

NOTHING CAME BY THE POINT

Not Even a Gill Netter Listed as An Arrival This Morning.

Not an arrival of any description has been reported here for the past 24 hours, not even a gill netter securing a lift yesterday.

It was pretty dismal along the water front yesterday, the little steamers and sailing crafts being tied up at the wharves, while things in the fresh fish line were at a standstill. A few thousand pounds of pollock, laid over from the gill netters of Thursday were shipped.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.
No arrivals today.

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.

Dory handline cod, \$5 for large; \$4.50 for medium; snappers, \$3.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.

Flitched halibut, 10c per lb.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00.
snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.
Hake, \$2.
Pollock, \$2.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.15; snappers, 75c.

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

Hake, \$1.40.
Cusk, large, \$2; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

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

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$4.75 per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 18c per lb. for white and 14c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large, 30c each.

Thalia Doing Well at Mobile.

Sch. Thalia, Capt. Percy Firth, one day of the Gorton-Pew Company's fleet, engaged in the southern snapper fishery arrived at Mobile yesterday with a fare of 30,000 pounds snappers.

Capt. Firth reports all hands well and that they are liking this branch of the fishery very much indeed.

"BLUES" PLENTY— BUT WON'T BITE

Bluefishing off Ferdinandina, Fla., continues very poor, the Times correspondent writes and although the catches have been very small they are a little better than the preceding week. Weather conditions are fine and the skippers report plenty of fish, but they refuse the bait and hook.

There is a scarcity of fresh porgies and menhaden. Last week they were very plentiful but seem to have disappeared. Many captains are talking of giving up the business as a failure. There is now a large fleet at the wharves, as follows:

N. Y. & Florida Fish Co. Dock.

Sch. Lois H. Corkum, 1500; second trip, 700.

Sch. Julia Davis, 2300.

Sch. Benjamin M. Wallace, 400.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 700.

Sch. Norseman, 2200.

Sch. Viking, 700.

Sch. Frank Munroe, 700.

Sch. Fannie H.

Fernandina Fish and Trading Co. Dock

Sch. F. F. J. Howler, 1400.

Sch. Mascotts, 1300.

Sch. Ida J. Miller, 1100.

Also schs. Saladin, Minnie Bach, Alert, Roulette, Advance, Annie and Jennie, Motor, Ruth Martin, Mable Bryson, Monmouth; steamers Libbie and Thelma.

Vessels sailed: Julia Davis and M. Madeleine.

Ashore and Soon Floated.

Sch. Norma, owned by the Cunningham & Thompson Company, ran ashore on the shoal at Woods Island, N. F., while entering Bay of Islands, a week ago yesterday. She was pulled off the next day and towed to Curling by the British cruiser Fina.

A recent dispatch states that the craft was not damaged much and returned to Woods Island on Sunday to resume operations.

Yarmouth, N. S., Arrivals.

December 20th—Sch. Ruth, Capt. Devine, 5000 lbs. haddock, 1500 lbs. cod, 4000 lbs. mixed fish.

Sch. Laura D. McKenzie, Capt. Ralph McKenzie, 6000 lbs. mixed fish.

December 23d—Sch. Albert J. Lutz, Capt. Arthur Longmire, 8000 lbs. haddock, 2000 lbs. cod, 1000 lbs. mixed fish.

December 23—Sch. Dorothy G. Snow, Capt. Ansel Snow, 22,000 lbs. haddock.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

But two trips of fish reached Portland Wednesday, sch. Lochinvar with 14,000 pounds, and sloop Pontiac with 4000 pounds. Capt. Toothacker of the Lochinvar did not take out his fish, deciding to hold over until Friday for a better market.

Fine Stock.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, stocked \$2300 on her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$54 clear to a man.

BUYERS SHY AT SALT MACKEREL

Says the Halifax Maritime Merchant:

"As is usual at this time of year the pickled fish market of the United States is dull. Some two or three thousand barrels of fall mackerel are being held locally for that market, but buyers are very shy. However, the stock is in the hands of strong people, who expect they will have no difficulty in placing it during the next few months.

The free entry of herring into the United States has made possible much larger shipments of these fish from this side of the line. Quite large quantities are going forward mainly to the middle west. The trade tell us the demand is almost entirely for cheap grades, namely Newfoundland and No. 2 Nova Scotia shore herring. The American demand for codfish continues excellent and the trade say the export from Canada will be 25 per cent. bigger than last year.

F. J. O'HARA JR. HAD SAILS TORN

Early Saturday morning the Gloucester fishing schooner, Francis J. O'Hara, put into port for repairs to canvas damaged by a squall off Halifax harbor. The mainsail leech was torn through and entails a delay of more than two days in the trip to the haddock grounds. This means much to the Francis J. O'Hara, because the warm temperature since Friday has a deteriorating effect upon the frozen bait carried. The vessel is in charge of Capt. William Burbidge and left Gloucester yesterday week, had to run into Shelburne for shelter, starting again for the grounds off Liscomb Friday evening at half-past seven o'clock. The cruise will extend two weeks yet.—Halifax Herald.

ST. JOHN'S COD MARKET STRONG

The St. John's, N. F., market is very strong owing to short supplies. The shortage is now estimated at 150,000 quintals, but against this we must remember that the shipments during the last two months have been very heavy, so that many of the markets supplied by Newfoundland have sufficient stock to last them for some time.—Maritime Merchant.

NOTHING DOING UP AT T WHARF

It was a pretty dull day at T. Boston, this morning, not an arrival being at the dock when the market opened.

The only groundfish to reach was some shipments from this sent up from the gill netters, was landed Thursday.

Wholesale prices were \$6 a barrel for haddock, \$7 for large cod, \$2.50 to \$4 for small cod, \$3.25 for pollock and \$3 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts

No arrivals today.

TO TRY WIRELESS ON FISHERY

Important experiments which recently been made at Hull, of stalling trawlers with wireless graphic apparatus, have been attended with so much success that a strong probability of the fishery industry adopting the system for general use. The chief advantage which would be derived from the use of wireless telegraphy on trawlers would be the close communication established between the skipper of a trawler when he is engaged in the high seas and the trawler owner at home. The trawler could by means of the Marconi system be able to send instructions to his skipper to which particular port he should send his fish, and in the event of there being a short supply of fish he could order his skipper to send his fish there and thus gain the best market. The trawler would, by the establishment of communication with the "mark" of the fleet, be able to send instructions to the position of the fleet as to the position of the fleet, whereas in the past it has been a somewhat difficult and expensive matter for outward-bound trawlers to find the fleet, which position according to circumstances.

The above is from the Fishery Gazette of London. We suspect will be some time yet before we will be able to make a similar report regarding our Nova Scotia fleet. The needs of our fleet are not the same as those of the English steam trawlers but a wireless connection that would enable our men to keep track of the bait supply would certainly be of great benefit and perhaps the Government will think it worth while to equip a certain number of the fleet for obtaining this information. In turn would pass the word to others.—Maritime Merchant.

AVE EXPERTS PASS ON BILLS

England Fishing Interests Will Ask President That Fisheries Bill Be Re- ferred for Expert Opinion to Bureau of Fisheries.

Wharf fish dealers have up a petition which has been signed there and sent to the President for similar action, among the owners and dealers, requesting President Wilson to use his influence to have all bills introduced in Congress, which bear upon the matter, first referred to the Bureau of Fisheries.

The bureau, with its scientific knowledge, data and facts gathered by its experts is in a position to pass upon the merits of bills and measures, affecting the fisheries and furnish Congress with more intelligent information that would be the case in having them referred to inexperienced persons.

A copy of the petition has been sent to the local Board of Trade for signatures.

To Bring Up Skippers.

A few weeks ago we made reference to the necessity for more extensive teaching of navigation in the schools of the island. We were led to these remarks by the belief that, with a free fish market in the United States, we would soon be called upon to supply captains to take charge of vessels to freight salt bulk fish from Newfoundland to towns on the American Atlantic seaboard. At first, of course, our fishermen will be willing to sell their fish to American schooner owners coming down to our coast, but in time they must realize that there will be more money in taking their produce to the American market in their own schooners. At present the Yankee invasion has not reached east of Burin, and from that point North our codfish voyage is still a dry fish trade. But the time must come when the area of American activity must extend farther North, and we must be prepared for it. The Western skippers, who are mostly deep sea fishermen, already have nearly all a knowledge of navigation, so that they are qualified to carry cargoes to the mainland without difficulty. The Northern men, who are almost entirely shore or Labrador fishermen and who have been able to get along to date without navigation, will soon be forced to follow the example of their Western brothers, and prepare for voyages to the Continent if necessary to dispose of their fish.—St. John's Trade Review.

Doing Well.

The Halifax N. S. Herald of December 22, says: The fisheries were never in a more flourishing condition. For the eight months of the present fiscal year we exported of domestic fish \$13,556,000 as compared with \$10,499,000 for the corresponding eight months of 1912.

FIRST FROZEN HERRING HERE

Sch. Stiletto Brings 800 Bar- rels From Bonne Bay— Has Salt Cargo.

After the extreme quiet of last week, this morning's arrival list was more active, with a fleet of five sail of craft, including three from Newfoundland with herring, one Georgesman and one from halibuting.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Archie McLeod, from Quero, has 20,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 20,000 pounds fresh fish. Capt. McLeod was absent nearly five weeks and reports bad weather most of the time out. He reports speaking schs. Paragon and sch. Preceptor recently.

Sch. Stiletto, Capt. Ambrose Fleet is here from Bonne Bay, N. F., with the first frozen herring fare of the season. She brings 800 barrels frozen and 760 barrels salt and pickled herring consigned to Orlando Merchant, making the voyage in seven days.

Other arrivals are schs. Arabia, Capt. William Bissert, 11 days from Bonne Bay with a full load of salt and pickled herring for the Sylvanus Smith & Company, and Flirt, Capt. O'Connell, 22 days from the same place, with a full load of salt and pickled fish.

Sch. Epgenia, from Georges has a salt fare of 12,000 pounds salt cod.

Saturday was another bad day for the gill netters and only a few of the fleet were able to lift. Yesterday, the weather conditions were better and nearly all of the steamers secured their nets, lifting for the first time since last Tuesday. Most of the fish were in poor shape and sold as scalars to the splitters as a result.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Eugenia, Georges, handling, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. John Hays Hammond, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Flirt, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1330 bbls. salt herring, 84 bbls. pickled herring.
- Sch. Arabia, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1465 bbls. salt herring, 76 bbls. pickled herring.
- Sch. Stiletto, Bonne Bay, N. F., 600 bbls. salt herring, 160 bbls. pickled herring, 800 bbls. frozen herring.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nomad, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Julia May, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Hugo, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

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- Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nomad, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Venture, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Philomena, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Swan, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Orion, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Anna T., gill netting, 3600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Ethel, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bryda F., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Medomak, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lorana, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Geisha, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

- Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Philomena, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Geisha, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

NINETEEN FISHERMEN DROWNED

Hurricane Wrecks Many Small Vessels Off Faroe Islands.

Nineteen fishermen have been drowned off Thorshaven, Faroe Islands, in a hurricane which wrecked many small craft.

Weather Bothers at Canso.

Advises from Canso, N. S., states that stormy weather has made fishing difficult and the total landings of fish for the week ending December 22 was 320,000 pounds, of which 250,000 pounds were haddock. Shipments have been brisk and averaged three cars per day. The reserve stocks of smoked and frozen fish as well as salt water fish are becoming exhausted.

Halibut Sale.

The fresh halibut fare of sch. John Hays Hammond sold to the American Halibut Company at 19½ cents a pound for white, 12 cents for gray.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of new salt mackerel received at Boston to date are 25,600 barrels against 23,243 barrels of the 1912 catch.

Labrador Cod Exports.

Dry codfish exports from Labrador for 1913 totalled 111,876 quintals, valued at \$525,817.

Clark's Harbor Fishers Drown.

Friday last, about noon, Colburn and William Smith, of Clark's Harbor, N. S., went out in their motor boat, hauling a trap, the rope broke and the boat swung side to the rough which broke on board, probably the engine, and washed overboard. Smith was unable to do anything and was obliged to jump himself to the dory, and it is supposed he perished.

Arthur and Angus Smith, at the same place, were out hauling traps, and as the sea was getting rough for them they started home, and while going in they were pulled on top of the water and they tried to pull it up, which they found it to be a bait box belonging to Nickerson and Smith. They thought that something had happened to that boat they went in and found the boat, with dead, lashed, as above stated. No man was nowhere to be seen. They made four attempts to secure the body and almost swamped the boat in doing so, and were forced to run for home.

On reaching Clark's Harbor, they reported the accident and the Coast Guard at once started search, and after two hours of these efforts could not find her. It is supposed she floundered.

The scene of the accident was on the Headed Horse Race shoal. Mr. Colburn resided at Clark's Harbor and leaves a widow and one child. Mr. Smith resided at Hawk Point, leaves a widow and five children. The lost men had friends here.