

SCH. HAZEL R. HINES HELD AT SYDNEY

Capt. of French Banker Claims She Ran Into His Craft.

Claiming that she was crashed into by sch. Hazel R. Hines of this port, the latter craft has been detained at North Sydney, C. B., says a North Sydney despatch, on complaint of the skipper of the French topsail sch. Carmele, which was damaged while beating into harbor in the darkness. Capt. Fred Morrissey of the Hines denies emphatically that he is responsible for the accident, or that he was in the vicinity at the time.

The North Sydney Herald of last Wednesday gives the following version of the accident:

"The French sch. Carmele came nearly going to the bottom of the harbor about 9 o'clock Monday night, while beating her way up the roadstead. A simple fluke in the wind prevented what would undoubtedly have resulted in a marine tragedy, but in the opinion of the French commander, it was not the fault of the skipper of the other craft that the thing did not turn out bad.

"At the time of the collision it was quite dark, and occurred just when the slate-colored French craft was opposite the breakwater. Nobody on board seemed to see any danger, until a crashing, tearing sound, followed simultaneously by a sudden jar, brought

the crew of the Frenchmen to the deck. All they could see was a dark object sailing away from them.

"The disabled craft at once ran into port, when a hurried investigation showed that nothing serious was sustained. Then the captain of the schooner made inquiry about the other schooners in port, or those who arrived about the time of the collision, and the arrest of the Gloucester fishing sch. Hazel R. Hines quickly followed.

Capt. Morrissey claims he is not responsible for the collision and was not in the vicinity of the accident at the time; but the French skipper claims that a portion of the paint and wood-work torn from his craft when the vessels came together, was sticking to the bow of the Hines when he was rowing past the latter vessel yesterday.

"Portwarden William Kelly, assisted by Messrs. W. Hackett and J. J. Forbes were appointed to hold a survey on the damaged craft yesterday, and completed their work, with the result that it will cost about \$400 or \$500 to repair the Carmele. It is understood that the watchman, or officer, who was placed on board the Gloucester craft since yesterday morning, will be relieved of further duty, by the two skippers coming to an amicable agreement."

FISH SCARCE AT PORTLAND

Fish are scarce. Not since early in the spring has the market been so short and according to the belief of the local dealers there will be no relief from this condition much before the middle of next month.

The fishermen say the bad weather is responsible. They complain that never in years have conditions been so unfavorable for fishing as they have been this summer. There has been an almost continual blow outside ever since the trawlers pulled out to go after swordfish. The days have been few, indeed, when the weather has favored the fishermen and day in and day out the little sloops and schooners have been turned back empty handed from the fishing grounds because of the choppy sea.

The small boat fishermen for nearly a month now have been supplying the local market with about 75 per cent. of its fresh fish. Boston markets have contributed to the supply, but together they have not been able to meet the demand. Friday fish dealers on Commercial wharf were paying \$6 for haddock, \$3 for cusk, \$5.50 for large cod, \$3 for market cod, \$1.50 for hake, \$4 for large hake and 12 cents a pound for mackerel.

HARBOR TALK DATE SET AHEAD

Chairman William S. McNary of the Harbor and Land Commission has sent notices to 250 business men, boards of trade, chambers of commerce and mercantile organizations, in hope of having a full expression of opinion at the conference which he is arranging for October 6. The invitation reads:

"Notice is hereby given that the conference in relation to the improvement of rivers and harbors appointed for September 18, at the office of the Harbor and Land Commission, State House, Boston, has been postponed to October 6, at 11 a. m., owing to the inspection which begins September 18 and probably continues to the 22d, of Massachusetts rivers and harbors by the congressional committee on Rivers and Harbors, accompanied by the State Commission. A program and details concerning this conference will be forwarded later."

Salt Mackerel Sale.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Veda M. McKown sold yesterday to Davis Brothers at \$20 a barrel for medium and \$9.75 for tinkers. The craft had 54 barrels of medium fish and 50 barrels of tinkers, unrimmed.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Hattie L. Trash, Georges handling.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Pacific Halibut on Market.

Six carloads of western halibut arrived at Boston and three at New York yesterday.

On the Railways.

Sch. Rita A. Viator and steamer Two Brothers are on the Rocky Neck railways.

Roseway Notes.

Herring was very plentiful at Roseway, N. S., last week some of the boats loaded with them on Saturday. Codfish are very scarce.

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SKIPPER DIED ABOARD CRAFT

Capt. Manuel F. Ventura, skipper of the Provincetown sch. Nettie Franklin died on board his craft down off Chatham last Saturday evening about 10 o'clock, following an attack of heart failure. Capt. Ventura was sitting on the wheel-box, watching the men while they were taking in the mainsail, when stricken, death being almost instantly.

Capt. Ventura, who was a portuguese was born at St. Michaels, Azores, 51 years ago, and had lived 36 years in Provincetown, where he is survived by a widow and three children. He commanded the schooner Harvester and the Nettie Franklin in turn and was well known in Boston fishing circles.

The funeral was held from his late home in Provincetown, yesterday.

HOLDING FISH 'TIL TARIFF OFF

S. John, N. B.—Most of the local fish merchants are overstocked with dry fish at the present time. Several large cargoes from bay shore ports were landed here last week, and it was expected there would be a break in prices. Some dealers are holding stocks in hope that prices will be favorably affected by the abolition of the American duty on fish in the near future. Large dry cod is quoted at \$6, with some lots selling down to \$5.65. Some merchants are expecting a drop in prices.

AN 800,000 LB. SALT COD FARE

The vanguard of the Puget Sound cod fishing fleet, the American sch. Alice, Capt. Charles Foss, has reached Anacortes from Bering Sea. The Alice brought 137,000 codfish of excellent large size and quality, which weigh approximately 400 tons. They were caught during her summer's cruise off Slime bank. The little vessel sailed from the sound March 26, leading the codfishing fleet into Bering Sea and was thirty-two days reaching the fishing banks. She encountered heavy weather nearly all the way north, and continued head wind which held her back. The Alice is owned and operated by the Robinson Fisheries Co., of Anacortes.

FIRST NEWS FROM FLITCHING FLEET

The first news from the flitched halibut fleet was received here yesterday in a letter from the cook of sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Fred Upshell, of North Sydney C. B. stating that the craft has 60,000 pounds of fitches on board.

From reports given by other crafts of the fleet, as contained in the letter, the season has not been a very prosperous one, the largest fares being 100,000 pounds. Schs. Atalanta and Senator have 100,000 pounds each, the latter probably a little over; sch. Monitor, 30,000 pounds; sch. Blanche, 60,000 pounds. Some of the latter are reported to be at Louisburg.

Where the fleet have fished, either on the Labrador or Funks is not stated, although it is probable that the vessels have been on the former coast.

WORLD'S RECORD HALIBUT FARE

The steamer Star, of the San Juan Fish Co., arrived in Seattle August 30 with 350,000 pounds of halibut, the largest fare ever recorded. Steamer Chicago arrived September 1 with 200,000 pounds, steamer San Juan arrived September 2 with 100,000 lbs. Several smaller boats came in with catches from 40,000 to 70,000 lbs. Prices have ruled low for some time from 21-2 to 41-2 cents.

Going Haddocking.

Sch. Premier, recently returned from a shacking trip will now engage in the haddock fishery, under command of Capt. William Morrissey. On the last trip, the Premier was under command of Capt. Austin Adams, during the absence of the regular skipper who stayed ashore.

STILL GETTING THE BLUEBACKS

Little Steamers Doing Well - Four Seiners Bring Salt Mackerel Today.

This morning's fleet of off shore arrivals here included four seiners and one Georges handliner, all with small hauls.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith has 30 barrels salt mackerel, sch. Mary E. Hart, 50 barrels and sch. Pinta, 46 barrels. The latter has also arrived with no fish.

Sch. Carrie C. from Georges handlining, hauls for 20,000 pounds salt cod. Bluebacks showed up in good sized hauls yesterday again out in the bay, and several of the gasliners made some good hauls besides taking some.

The steamers landed about 500 barrels in all and about 75 barrels of cod.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, seining, 30 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Alert, seining;

Sch. Pinta, seining, 33 bbls. salt mackerel, 11 bbls. salt medium mackerel.

Sch. Carrie C., Georges handlining, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary E. Hart, seining, 50 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. M. Madeleine, swordfishing, 2 bbls. swordfish.

Sch. Philomena, Ipswich Bay, 75 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Pegasus, seining, 80 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Unknown, seining, 65 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Herbert and Emma, seining, 100 bbls. fresh shad and blue bluebacks.

Sch. Bryda F., seining, 130 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Alice, seining, 30 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Bessie A., seining, 50 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

BOYS EXTINGUISHED.

Calhoun Reports Defective Signal Stations at Shoals.

Calhoun of the steamer Carolina came in yesterday at Boston Harbor, Florida, reported that the gas buoy on Great Round Shoal and the Half Moon Shoal gas buoy were both extinguished when they were last checked.

Nova Scotia Bait News.

Boston Harbor, September 4.—Fishermen practically at a standstill owing to lack of bait. The traps are set with only a few small herring, and occasionally a little bunch of mackerel.

September 4.—Fishermen at very scarce. Plenty of herring caught in nets.

T WHARF RECEIPTS HERRING OUTLOOK LARGER TODAY POOR AT PORTLAND

Plenty of Stock on Hand This Morning With 25 Fares In Since Yesterday.

A fleet of 25 crafts, including two with fresh mackerel arrived at T wharf, Boston, since yesterday, and the prices on all grades of groundfish taking a drop over yesterday forenoon's sales.

Among the largest fares in are schs. Jeanette, Harriett, Pontiac, Josie and Phoebe, Fannie E. Prescott.

The mackerel trips are steamer Mildred Agnes and sch. Little Fannie with small fares of tinker mackerel, taken to the southward yesterday.

Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 85,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.

Str. Surf 47,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 4500 lemon sole.

Sch. Harriett, 30,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.

Sch. Jeannette, 35,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 38,000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 29,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 12,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1500 hake, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling 15,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1800 hake.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 34,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Ellen and Mary, 21,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 3000 hake, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Robert and Arthur 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Annie Perry, 14,000 haddock, 9500 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 8000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 3000 hake, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 16,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake, 9000 cusk.

Sch. Good Luck 3500 haddock, 17,000 cod, 1500 pollock, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Hartie A. Heckman, 400 haddock, 27,000 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Mettacommet 16,000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 23,000 pollock.

Sch. Marion, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Malicia Enos, 6000 pollock.

Str. Swell, 63,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1200 lemon sole, 600 halibut.

Sch. Maathew S. Greer, 18,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Str. Mildred Agnes, 5000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Little Fannie, 4000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.90; market cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, \$2 to \$3; halibut, 15 cents per lb.

Although there is no way of telling what the next few weeks may bring, the indications at the present time are that this year will go upon record as being the poorest for herring catches that has been known to this port in many years and the prospects are that frozen bait is going to cost the fishermen a price considerable in advance over previous figures, says the Portland Press.

One man who is closely in touch with the herring fishing there said a day or two ago that in his opinion the herring catches to date show a falling off from last year fully 20 per cent. He said that the last hope is by no means gone for there are yet several weeks ahead in which it would not be unusual to find schools of herring in more or less plentiful numbers and a week's good fishing might change the whole aspect of things. While this is possible at the same time it is not altogether probable and in fact the herring fishermen are about ready to quit. Their version of the season's business holds even less consolation. Many of them are saying that it was the worse season the mosquito fleet has ever experienced. They do not lay the fault to a scarcity of fish but rather to bad weather.

And that really seems to be the true version. Time after time, day after day they put out to the fishing grounds only to find it so windy and choppy that it was impossible to see schools when they did rise and the result was that either no sets were made or if they were the catches were so small that they often failed to pay gasoline bills. As a matter of fact there was no more than a half dozen real good days for herring seining and there were several occasions of a week at a stretch when the catches were not large enough to meet the expenses of the boats.

All this means, of course, that the supply will not be near large enough to meet the demand for frozen bait and prices will soar. This is a serious matter for the fishermen to contend with and there will be nothing left for them to do but to hold up the market for the top prices for their fares with the result the consumer will get it in the neck as is always the case.

With bait high and fresh fish on the free list the prospects of the coming winter are not at all alluring for the fishermen of this country.

Vessels Sailed.
Sch. Etta Mildred, drifting.
Sch. A. Platt Andrew, shacking.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.50, medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Drift codfish, large \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Flitched halibut, 3-4 cents per lb.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Salt mackerel, \$26 per bbl. for large; \$20 for medium; \$9.75 for tinkers.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.70; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

Fresh shad, \$4 per bbl.

Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.

Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl., for bait; \$2 to freezer.

Bank halibut, 15-4 cents per lb. for white and 11-4 cents for gray.

Demand For Salt Fish Improves.

The demand for salt fish is improving somewhat with the advent of cooler weather and a good business is anticipated this fall, the Fishing Gazette says. Codfish supplies are still short and the market is firm at quotations.

Of late years, says a German journal, more and more attention is being given in Germany to the fish-drying industry, especially in the preparation of split-cod for exportation. The "First German Stockfish and Split-fish Factory" at Geestemunde has erected a new and much larger factory for the work, equipped with the best plant, and has increased its capital to 600,000 marks. Fresh fish are not only bought at the market, but a station has been established in Iceland where the fish are salted and afterwards taken to Geestemunde to be dried. The fish used are chiefly cod, with smaller quantities of ling occasionally haddock. It is interesting to note that in the first six months of this year dried fish was the only article in the fishing statistics of Germany whose export exceeded the import in value. The imports were valued at 272,000 marks and the exports at 799,000 marks.

LIGHT FARES AT FULTON MARKET

Only 25 vessels landed fish at the market up to 3 p. m. Thursday and the total catch was small, less than 500,000 pounds of which bluefish formed the chief variety, the catch reaching 312,250 pounds. Of mixed fish there were 132,200 pounds, 30,000 pounds of weakfish, 6500 pounds of albacore and 1750 pounds of bonitas.

The bluefish catch was a remarkably small one when it is remembered that on Tuesday of last week the vessels landed nearly three-quarters of a million pounds of bluefish. The quantity landed during the week was only about 15 per cent. of the bluefish catch of the preceding week. Only five of the week's arrivals had more than 5000 fish. The biggest individual catch was 8000 fish, and the smallest 300. Eight of the 16 bluefish smacks had 3000 fish or less each.

On Saturday and Monday bluefish was quoted at 7 to 8 cents per pound. Tuesday the price advanced one cent per pound and on Wednesday and Thursday sales were made at 9 to 10 cents. Tailors, or one-pound blues, sold at 10 cents per pound up to Thursday, when some few sales were made at a shilling a pound. Snapper bluefish brought 7 to 8 cents up to Wednesday, when some sales were made as high as 9 cents. The top figure for that size bluefish on Thursday was 10 cents per pound.

There was not much halibut in the market. Western whitefish brought 12 cents. Some Eastern white halibut on Monday and Tuesday sold at 16c.

Five and a half to 6 cents was the price of steak hake on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday the quotation was 3 to 5 cents.

Mackerel—A few large fresh mackerel sold at 40 cents each on Wednesday. There were no mediums, spikes or bulls in the market. Tinkers sold at \$7 to \$12 per barrel. The top figure ruled only on Monday, when the supply was very short. The price on Wednesday and Thursday was \$7 to \$9 per barrel. On Saturday and Thursday sales were made at \$8 to \$10 per barrel.

AGREE TO EXTENSION.

United States Finishing Company Not to Reorganize Its Capital.

It is announced that the United States Finishing Company has been granted the year's extension asked for some time ago. It will date as of September 13. A payment of 10 per cent. has been made on the principal of the notes due, and all interest to date has been paid up at the rate of 6 per cent. Every creditor of the company has been brought in under the new agreement.

It will not be necessary for the stockholders of the company to reorganize the capital unless some untoward happening occurs in the interval. It is believed that arrangements have been perfected whereby the company will be able to finance itself without great cost and relieve itself of much of the burden of debt when it comes due a year from now.

SAGE TEA TURNS GRAY HAIR DARK

It's Grandmother's Recipe to Bring Back Color and Lustre to Hair.

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That beautiful, even shade of dark, glossy hair can only be had by brewing a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray, streaked and looks dry, wispy and scraggly, just an application, or two of Sage and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundredfold.

Don't bother to prepare the tonic; you can get from any drug store a 50 cent bottle of Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy, ready to use. This can always be depended upon to bring back the natural color, thickness and lustre of your hair and remove dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair.

Everybody uses "Wyeth's" Sage and Sulphur because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair has disappeared, and after another application it becomes beautifully dark and appears glossy, lustrous and abundant.

Foreign Mackerel.

There has been a little better demand for Norway mackerel, and while it is possible to buy No. 1s at inside quotations most sellers are asking \$30 a barrel, says the Fishing Gazette. The report is that stocks are fair. On No. 2s there appears to be a good sale at \$18.50 to \$20 a barrel. Irish mackerel is getting a little more attention. A good deal of interest in the pending tariff bill is shown, the natural tendency among buyers being to await the outcome before buying heavily abroad.

The sea-packed mackerel loaded in Norway from the North Sea and salted for export to America for the week ending August 23 was 1762 barrels and the total this year to date 2658 barrels. Last year the figures for the corresponding week were 1263 barrels and the total to same date 22,157 barrels.

Liverpool, September 6.—Fishing continues very poor. Shipments this week were as follows: To Boston, 947 barrels; to all other ports, 329 barrels. Count of shipments, 350 to 400 to a packed barrel.

Boston, September 8.—Per steamer Canadian from Liverpool, 383 barrels Irish salt mackerel.

Boston, September 10.—Per S.S. Laconia from Liverpool, 364 barrels Irish salt mackerel.

The mackerel fishery off the Swedish coast and in the North Sea is yielding poor results this season, writes Consul Douglas Jenkins from Goteborg under date of August 10. The coast fishery with purse seines takes place chiefly along the Danish coast. The catch has been averaging from 10,000 to 20,000 fish a day per boat, but the mackerel are small and brought only 20 or 30 ore (5.36 to 8.04 cents) per score.

Capt. Sylvanus Smith Tells of Halibut Fishing Then and Now

GREAT changes have come in the fresh halibut fishery since its conception, both in the manner of catch and places of catching, as well as in the manner of handling and shipment and in one of his interesting letters to the Times, Capt. Sylvanus Smith, an authority on all matters relating to the past and present of Gloucester in the fisheries, has the following to say of a branch of the fish-

be carried paying perhaps five six dollars, for a wagon load, fish were taken into the nearby country, Essex, Ipswich, Newbury Rowley, etc. and peddled from in to house.

The fins and napes were all saved and these were salted and up in barrels. It is strange that the poorest part of the fish was put for this there was quite a market.

As a small boy I remember fish with my father and older bro within two miles of Salt Island catching what we needed for the lem market, (eight halibut and a cod and haddock), being in S before night, where the fish were up and sold to customers by pound; the fact that there were such thing as icing fish prevent us reaching the inland market though there is no fish that has keeping qualities of the halibut this fish is even better old, proving it is not sour. Like venison, when aged,

Save the Fins and Napes.

The bank fisherman would save fins and napes of the halibut, put these into the barrels the em (clam) half barrels; the crew, least some of them would save flitches and put them between beams of the fore-castle or cat held by lacing them up with codlin

All of the crafts of those days fireplaces and by stopping up chimneys it made a very accepta

smoke house and fish prepared this way met with a very ready sale for smoking halibut, as now, had it not come into practice.

With a wider market for halibut, number of vessels were provided with well rooms, where the fish were kept alive, some of the crafts going New York in taking fish that were to be markets alive, care was taken not to injure them before putting into the wells.

There were several of these crafts hailing from New London, Conn. that made New York their market.

With the commencement of "smoking" halibut there was little demand for the fish so cured, like all new things the public did not take readily to it.

When bait was scarce some of the fishermen went halibuting on near by grounds; as it took little bait to catch these fish, in fact, halibut were often cut up and used for bait to catch more.

The fish were marketed in Haverhill, Portsmouth, Saco, Portland, Bangor and other places. With the advent of ice came a great change in the halibut business, not only allowing the fisherman to prolong his voyage by working to his advantage by widening his market for this fish; with it was possible to ship to many inland towns that previously could not be done.



CAPT. SYLVANUS SMITH.

eries which at present is perhaps the most remunerative to all concerned of any followed by the Gloucester fleet, and which of recent years has bid fair to even outstrip the records of the "palmy days of old."

The captain says: Our Halibut Fishery.

Having considered the cod and mackerel fisheries in previous articles it may be of some interest to consider the halibut industry which has, of late years, become a great addition to our New England fisheries.

The halibut is apparently a cold water fish, being found all along the American coast, north of the Gulf Stream, even as far north as the coast of Greenland.

Within my memory they were found in abundance on all the banks of the New England coast and the inshore fishing grounds, while often they could be seen on the bottom, in the shoal water. On these inshore fishing grounds these fish were often so numerous that the fishermen were obliged to haul in their lines to prevent their being carried away; (halibut then being undesirable in a commercial sense).

On George's bank they might often be seen on the surface of the water, pursuing or being pursued by other fish.

This bank was literally full of halibut and doubtless they migrated from

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Great Changes in the Business.

With the passing years a great change has come about in the halibut industry along these shores where were once so plentiful they have almost entirely disappeared and even distant banks they have become scarce; those engaging in this fishery, until very recent years, gone as far north as the coast of Greenland, using their trawls among the icebergs off the eastern coast of Labra-

On the Pacific coast the halibut fishery has become immense, the Alaskan shore teeming with halibut and many carloads have come each year from that great distance, to these eastern markets. All these changes have come about since I began fishing and doubtless other great changes will take place.

During the past winter a cargo of halibut sold for thirty cents a pound while many sales were only made under this price. These fish are caught in great depths of water as well as in the shallow places where they may be seen to the bottom. I have been told of them to be caught in as deep water as three hundred fathoms, (eighteen hundred feet), while I have myself caught them in very shoal places.

It is very probable that they go to great depths as marine life exists in the shoaler waters, they feed on lamp caplin and herring. Though having a white underbody the back is dark brown and when they lie upon the bottom of the ocean they can scarcely be noted from the surroundings, which makes it quite easy for them to catch their prey. Though in reality a "groundfish" it is not uncommon to note them near the surface of the water, chasing or being chased by other fish.

While they appear clumsy and sluggish their great fan-like tail is capable of sending them through the water at great speed.

Seventy years have wrought great changes, from a little desired fish the halibut has become almost a luxury and one of the most valuable of our fish and in its smoked state is considered a table delicacy.

In recent years the waters of the Pacific and Alaskan coast have been explored and found to contain abundance of these valuable fish. While halibut have been scarce on George's bank, and many of the popular fishing grounds of these later years this season has seen them in abundance than common and it is hoped that the good catches, made in by our vessels this past season may continue and be a profitable industry in which our fishermen may engage.

SYLVANUS SMITH.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

John J. Flaherty has arrived at Sydney from the banks with 1000 pounds of salt cod. This is his second trip.

HALIBUT HIGH--- STILL SCARE

Ingomar Sells 10,000 Pound Fare at 14 1-2 and 12 1-2 Cts. for White and Gray.

Halibut "is halibut" these days, the scarcity in the market of eastern fish keeping the prices well up to the top.

In consequence of the market conditions, sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wyld, had no difficulty in disposing of his 10,000 pound fare, the American Halibut Company taking them at 14 1-2 cents a pound for white and 12 1-2 cents for grays. Capt. Wyld also had 70,000 pounds fresh fish.

Down from Boston are schs. Jeanette and Harriett with 70,000 pounds fresh fish to split, while sch. Alice arrived during the forenoon with a 90,000 pound fare from Brown's.

The gasoliners struck some more bluebacks off in the bay, arriving at noon at the Fort, where they commenced to take out their fares.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Jeanette, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Ingomar, Western Banks, 9000 lbs. fresh halibut, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Good Luck, via Boston.

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Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.
- Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.50, medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
- Drift codfish, large \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
- Filthead halibut, 8 3-4 cents per lb.
- Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$1.50.
- Haddock, \$1.50.
- Salt mackerel, \$26 per bbl. for large; \$21 for medium; \$9.75 for tinkers.

Fresh Fish.

- Splitting prices:
- Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
- Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.
- Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.
- All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
- Hake, \$1.15.
- Cusk, large, \$1.70; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
- Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

- Fresh shad, \$4 per bbl.
- Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.
- Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer.
- Bank halibut, 14 1-2c per lb. for white and 12 1-2c for gray.

GOOD TRADE IN SHORE FISH

Despite Flood of Mackerel Dealers Paid Well for Groundfish Today.

Although fresh mackerel was the chief attraction among the Boston buyers at T wharf today, there was some trading in groundfish among the fleet, mostly shore crafts arriving.

Prices were lower, wholesalers paying \$2.60 to \$2.75 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$4.50 to \$4.75 for large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50 for market cod, \$2 to \$4 for hake, \$1.80 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Genesta, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Buema, 20,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 3500 hake.
- Sch. Motor, 3 swordfish.
- Sch. Lillian, 3000 tinker fresh mackerel, 1 swordfish.
- Str. F. S. Willard, 12,000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Constellation, 12,000 tinker fresh mackerel, 15 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Arthur James, 7000 tinker fresh mackerel, 106 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Str. Whileaway, 8000 small fresh mackerel.
- Str. Joanna, 4000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Veda M. McKown, 10,000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. Reliance, 3500 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. Anna T., 9000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. Orion, 15,000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. Naomi Bruce, 10,000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. Lois H. Corkum, 8000 medium fresh mackerel, 5000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. Mary F. Ruth, 8000 medium fresh mackerel, 5000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Delphine Cabral, 22,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Jessie Costa, 37,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Leonora Silveria, 20,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 1 swordfish.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, 300 haddock, 28,000 cod.
- Sch. John T. Fallon, 15,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Str. Billow, 59,000 haddock, 800 cod, 2000 lemon sole.
- Sch. Ignatius Enos, 5000 pollock.
- Sch. Eva Avina, 7000 pollock.
- Sch. Pythian, 19,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Washakie, 18,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 pollock.
- Haddock, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$4.75; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$1.80 to \$2; fresh tinker mackerel, 5 1-2 cents and 5 3-4 cents per lb.; medium and small, 8 cents per lb.

PORTLAND BIDS HIGH FOR FISH

When the fish dealers along Portland's waterfront decide they want fish regardless of prices, there is generally some lively doings whenever a fare arrives at the fish wharves says the Portland Press of Tuesday. As soon as a fisherman appears and says he has fish for the market the dealers promptly start bidding for his trip and soon the selling of the fish resembles an auction with the bidding about twice as lively.

Now for several days the Portland dealers have been ripe for the auction game on account of the pronounced scarcity of freshly caught fish, and yesterday they broke loose. A fleet of hampton boats arrived, all with fairly good catches and inside of a very few minutes things were fairly sizzling on Commercial wharf. The Henry Sargent firm wanted fish and J. W. Trefethen was just as anxious to get them. The result was prices were crowded skyward with amazing rapidity and the fishermen had only to stand around and wait for the last bid.

In all there were about 9000 pounds distributed among the fishermen, mostly hake. It didn't matter much what kind of fish the fishermen had. Fresh fish was wanted and the demand made prices secondary. One fisherman, Capt. McVane of Long Island, had about 800 pounds of cod, haddock and hake and when he finally sold to the highest bidder he found that his fare had brought him \$30.44, which is not so bad for a day's work.

Inquiries disclosed that these were the prices paid for fish marketed by the fishermen Tuesday: Market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; haddock, \$5 to \$7; large hake, \$4.75; medium hake, \$2.75; cusk, \$3 to \$3.25; large cod, \$6; pollock, \$2.

In most instances it will be noted that these prices are the highest in years for the season of the year. For once, at least, fortune smiled upon the fishermen.

Something like 2500 pounds of mackerel were brought in Tuesday by the smaller sized fishing craft, a good market being found for all, 11 cents per pound being paid for the larger sized fish.

It was blowing almost a gale when the little sloop Minerva was coming in from the fishing ground Tuesday morning and the crew had hard work in navigating their craft into port. The jumbo stay and masthead were carried away and the motor engine refused duty when it was most needed.

The fishing steamer Eithier, which has been lying at Central wharf for some time, started out Tuesday on her way to Boothbay to take on her seines preparatory to going in search of herring, but on getting outside her pumps gave out and she was forced to put back for repairs. Herring are showing up again in a number of directions, the steamer Pet taking out 70 barrels at the Portland Cold Storage plant, while about 80 barrels of smaller sized herring taken in the lower bay by the sloops Sea Foam and Hobson were put in the freezers at the Cold Storage Co.