

WES TO HURRY CAPT. MORRIS' AWARD

Congressman Gardner Enlists Aid of the British Ambassador.

Washington dispatch this morning says that an endeavor has been made to hasten the payment by the Canadian government of the award of \$100,000 recently made by the American British Claims Arbitration Tribunal in favor of Capt. Edward Morris of this city on account of the seizure of the Canadian Government of the steamer Frederick Gerring, Jr., some years ago.

The captain's son, E. J. Morris, Congressman Gardner a few days ago that, if payment were not made soon, it would do his father no good and the state department officials said, if the usual routine were followed, a check for the amount due would not be expected for nine months. Gardner took the matter up

with our State Department first, but could get but little encouragement. He was informed the claim would be paid some time before January, 1916, but indicated that it would be at least 15 months.

Thereupon, Mr. Gardner took the case to the British Ambassador, who was much impressed with the story of Capt. Morris' long wait for the trial of his case, and now that it has been decided in his favor, the apparent long wait again for his money.

Accordingly, the British Ambassador has volunteered to take the matter up with the Canadian Government himself in an effort to secure, if possible, an exception in Capt. Morris' case in a more prompt payment of the money than would be the case if the matter was allowed to follow its regular course through the regular channels of international procedure.

POTOMAC SAVED-- BROUGHT TO PORT

Naval Tug in Excellent Condition After Hard Winter in Embrace of Gulf Ice Floe--In Harbor Now at Port au Choix N. F.

The naval tug Potomac, after drifting nearly four months in the ice of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, having been abandoned off Bonne Bay, seemed almost certain that it would be crushed to pieces, it having been brought to Port au Choix on the Newfoundland north coast yesterday by U. S. Coast Guard Agent Gould and a salvage

crew as it may seem, the tug is in excellent condition and after taking a few days' rest will proceed south. The chances of rescuing the Potomac one time were far remote. Agent Gould and his Bay of Fundy crew, however, who several weeks ago started on an expedition of

rescue, have stuck to the job and after several weeks of constant effort, their labors have been rewarded.

The Potomac was sent to the Bay of Islands by the government to release two American crafts and one British vessel, the latter under American charter, with cargoes of herring for the American market. Sch. Georgie Campbell, of this port, the only craft to be caught, later broke adrift and was wrecked and rendered a total loss by the heavy ice floes. The Potomac reached within several miles of the imprisoned vessels when she herself was endangered by ice and made to sea, but was caught in the Gulf floe. The crew remained on board for some time afterwards until destruction seemed almost certain and then abandoned their craft.

SIGHT SCHOOLS ON CAPE SHORE

Large Bodies of Mackerel Off Cape Sable Monday--Weather is Fine--Netters Land Fair Catches at New York and Newport.

The Times is in receipt of a telegram from D. C. Mulhall of Liverpool, N. S., last evening stating that large bodies of mackerel were sighted off Cape Sable Monday. There was quite a catch in the traps at Liverpool yesterday. The weather is fine.

The past two weeks have been banner ones for the mackerel netting fleet and several of the boats have done exceedingly well in their catches, as a result of which some fine stocks and shares can be counted upon.

Most of the boats are still fishing near New York, the bulk of the fares still being landed there, while a few are down off Newport.

New York Arrivals.
This morning the following fares were reported at New York:
Hester, 900 fresh mackerel.
Reliance, 2100 fresh mackerel.
Hester (New Bedford) 300 fresh mackerel.
W. H. Starbuck, 2600 fresh mackerel.
Joker II, 900 fresh mackerel.
Mabel E. Leavitt, 1600 fresh mackerel.
Hockomock, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Mettacommet, 2200 fresh mackerel.

Netters at Newport.
These netters were reported at Newport this morning:
Little Addle, 260 fresh mackerel.
Crescent, 200 fresh mackerel.
Rattler, 200 fresh mackerel.
Torpedo, 450 fresh mackerel.
Pearl, 1700 fresh mackerel.

SAYS RETAILERS GET THE CREAM

G. W. Nickerson of Prince Rupert, B. C., was a caller at the Pacific Fisherman office a few days ago. In discussing the present depressed condition of the halibut market, he stated that he believed the remedy to be for the fish companies of this coast to establish their own retail markets in the various centers throughout the country. "Notwithstanding the fact that the producer is getting so small a price that he is making no money and in many cases actually pocketing a loss," said Mr. Nickerson, "the fact that the retailers are selling at approximately the same price as when the producer was much higher, shows that there is something radically wrong with the present system.

"The fishing people of the Pacific Coast are today at the mercy of the retailer. No matter if the price may be only two and a half cents per pound out here, he does not give the customer the advantage of it, but keeps up the price and takes the additional profit for himself. Halibut ought to retail at 12 cents per pound and at that price the housewife could buy four pounds of halibut for 50 cents which would be the equivalent of a dollar's worth of meat. "If the fishing people had their own retail markets they would also

soon build up an enormous market for the other varieties of fish not at present generally used, but which are very popular in the east and foreign countries. The fishermen have to throw these fish away now, when if they were introduced into the markets of the middle and eastern states they would soon build up a ready demand and the fish business of this coast would profit tremendously."

BIG MONEY FOR BURKE'S CREW

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked the fine sum of \$5259.06 as the result of her recent big halibut trip, each of the crew of 22 men sharing \$124.02 clear. This is the highest single stock and share in the halibut fishery this season.

On March 19, Capt. McDonald stocked \$4205.83, the crew sharing \$91.28. On April 2, Capt. Augustus G. Hall landed a halibut fare at Portland, stocking \$4205.13, from which each of the crew shared \$99.60, this being the record up to Capt. McDonald's recent trip.

Going Halibuting.
Capt. Samuel Colson has fitted sch. Marjie Turner for Georges halibut fishing.

HERRING BOATS FOUND NO FISH

Two Splitting Fares and One Salt Drifter in Here Today.

Sch. Ralph Russell from salt drifting is the only off shore arrival here up to noon today. Down from Boston are schs. Sadie M. Nunan with 50,000 pounds fresh fish and the Pontiac with 25,000 pounds.

The pollock seiners struck a few fish which sold to split yesterday. No herring was landed by the boats. The gill netters Medomak had 3000 pounds mixed fish and Dolphin, 2500 pounds mixed fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Ralph Russell salt drifting, 38,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Pontiac, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 2400 lbs. fresh pollock, 22 bbls. small pollock.

Str. Unknown, seining, 5000 lbs. fresh pollock, 1000 lbs. fresh cod.

Str. Herbert and Emma, seining, 1300 lbs. fresh pollock, 5 bbls. small pollock.

Str. Anna T., seining, 1000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Str. Naomi Bruce, seining, 500 lbs. fresh pollock, 10 bbls. small pollock.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

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

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.
- Sch. Hortense, drifting.
- Sch. Leonora Silveira, haddocking.
- Sch. Russell, haddocking.
- Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.
- Sch. Ella G. King, Ingonish, C. B.
- Sch. Richard J. Nunan, Cape Porpoise.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Drift cod, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Filched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

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

Hake, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.

Fresh halibut, 9c lb. for white, and 7c lb. for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.50 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 11c per lb.

BAKER'S DOZEN AT NEW PIER

Fares Not Large and Market Fairly Good on Cod and Haddock.

Boston's fleet of arrivals numbered 13 crafts this morning, mostly from the shore.

The largest hauls were schs. Valerie, 40,000 pounds; Philip P. Manter, 30,000 pounds; Ruth 31,000 pounds; Louisa R. Sylvia, 30,000 pounds; steamer Billow, 49,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$2 to \$3.25 a hundred for haddock, \$3 to \$3.25 for large and \$1.75 for market cod, \$1 to \$2 for hake, \$1 to \$1.25 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Jorgina, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3500 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Viking, 700 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Eleanora DeCosta, 9000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 17,000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Valerie, 15,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Str. Billow, 48,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Philip P. Manter, 26,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Ruth, 8000 haddock, 23,000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 4500 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 1000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 20,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.25; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1 to \$1.25.

On the Railways.

Steamer Philomena and gasoline yacht Spur are on the Rocky Neck ways.

Sch. Catherine Burke is on Burnham Brothers' ways.

Str. Geisha and yacht Princess are on Parkhurst's ways.

Fine Stock.

Sch. Commonwealth, Capt. Frank Watts, stocked \$2600 on his recent shacking trip to the eastward from which the crew shared \$68. The Commonwealth has been stripped and will be cleaned up before fitting out again.

ICE COST LARGE LOSS TO FISHERS

Says the Halifax Maritime Merchant:

The Lunenburg fleet have been having a disheartening time of it this spring, but it is to be hoped that by this time their troubles are over so far as the ice blockade is concerned. For weeks they were tied up at the Strait of Canso, waiting for a chance to get up to the Magdalen Islands, their usual point for bait supply at this season. A friend of ours on the waterfront showed us a photograph sent him, showing a portion of the fleet, about 80, at anchor in Canso harbor. At the same time, said he, there were 60 others that were held up at Port Hawkesbury. The loss to the fishermen—it may be only temporary—is probably \$50,000 or over. With ordinary luck they by this time should have had at least seven or eight thousand quintals of fish, and these at today's prices would be worth considerably more than \$50,000. However, as we say, the loss may be only temporary, for if by this time the Magdalens have been reached and bait secured a good run of fish for the next two weeks might quite easily redeem the situation. It is now expected that the fleet will arrive home about the first week in June. Up to the moment of writing we have had nothing to indicate whether fish are plentiful at the present time or not. A month ago it was said that there were lots of fish, and that with good weather fishermen would have prospered. Let us hope that with better conditions in the latter particular the fish supply will hold satisfactory. The fishermen deserve a bit of very good luck during the next 10 days to compensate them for their misfortunes in April and early May.

FEW VESSELS ARE NOW HAULED UP

The entire Gorton-Pew fleet of vessels is now engaged in some branch of the fisheries. For some weeks, sch. Ella G. King has been the only vessel hauled up at the concern, but will sail today for a trip to Ingonish, C. B. for a miscellaneous cargo under Capt. Alex Landry. When she sails, not a vessel of the Gorton-Pew fleet will be tied up. The Gorton-Pew Company has the largest fleet of vessels of any fishing concern on the Atlantic coast. Sch. Arkona is the only vessel hauled up at the Cunningham & Thompson plant. Sch. Mildred Robinson is the only one hauled up at the Atlantic Maritime Company. In fact, the number of fishing vessels idle at this port is the smallest in years. The others hauled up are sch. Galatea, at Rocky Neck; sch. Mattie Winship and sch. Carrie C. at Bradley's, and sch. Priscilla at Rocky Neck; total, six.

About 30 other vessels are now in port, fitting out or taking out trips.

Fish Scarce in Halifax Market.

Speaking of the Halifax dried fish market, the Maritime Merchant says: In the local market there are almost famine conditions, as regards supplies of all kinds of dried fish. Not in the remembrance of the present generation has there been any such scarcity at the port of Halifax, and by the time new cure arrives the store-houses of the different firms will be practically destitute of every ounce saleable stuff that is fit to market. One exporter said to us that if only had the fish now that he sent to Porto Rico last fall on a falling market, he would be feeling quite pleased with himself. The shipments he referred to showed him a loss at the time, whereas if he had the same fish here today he could probably make at least a dollar a quintal profit, perhaps more. One of the questions the moment is what the new price fish will be. We hear that fishermen are talking \$8, but perhaps this is pure jocularly. The trade are willing to admit that something in excess of \$7, perhaps \$7.25, will be paid for the first few cargoes offering. It is evident that the fishermen are in no great hurry to market what fish they have, for so far as we can learn up to the moment of writing, they have not approached the trade with a view to soliciting a purchase.

Making Money Pollocking!

If Capt. George Nickerson's luck sticks with him through the present pollock season, he will have a tidy little sum tucked away ere the last of the pollock has run. Capt. Nickerson started in pollock fishing last week and has made three trips to the grounds. In those three trips, he has taken from the fishermen in this port the nice little sum of \$254.42. He has a little gasoline boat and it has generally been filled to overflowing when he has come into the harbor. His other two catches brought him \$91.

Three good sized catches of pollock arrived in Portland, Monday. The total amount taken out in one day in this city since the present pollock season commenced. The Nellie G. came in with the largest single catch of the day with about 20,000 pounds of the handsomest fish in her hold. The gas boats Emily and Good had 10,000 and 15,000 pounds respectively. The two latter were taken out at the F. S. Willard Co.

About 103,000 pounds of mixed fish were landed at Portland, Monday. About the largest single fare haul so far this year was taken out from the sch. Eleanor, Capt. Lubes, total amount of her fare being about 55,000 pounds, which was taken out by the F. S. Willard Co. She was the only fishing schooner in port Monday with the exception of the Hattie Trask, which came in Sunday with about 5000 pounds of halibut. The other arrivals were the sloops Priscilla with 9000, Laconia with 14,000, Martha B. McLain with 14,000, Rider with 9000 and the Minerva with about 8000.

One of the few gill netters remaining in the business is the steamer Harold, which daily brings a fare of from 2000 to 3000 pounds of fish at Portland.