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# BETTER GUIDES IN BAY OF FUNDY

The Canadian minister of marine, who has been in communication with the aids to navigation committee of the St. John board of trade in reference to navigation in the Bay of Fundy, has determined on an extensive program of improvement which will no doubt be hailed with satisfaction by seafaring men and shipping interests, says the Yarmouth Times.

A gas and whistling buoy will be placed on Trinity Rock as soon as possible. Immediate steps will be taken to improve the light on Brier Island. A bell buoy will be established off Cape Enrage in the Chignecto channel, and steps are being taken to erect a light on St. Martins head and provision made for its maintenance.

In regard to the recommendation of the committee to put a lighthouse on Old Proprietor Rock, a communication says the matter has been laid over for further consideration of the minister and the lighthouse board; the recommendation to install a fog-bell at the Swallowtail lighthouse was also laid over, pending a report from the officials of the department.

The St. John committee recommended the department to place a larger light vessel off the Lurcher shoal at the mouth of the bay. The department states that it is not prepared to carry out this recommendation, but instead will install a wireless apparatus on the present light vessel, which it is expected will be of great advantage to shipping.

The lighthouse department is considering the question of erecting small enclosed light houses on wharves and breakwaters along the Bay of Fundy.

# EXPRESS MAN IS FROM MISSOURI

A morning paper stated that a Long Island fisherman caught two codfish for which he received \$17. If they weighed 100 pounds each and the price paid was 81-2 cents per pound that would make it. The average cod nowadays taken on a handline weighs four or five pounds. The codfish caught on trawls probably will average around 25 pounds, although big fellows tipping the scale at 50 and 60 pounds are not by any means unknown. There is a story that 12 or 15 years ago Erastus Wallace of Long Island caught a cod off the Stepping Stones in Lucke's Sound which weighed 110 pounds and, so far as known, this was the largest one ever taken in Casco Bay. That today, with codfish scarce as they are known to be, it is possible to pull out two that weighed almost as much as the biggest one on record, seems somewhat remarkable to say the least. Can't we have some further particulars of this wonderful catch or did the smell of spring in the air fire the reporter's imagination a trifle? Anyway, the story is good enough to be true, but under the circumstances some of us would like to be shown.—Portland evening and Daily Advertiser.

## Nova Scotia Cod Market.

The situation of bank fish is a little stronger, says the Halifax Herald. Sales of some 15,000 quintals have strengthened the market and excepting the 20,000 remaining in fishermen's hands. These should go off in March or April. Prospects now point to a fairly clean market before new fish arrive.

It was stated that Newfoundland stocks are about 50,000 quintals less than they were at this time last year, and while business is not brisk large shipments should absorb the bulk of this quantity before next season. We think, therefore, that the outlook is a fairly steady figure for some time.

Pickled fish have been moving rather slowly, but reports from the south show that the market for herrings particularly, is gradually strengthening. The Windward Islands boats are taking large cargoes and the Jamaica and Cuba trade is a fair volume.

While there seems to be sufficient stocks for the balance of the winter months, it looks as if all holdings will be pretty nearly absorbed altogether in the usual course of trade.

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# READY FOR HER PACIFIC TRIP

The new sch. Knickerbocker arrived yesterday afternoon at Long wharf, Boston, after a very satisfactory passage from this port.

Tomorrow she will be given a trial spin for the benefit of her owners and on Monday will probably leave on her 16,000-mile trip for Seattle, where she will engage in the fresh halibut fishery.

If the engines are in good working order, Capt. Robert Lathage will take the craft through the Straits of Magellan, otherwise he will circle Cape Horn.

# SOL FITTING FIRST SEINER

Capt. Solomon Jacobs, veteran of many a mackerel season, will be the first to sail south this spring evidently, for he has taken command of sch. Romance, and is now fitting out, indicating that he intends making an early start.

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# BIG START FOR SCH. YUCATAN

The new schooner Yucatan, built at Essex and fitted at this port, arrived at Galveston Sunday, from her second trip with one of the largest trips of snappers which were ever landed there.

The craft weighed off 54,950 pounds, from which the crew shared \$99.85, which is claimed to be the largest share ever made in the snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico.

On February 1, the price of snappers was raised to four cents a pound and the Yucatan was the first craft to receive the new price, arriving there February 3. The crew's share was \$60.90.

Capt. Clifton Smith, formerly of this city, commands the new craft and it is the wish of his many friends that his good fortune will continue.

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## Found Much Ice.

Two sailing schooners, the Hazel B. Mosher, Captain Dover, and the Iona, Captain Goddard, arrived at Louisburg, C. B., from Halifax Friday, bound for Fortune Bay and Burin respectively. This is early in the season for sailing vessels. During the voyage from Halifax both encountered considerable ice and rough weather.

## Salt Steamer on Way.

The Dutch steamer Boomborg sailed from Iviza, Spain, Saturday, for this port with a cargo of salt for Fred Bradley.

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## Pacific Halibut Lower.

At Seattle the arrival of a goodly shipment of fresh halibut during last week has lowered quotations 1 1/2 cent per pound. It is believed that present quotations will hold during the coming week. Because of the Lenten season there is a fairly active business doing in the local market, says the Trade Register.

## Gasolene Costs Too Much There.

There are 17 steam trawlers and about 3000 sail of fishing boats on the coast of Malaga, Spain. No motor boats are in use owing primarily to the fact that gasolene and kerosene now cost there wholesale at the refineries, without containers, 42 to 45 cents per gallon.

## Portland Fishing Notes.

Owing to the great demand this winter for bait the Portland Cold Storage Co. have disposed of their entire lot of blueback herring and are now seeking supplies at the eastward, the sloop Aubrey A. landing 20,000 pounds there Wednesday, brought up from Port Clyde.

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# FISH RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS

The bulletin issued by the Board of Trade shows a total of 3,745,201 pounds of fish landed here for the first two months of the year against 4,619,405 pounds for the same period of 1912.

Following is a statement of the kind and quantity of each:

	1913.	1912.
	Pounds.	Pounds.
Salt cod .....	1,126,228	2,100,712
Fresh cod .....	696,955	366,148
Halibut .....	182,748	188,277
Haddock .....	601,535	1,203,005
Hake .....	46,284	70,684
Cusk .....	28,276	30,622
Pollock .....	1,058,785	653,538
Flitches .....	4,390	6,419
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,745,201</b>	<b>4,619,405</b>
	Pounds.	Barrels.
Frozen herring ..	1,321,201	20,483
	Barrels.	Barrels.
*Salt herring ....	18,302	20,341
	Quintals.	Quintals.
Cured fish .....	4,471	1,287
*Includes pickled herring.		

# THE LUNENBURG BANKERS START

The first two Lunenburg schooners to fit out for the fishing grounds arrived at Halifax. They are the Clintonia, Capt. E. C. Mack, and Henry L. Montague, Capt. Abram Cook. They are now fitting out for the voyage and were expected to get away probably Thursday.

## SEALERS SAIL FROM ST. JOHN.

Vanguard of Fleet Bound For Grand Banks and Gulf.

St. Johns, N. F., March 13.—The first division of the sealing fleet set out from this port yesterday. The early presence of drift ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and off the Grand Banks and the fact that seals were sighted several weeks ago, have been taken as indications of a good season. The vanguard of the fleet consisted entirely of wooden vessels, which are conceded a one-day advantage in the start by the steel ships. Of the twelve wooden vessels, eight are bound for the Grand Banks and four for the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Eight steel steamers will sail today, all for the Grand Banks.

Two vessels of the wooden fleet were left behind, damaged and possibly wrecked as a result of running ashore while picking up crews along the coast.

The seal hunt this year will employ 4000 men. Nearly all the vessels are equipped with wireless, and a series of shore stations has been arranged whereby the owners of the steamers may keep in touch with the fleet at all times.

## Landings at Pensacola.

Sunday at Pensacola proved an exceptionally busy day in the way of snapper receipts by the two local fish houses. Four smacks arrived during the day with catches, aggregating about a hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds.

The arrivals during the day follow: To the E. E. Saunders Fish Company—Thomas J. Carroll, 50,000 pounds; Sheffeyd, 22,000 pounds; Dorothy, 30,000 pounds.

The only arrival reported to the Warren Fish Company was the Culebra, with a catch of 20,000 pounds.

Thus the new week commenced with an aggregate catch totalling almost the entire catch recorded during the previous week.

## The Ice Report.

As telegraphed by the superintendent of the signal service, Quebec, to the Halifax, N. S., board of trade, March 10, 1913.

Cape Ray, Heath Point—Heavy open ice everywhere.

Magdalen Islands—Heavy close packed ice everywhere.

Money Point—Heavy close packed everywhere, stationary.

Flat Point—No ice.

Sydney Harbor—Light close packed, stationary.

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# GILL NETTERS DOING BETTER

## They Landed About 40,000 Pounds of Fresh Fish Here Yesterday.

The water front was a pretty quiet place this morning, not an off shore craft of any description being reported since yesterday.

The gill netters did considerably better than the preceding days, some 40,000 pounds of fresh fish being landed. Steamer Ethel was high line with 3800 weight. Other good fares were steamers Gertrude T., 2500 pounds; George E. Fisher, 2500 pounds; Margaret D., 2000 pounds; Medomak, 1800 pounds; Margaret D., 2000 pounds; Lydia, 1700 pounds.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Jeffery, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Little Fannie, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Venture, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Philomena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nora F. Robinson, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Anna T., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Ethel, gill netting, 3800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mary L., gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Harold, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mystery, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Swan, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lydia, gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

## Good Stock.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt Jeffery Thomas, stocked \$2000 on her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$43.

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# MARKET BOATS ARE IN TODAY

## Fishers on the Shore Grounds Now Picking Up Some Good Trips.

T wharf's fleet of arrivals was confined to 11 shore boats this morning, with fares chiefly of haddock and cod which sold at fair prices.

Sch. ... were cons. Natalie J. Nelson, 27,000 pounds; Genesta, 24,000 pounds; sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 18,000 pounds.

Wholesalers paid \$4.50 a hundred weight for haddock, \$5 to \$5.75 for large cod, \$3 to \$3.50 for market cod, \$4.50 to \$7 for hake and \$5 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals. The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Dixie, 8300 cod. Sch. Laura Enos, 1700 cod. Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 14,000 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 hake, 2500 pollock.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish. Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.25 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75, snappers, \$3.25. Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Splitting prices: 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.

FEW FOUND NETS IN DENSE FOG

Therefore Landings of Fresh Fish by Gill Netters Was Very Light.

A few of the gill netters ventured outside yesterday during the thick fog and picked up their nets, the receipts of the day being small, however, about 15,000 pounds in all being landed.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts. The arrivals and receipts in detail are: Str. Lydia, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Lorena, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

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MARKET FIRM ON SALT COD

The home market for codfish is firmer this week. Stocks are limited, and the demand is steadier. The quantity in bonded warehouses in New York on January 31, was only 505,663 pounds, compared with 1,362,536 pounds on the same date of 1912, the Fishing Gazette reports.

In a report on Lunenburg bank fish the "Maritime Merchant," in its issue of February 27, says: "At the time our last report on bank fish was written Lunenburg holders were talking \$5.80 per quintal ex vessel, but at the same time the trade here were only willing to admit \$5.50 as a safe purchasing figure, basing their conclusion on the returns coming in from Porto Rico shipments.

Little Doing at Channel.

A report bulletin at the St. John's, N. F., board of trade rooms states that very little fishing was done last week at Channel, Basques and vicinity, no trawls having yet been set, though some 20 dories and boats are occupied.

Newfoundland Craft Missing.

Grave fears are expressed by mariners that the sch. Pearl Evelyn, Capt. Pinnel, of St. John's, N. F., is no more. This vessel, laden by the Smith Co. with fish for Operto, sailed on the 6th of January and since no report of the ship has been had, she being now practically two months on the run.

GOOD PRICES CLOSE THE WEEK

Only Six Fares of Fresh Fish In at T Wharf This Morning.

The week closed today at T wharf, Boston with six fares of fresh ground-fish at the dock, two of which are from off shore.

Schs. Fannie Belle Atwood and Mary C. Santos have the largest hauls, the former with 40,000 pounds, and the latter 67,000 pounds.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Washakie, 12,000 haddock, 700 cod. Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 6000 haddock, 100 cod, 700 hake.

Nova Scotia Fishing Notes.

Advices up to the middle of February from the leading European markets report a continuance of dull demand, although the Lenten season is half over. Strictly prime shore cod were, however, quoted at good prices at Spanish ports, with a fair inquiry for Labrador. The Norwegian catch up to February 8 showed 7,000,000 count, against 8,000,000 in 1912 at same date.

Toy Boat in Mid-Ocean.

A miniature ship with the masts broken off about two inches above the deck, sails attached and floating alongside was sighted at sea by Third Officer D. T. W. Lerdén of the Cunard steamer Franconia. The Franconia was coming from the Mediterranean and she was some 300 miles out from Gibraltar when the miniature derelict, about two feet long was sighted within 30 feet of the liner.

Moving Storage Stocks.

Great scarcity in all lines of fresh fish prevails. Weather conditions have been unfavorable for fishing operations and resulting small catches have had their effect on all markets, as reported by the "Canadian Grocer." Storage stocks have been brought forward to take the place of fresh fish, but even in these, stocks are being rapidly depleted.

Foreign Salt Fish.

The returns of the Norwegian cod fisheries for the week of February 1 are reported as 800,000 cod, of which only 60,000 were landed in Lafaten. For the following week the report runs: The cod fisheries suffered from bad weather, and in Fanmarken only small catches have been made.

CAN YOU TELL WHAT IS A TURTLE?

As a result of a decision to dismiss further consideration the celebrated case which was to decide whether a turtle was an animal or a reptile, Judge O'Sullivan of New York, has added one more to the number of unsolved mysteries. The question was involved in the prosecution by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Capt. Cleveland H. Downes, of the Saratoga, a steamship of the Ward line, arrested on charge of cruelty to animals—68 turtles. The turtles were passengers on the Saratoga, in October, 1911, and to prevent them from being nervous at sea their flippers were wired and they were placed on their shelly backs.