the water like the flapping wings of buzzards or vultures. The great ray shows on its head protuberances resembling horns, features that give them the appearance of the conventional devil as they disport themselves on the surface of the water. It is said that these monsters sometimes attain the weight of a thousand pounds, and mariners have averred that a great ray has unwittingly towed a vessel by becoming entangled in the anchor cable. They are hunted with harpoons and always give the fishermen an exciting struggle.—Fishing Gazette.

Caught a Tiger Fish.

A tiger fish caught by Frank Knoll was on exhibition in Washington Market last week, and Louis Constain was kept busy describing its qualities and habits. The head of the fish was flat and its under jaw stuck far out, much like that of a bulldog; it had small brown eyes, also like a bulldog; it had a fin running all the way down its back. This last characteristic could not be observed in any other fish, or, for that matter, any other animal at all, said Constain, who declared the public was entitled to knowledge concerning such a remarkable creature.

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GALES KILLED LOBSTERING

Proving a pronounced failure from the standpoint of both fisherman and packer, the active lobster season has just ended with the advent of cold weather and its resultant freezing over of the smaller harbors along the west coast from Halifax to the Bay of Fundy. Crustacean fishers have been harassed by a succession of severe gales ever since the open period commenced on December 15; tho' the prized ones have appeared in abundance during the rare opportunities afforded for successful operations, the great loss of gear and absence of favorable weather have tended to leave those engaged in this industry considerably on the wrong side of the ledger. Compared with other years there has been practically no catch of consequence, and but little stock remains held for the tentative offers of the Boston and foreign buyers.

At the outset a protracted cold snap threw the commencement of fishing ten days behind the inauguration of the six months open season about twelve months ago and when the fishermen had placed their traps in anticipation of reaping a large harvest, their hopes were crushed in a complete devastation by the storms. Encouraged by high prices arising from stiff competition among packers and indications of large numbers of shellfish inshore, new gear was hastily constructed and set. Hardly had matters shaped themselves toward the securing by the fishermen of enough fish to more than compensate them for their misfortunes than the elements again failed them. During the past 10 days it is estimated that all traps and gear that were placed along the southern portion of Nova Scotia's seaboard was smashed by the sweeping seas and swept ashore useless, with the once captive lobsters liberated.

Fortunately the canned market holds very strong, while consistent advances have ruled for medium and large live lobsters in Boston since the opening of the season. Those who were enabled to secure below average fares partly recovered their losses, but it is believed the majority have suffered a dead loss.

However, with the reopening of navigation in the latter part of March, nearly two months of active work will be available and the general hope is that a heavy yield will eventuate—this on account of the indications of the existence of large numbers of crustaceans down the coast.—Halifax Herald.

The Value of U. S. Fish Products.

The total value of the fish products produced in the United States last year, approximated \$60,000,000 in value, aside from the articles manufactured from them—which last constitutes the basis of a number of growing industries. There are 6,933 large vessels and about 90,000 small boats engaged in fishing, the value of this equipment alone amounting to \$25,000,000. This, with the apparatus of capture, accessory property and cash capital brings the total value of the equipment of the fisheries industries in the country to almost \$60,000,000, or about equivalent to the annual value of the products. About four-fifths of the value of the products is from the salt water fisheries. The balance is obtained from the Mississippi River and tributaries, the Great Lakes and the interior waters.

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CAUGHT WHALE ASLEEP.

Big Ocean Liner Cut One In Two In Mid-Ocean.

Steamer Cambrian at Boston reports running down a whale. This whale was asleep at the surface when the Cambrian came bowling along. It was last Saturday, one of the two fair days out of the seventeen it took the freighter to make the run from London.

The lookout thought the whale would move on, but it didn't and, with reversed engines, the liner hit him amidship. This made two whales where one was before also a fearful business of blood and foam and general thrashing around. The collision with some thirty tons of bone and blubber also gave the Cambrian quite a jar.