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PT FOR FISHING

Anticipating the arrival of British vessels in this country, direct the fishing grounds, to sell Deputy Collector A. H. McKen-

According to your letter of the 2d you are informed that the de-

the Commissioner has con-

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est reports from the south from Florida, concerning the bluefish

the past week, these ves-

Dec. 11. PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

- Arrivals. Elsie A. Bales, Bangor for New with lumber. Sunlight, South Amboy for sea with coal.

Nova Scotia Fisheries.

Two fishermen of New Haven, Victoria county, and one fisherman of Cumberland county paid the toll of the sea during October through the foundering of their boat, says the monthly bulletin of sea fishery statistics, issued by the department at Ottawa.

Mackerel is shown to have been the chief item for October operations, which were hampered by stormy weather and a great abundance of dogfish all over the Atlantic coast.

The other fisheries for Nova Scotia were of no great volume, the grand value total reaching \$398,894.

Took Train for Boston.

According to a report received at Portland, Monday, the Boston lobster smack Addie and Hattie was burned three miles off Cape Porpoise Sunday.

The Addie and Hattie is a small sloop and when the fire communicated with the gasoline tank an explosion occurred, sinking the craft.

Maiden Trip.

In command of Capt. Salvadore Monte, one of the most widely known fishing vessel masters, the new Warren Fish Company sch. Seminole was due to leave for the snapper banks on her initial trip Sunday morning or Monday.

The Seminole was built in the snip yard of the Warren Fish Company of Pensacola and is the sixth vessel to be built in the company's ship yard since that company started the construction of its own vessels.

Will Fit Out Again.

Capt. Daniel McMonahan of sch. Catherine Burke has arrived home from Nova Scotia and resumed command of sch. Catherine Burke in the fresh halibut fishery.

Bound Home With Herring

Sch. Bohemia has cleared from Bonne Bay with 1177 barrels herring for this port.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Commonwealth arrived at Can-so, N. S., Monday and cleared.

ESPERANTO ONLY OFF-SHORE TODAY

Prices Are Still Sky High at T Wharf—Haddock Sell for \$9.

The only offshore sailing fare at T wharf since yesterday is sch. Esperanto, Capt Hugh Quinlan from the Cape Shore with a fare of 45,000 pounds haddock, cod and cusk, which sold at good prices, owing to the short market and gilt-edged quotations which the dealers have been paying on all grades of fish for several days.

Other trips in are the steam trawler Wave with 25,000 pounds and six shore crafts and a gill netter with small trips.

Wholesale dealers quoted \$9 a hundred weight for haddock, \$7 for large and \$5 for market cod, \$4 to \$7 for hake, \$2 for pollock and \$3 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and receipts in detail are: Str. Robert and Edwin, 12,000 pollock. Sch. Esperanto, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod 500 hake, 3000 cusk.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.50. Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.25.

Fresh Fish.

- Splitting prices: Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt. Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.

- Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait. Newfoundland bulk salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl. Newfoundland pickled herring, \$4.75 per bbl.

CAUGHT MARKET FARE IN THE GULF.

Notable Feat of Capt. James O'Brien of the Sch. Alice.

Capt. James O'Brien, of the shore-fishing sch. Alice, arriving at Portland, Monday with a fresh market fare, achieved a most novel stunt on his recent trip, in that his entire fare was taken in the Bay of St. Lawrence, which as far as known, is the first market fare that was ever run fresh to an American market from that locality.

The Alice fished between Georgetown, Prince Edward Island and Cape George and in two day's fishing took 40,000 pounds of haddock

and cod of the nicest quality. Then Capt. O'Brien headed her direct for Portland arriving in time to get the benefit of the big market prices, which for several days have been the highest of the season.

Capt. O'Brien is one of the hustlers of the younger school and is making a record for himself, all of which is very pleasing to his many friends. His feat of marketing a fresh fare from the Gulf of St. Lawrence is one with which his name will be associated for a long time to come.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

The very heavy arrivals, together with the large supplies known to be afloat and due this week, have caused a slump in our markets. Dealers are afraid of a further decline and buy only piecemeal to cover their most immediate requirements; on the other hand holders are anxious to reduce their over-supply and willing to make concessions. Therefore while we quote strictly superior fish at \$31 for codfish, \$23 for pollock and haddock, these prices are more or less nominal, there being few takers and sales being very slow at any figure. —Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

# TWO CARGOES CURED FISH HERE

## Gill Netters Who Lifted Yesterday Got \$2 For Their Pollock.

Outside of the gill netting receipts of yesterday afternoon, the only arrivals in the way of fish this morning are schs. E. T. Hamor and Laura and Marion from Maine ports with cargoes of cured fish. Each hauls for 1000 quintals, the former being consigned to Fred Bradley and the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company and the latter to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The gill netting steamers landed 150,000 pounds yesterday, nearly all pollock. On account of the big demand for fish in the Boston market, all the trips were shipped fresh, pollock bringing \$2 a hundred weight.

Str. Nora B. Robinson parted her nets yesterday after lifting only two boxes and only secured a partial fare.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Str. Alice gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Naomi Bruce gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Rough Rider gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Philomena gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Anna T., gill netting, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Ethel gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. George E. Fisher gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Orion gill netting, 8500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 12,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Geisha, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Carrie and Mildred gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Scout, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Swan, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Medomak, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Joanna, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Julia May, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sawyer gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

- Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. E. T. Hamor, Maine ports, 1000 qtls. cured fish.
- Sch. Laura and Marion, Maine ports, 1000 qtls. cured fish.
- Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.
- Sch. Flavilla, shore.
- Sch. Manomet, shore.
- Sch. Eva and Mildred, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.
- Sch. Adeline, shore.
- Sch. Harriett, shore.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Catherine Burke, halibuting.
- Sch. John R. Bradley, Newfoundland.

## MONDAYS GALE WICKED

### AT SEA.

Sch. Oriole Lost Deck Load at Sea and was Driven 100 Miles off Her Course.

Sch. Esperanto Had it Heavy in the Bay of Fundy.

Some of the worst weather of the season is reported by the incoming fishing fleet and while no disasters have come to light, the blow of Monday was heavily felt out to sea as well as on land.

Capt. Hugh Quinlan of sch. Esperanto says the wind blew with a hurricane force. The Esperanto made the her last set Sunday and the following day while coming home, ran into the blow 80 miles off Cape Sable. The wind was about southwest by west with a clear sky, Capt. Quinlan hove her to until after the gale had abated and escaped damage.

He reports speaking schs. Arethusa and Thomas S. Gorton off Shelburne, Sunday, when the crafts made their first set.

Sch. Oriole, Capt. Lewis Wharton, one of the Newfoundland herring fleet had a hard time of it coming home. Up to Monday the passage from Bonne Bay was remarkably good. When about 50 miles off Thacher's on the latter day, the Oriole hit the gale and ran into a wicked sea for several hours. Heavy seas washed the deck from stem to stern, submerging the craft at times, while the vessel was blown nearly 100 miles off her course. The man at the wheel was lashed to the shaft during the gale while the Oriole safely rode the elements. The whole deckload, 90 barrels of herring, were torn from their fastenings, and washed over the rail into the sea.

## Cold Storage Men Aroused.

### Local and all New England Fish Men Protest Strongly Against Two Months Limit Bill Now Before Congress.

The action of Congress with regard to the McKellar bill, aiming to prevent foodstuffs kept in cold storage over two months from being sold, is being closely watched by Gloucester and Boston fish dealers as well as those of Maine. No effort has been made, however, to actively oppose the bill, as the fish men feel that the bill is so manifestly unjust that Congress will never pass it.

Should it be passed, however, it would shake not only the fish business, but the meat and produce industries to their very foundations.

With regard to the fish industry and to many branches of the produce business, the passage of the bill would mean that for the greater part of the year the majority of the public would be deprived of a food commodity which they have long been accustomed to purchase at a low price.

Men prominent in this fish industry criticised the McKellar bill as "unjust", "unreasonable" and "ridiculous." They cannot believe that the bill will ever pass Congress.

Prominent fish dealers have expressed the hope that the matter may be brought before the Bureau of Fisheries, which consists of men expert upon all questions pertaining to sea food. This body, the local and T wharf dealers believe, will readily convince skeptics that the McKellar bill, while perhaps remedying the evils it seeks to, will in the end wreck the fish industry and the produce industry and cause havoc in the meat business.

### Equalizer of the Fish Business.

Concerning the use of cold storage warehouses in the fish industry Manager Beardsley of the New England Fish Exchange said yesterday: "The cold storage is the equalizer of the fish business. The fish business is dependent, not alone on the luck of the fishermen, but on weather conditions.

"There is a growing difficulty in getting good fishermen, it is true, but supposing that it was possible to get all the fishermen that are needed there would still remain the weather problem. Even the best fisherman can't fish, if the weather isn't right. It isn't a question of courage and skill. It's a question of the possible and the impossible.

"We have hard work now getting men. The salary of a fisherman depends on his luck. If his vessel makes a big catch he gets good pay, for he gets a share of the vessel's earning. The price of fish varies with the supply. It follows the old common law of trade, the law of supply and demand.

"In the winter months, when fish is scarce, a small catch may mean good wages for the fisherman. In the

summer months, if it wasn't for cold storage, there would be almost no fish. Almost all the fish almost have to be given away. It is impossible to get fishermen to pose this condition of affairs allowed to exist one summer. It would be impossible to get fishermen to be long time after.

"As used in the fish business cold storage fulfills a definite purpose. Its purpose is to keep a certain amount of fresh fish available all seasons. During the summer months when the market is glutted with large quantities, which would otherwise be of small value, are put in cold storage. In the winter months when often there would be no fish available, it is the stock placed in cold storage during the summer months which enables us to keep up with the demand. The principle is like that of putting pennies by the rainy day.

"The cold storage supply is based on largely for shipments outside New England. Because of that house supply we are able, on days as today, when there is enough groundfish in here to supply a half dozen retail dealers, to get good fish into the interior, at a price which enable the retail buyers to purchase it at low prices.

"I wonder if it is generally known that during the past week the cold storage supply to supply the demand? Why is haddock selling nearly eight cents a pound, while sale, steak cod at nearly 15 cents a pound, and pollock at more than seven cents a pound? Because during the past week the supply has not been anywhere near enough to supply the demand. The cold storage stock has been the saver. Without it prices would have gone higher, and much of the fish would never have been supplied.

### Salt Fish Dealers Protest

"If in other lines of business cold storage has been an evil, it certainly has not been in the fish business. It has enabled us, in the past, to store away large quantities of fish, such as haddock, swordfish and other specialties caught only at one season of the year, so that the public could have them when none of those were being caught. It has enabled us to make practical use of fish which would otherwise have served to glut the market. It has enabled us to keep down the price of fish to the consumer.

The salt fish dealers of this city and other places have written a letter to Representative McKellar, Tennessee, framer of the bill, wishing particularly to have the bill amended so that salt fish be exempted from the law, should the bill become such.

Their point of view is expressed in the following letter, sent to Representative McKellar by a New York firm, acting on behalf of a large number of prominent salt fish dealers throughout the country:

"Your bill is evidently intended to cover only fresh meat and other fresh products, but the bill reads in the papers, it also salt fish, and it is quite clear that it is not your intention to include salt fish in this bill. It is a well-known fact that salt fish is kept in cold storage for a long

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without deteriorating in quality. In fact, in a climate like America, it is absolutely necessary to keep salt fish in cold storage during the hot season, and if the privilege of interstate transportation should be denied salt fish it would practically mean a great many sections of the United States would be without salt during the greatest part of the year.

Salt fish can be handled only during the winter time when it is not likely to spoil. Salt herrings, for instance, one of the articles which would come under the heading of fish, is a food for the poorest class of people. Then, again, salt codfish is another food which is used principally by the poorer classes. Both herrings and cod would be excluded from interstate transportation under your bill.

Herrings are imported, for instance, from Norway, Holland, Scotland, Ireland and other countries. They are freshly caught in July, August, etc., and it is well known that the weather here is almost tropical during those months, and as soon as the herrings arrive here, they must be put into cold storage, and kept there until they are sold.

Most of these herrings are of such delicate nature that they cannot be transported at all before the cold weather sets in unless in iced refrigerator cars, and to ship fish in iced refrigerator cars whole carloads must be shipped, otherwise no iced refrigerator cars are available. Consequently, the small buyer would not be able to get any of these goods.

If the fish arrive here in July, for instance, then by the month of September they could not be transported in interstate commerce. This would be a great injustice to the poor people, as they would be deprived of one of the cheapest and most wholesome food products at their disposal.

Those are only a few of the arguments set forth in the letter, which Mr. Porges addressed to you. Your answer dated Nov. 15, 1913, in answer to this letter stated that you would carefully consider and bring to the attention of the committee all that Mr. Porges said about salt fish. You also stated that on the face of it it looks as if salt fish ought to be exempted at all events, a different time fixed, and that you will consider carefully all Mr. Porges has said.

"The salt fish merchants again beg to call your attention to the fact that salt fish should be exempt from your bill for reasons above explained, and they beg that you will amend your bill accordingly."

# FISH FAMINE FACES T. WHARF

## Bad Weather Makes Catch Light and Arrivals Few and Far Between.

A scarcity of fresh groundfish still prevails in the Boston market and yesterday afternoon and this morning's early arrivals brought little relief to the situation.

The best single fare was the gill netting fare of steamer Robert and Edwin, which hails for 10,000 pounds. Others were schs. Tecumseh, 4000 pounds; Olive F. Hutchings, 5400 pounds; Sadie M. Nunan, 4300 pounds; Rose Standish, 1300 pounds.

Prices were \$9 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$8.50 for large cod and \$5.50 for markets, \$3 for hake, \$1.75 for pollock and \$3 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Robert and Edwin, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Tecumseh, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2700 hake, 700 cusk.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 500 haddock, 1800 cod, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Rose Standish, 300 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$9 per cwt.; large cod, \$8.50; market cod, \$5.50; hake, \$3 to \$6; pollock, \$1.75; cusk, \$3.

### Expect Sch. Marjie Turner Next Week

The fishing sch. Marjie Turner, the last of the Gloucester boats sent to Pensacola this year, is due to reach the Deep Water port some time during this week. The Turner, however, was not purchased by either of the Pensacola fish houses, but is simply under charter to the Warren Fish Company for the winter months and will probably return to Gloucester at the end of the busy season.

The Marjie Turner left Gloucester during the middle of November in command of Capt. Colson and he is making the trip to Pensacola with the craft via the Campeachy snapper banks. She is expected to bring in a good catch of snapper and grouper on her first appearance in Pensacola harbor.

### Lone Boat Voyager Reaches Havana.

Capt. M. Johnston of Perth Amboy, N. J., arrived at Havana Wednesday piloting a small boat, the George Washington, 28 feet long and 5 feet wide and displacing only a quarter of a ton, in which he had made the voyage from Eastport, Me., whence he sailed on August 3. He plans to go through the Panama canal and thence to San Francisco.

The boat was formerly a gig whale-boat of the cruiser Olympia, which was flagship of Admiral Dewey at the battle of Manila.

# SCH. CORONA BRINGS HERRING

## Little Ones of Gill Netting Fleet Had First Lift This Week Yesterday.

Sch. Corona from a Newfoundland salt herring trip is the only arrival here up to noon today. Capt Wallace Parsons, who is in command, brings 1050 barrels of salt bulk herring and 290 barrels pickled herring for the Cunningham & Thompson Company. The Corona is from the Bay of Islands.

The gill netters had 130,000 pounds yesterday, nearly all pollock. Several of the little boats lifted for the first time this week, taking their scalers to the splitters. The bulk of yesterday's catch was shipped fresh to Boston.

Towards noon, the British sch. Original arrived in port from Newfoundland, consigned to Davis Brothers and sch. Smuggler, also from Newfoundland for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Robert and Edwin, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, (went to Boston).

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 8500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Swan, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Orion, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorana, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

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### On the Railways.

Str. R. J. Killick is on Parkhurst's ways.

Sch. Laura and Marion is on the Rocky Neck railways.

### Herring Notes.

Sch. Alma has arrived at Bonne Bay to load herring for Gloucester.—St. John's, N. F. Herald.