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# NEW FISH GROUND IN HUDSON STRAIT

That a rich new fishing ground is provided by the waters of Hudson Strait is set forth in a report to the Marine and Fisheries Department by Dominion Fishery Officer Thomas Simpson. Its salmon catch particularly merited that of British Columbia. The area is practically a virgin and large supplies of valuable fish could be taken. The difficulties of the sparse population and lack of men and the very short season, with Port Burwell as a centre, trawling could be done during eight or 12 weeks. There is no limit to the quantity of codfish, a few loads of which are garnered by Newfoundland vessels which come up every year. The weather is perfect for fishing, but so favorable for drying them on a spot. The catches, however, can be salted and taken home to the curbing places, just as is the practice of Lunenburg fleet. As this is deep-sea fishing, no doubt a bounty could be authorized during the first few years, while the industry is in the first stages of its development.—Halifax Maritime Merchant.

## How the Germans Shipped Lobsters.

Previous to the outbreak of war a German company established themselves at Grimsby—a port on the northeast coast of England, and shipped lobsters from all parts of the British Isles. During the month of June they received over 10,000 lobsters from various parts of the country. These lobsters were sent to Grimsby by rail. On arrival there, they were packed in large tanks of salt water and the water slowly charged with oxygen. After they had been some hours in this water, they were shipped direct to Hamburg, where they were again put into salt water charged with oxygen before being placed upon the market.

## N. F. West Coast Notes.

There has been good codfishing at Troy and vicinity. Five dollars per qt. is the price being paid for green codfish on the coast.

The Gloucester schooners Annie M. Parker, Capt. J. Belong, and J. J. Liberty, Capt. J. Campbell are coming to this coast for fish cargoes.

At Bay of Islands codfishing continues good with jigger but with hook line there is very little or nothing owing to the scarcity of bait. One boat secured 13 quintals in three days last week, one man in a dory secured 10 quintals in the same time.

## Pickled Fish.

The situation in pickled fish has not been affected by the war except that buyers are more cautious than usual. Recent purchases, the Maritime Merchant says. There seems to be a good demand for both herring and mackerel from the United States, No. 1 spring mackerel being purchased by the trade at \$7 and No. 2 at \$8. Number one herring are worth \$3.50. Prices of last year's fat mackerel have advanced about three to four dollars per barrel and the opinion of the trade is that they are likely to go higher.

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## Gives Up Whaling.

Captain Joseph Manta of Provincetown, who has just laid his whaling schooner John R. Manta, up at Union wharf, Fairhaven, has announced that he will sell the Manta and retire from the whaling business. Captain Manta, who had been a successful fish merchant, went into the whaling business a dozen or more years ago, and at first his vessels were successful, but the past four or five voyages the returns have not met the expenses and he will give up the venture.

## Ipswich Boats Did Well.

During the past few days fishermen in Ipswich Bay have been very fortunate in making good catches of large-sized mackerel, and a number of boats started out but were obliged to put back into the river owing to the heavy sea caused by the easterly storm of Saturday.

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# POOR WEEK AT FULTON MARKET

All things considered business was very poor in the salt water fish market last week. Stock was scarce in most cases and necessarily prices were high, as buyers who wanted fish had enough were willing to pay almost any price for it. Forty crafts reached the market, of which 24 carried bluefish, the total weight of blues in pounds being 395,000. In all there were 79,150 fish in number, averaging in weight 5 pounds each. The previous week there were also 24 trips of bluefish, of which the total weight was 473,000 pounds. The previous week blues sold at 3 1-2 to 8 cents per pound with the exception of snappers. Last week large and medium fish brought 3 1-2 to 10 cents, with small fish selling at 6 to 12 cents. Snapper blues this week sold at 5 to 8 cents. It must be noted that bluefish were high in price on days during the week when the supply was short. When there were plenty of fish prices were low. The heaviest trip of bluefish was 7,600 fish and the smallest 900 fish. Only four of the 24 crafts had more than 5,000 fish each, while 12 had less than 3,000 fish each.

Next to bluefish the heaviest catch of fish was weakfish, of which seven crafts landed a total of 258,400 pounds. The preceding week smacks landed 52,000 pounds.

Groundfish—Markt cod brought 1 1-2 to 5 cents; steak cod, 4 to 14 cents; haddock, 2 to 5 cents; hake, 2 1-2 to 7 cents.

Western white halibut sold at 7 to 9 cents.

Mackerel—Tinkers brought \$10 to \$14 per barrel, bloaters 25 to 35 cents each, and mediums 15 to 20 cents.

## Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Rhodora sold to the American Halibut Company for 10 cents per pound for white and 7 for gray. The fare of sch. Monitor sold to the New England Fish Company at the same prices.

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# JOHN WILLIAMS HAS FINE CATCH

## Eugenia Hails For 60,000 Pounds Salt Drift Cod—Many Other Arrivals.

It was rather lively along the water front this morning quite a fleet of arrivals having put in since yesterday.

Two halibut fares were on the market, schs. Monitor, Capt. George Marr bringing at 12,000 pound fare and Rhodora, Capt. Peterson, 6000 pounds. Both crafts had some fresh and salt shack in addition.

With the largest salt drifting fare of the season, sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams is here, his haul being for 60,000 pounds salt cod. Sch. Jubilee, another of the drifters also has a nice fare, hailing for 40,000 pounds.

Other arrivals are schs. Smuggler shacking from Quero Bank with 60,000 pounds salt and 80,000 pounds fresh cod and few halibut; Russell, via Boston, 100,000 pound fresh fish; W. H. Moody, also from Boston with 8000 pounds fresh fish.

Of the seiners, these arrivals were reported: Schs. Rob Roy, 65 barrels salt mackerel; Pinta, 10 barrels; Little Fannie, 11½ barrels; Marguerite Haskins, 16 barrels.

The gasoline boats landed on bluebacks again yesterday, two fares of 100 barrels each being landed which took out at the freezer.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Lydia, seining, 100 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Pinta, seining, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Rob Roy, seining, 65 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. W. H. Moody, via Boston, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jubilee, salt drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Smuggler, Quero Bank, 60,000 lbs. salt cod, 80,000 lbs. fresh cod, 1000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Little Fannie, seining, 11½ bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Rhodora, LeHave Bank, 6000 lbs. fresh halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Russell, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Italian boat, seining, 100 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Eugenia, salt drifting, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Catherine Burke, via Portland.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining, 16 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Monitor, Quero Bank, 12,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Essex, Bay of Islands, N. F., 350,000 lbs. salt cod, 100 qtls. cured fish, 30 bbls. herring.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

Sch. Arthur James, seining.

Steamer Dolphin, seining.

Sch. Aloha, North Bay mackerel trip.

Sch. Titania, Georges handling.

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## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large 15 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

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

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Haddock \$2.50.

Salt medium mackerel, \$18.50 per bbl.

### Fresh Fish.

#### Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

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

Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

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

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut 7c per lb. for white, 5c for small gray, 3c for large gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$3 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white, 7c for small gray and 5c for large gray.

Whiting, 60c per bbl.

# MAINTAIN PRICE ON SALT FISH

"There isn't any action around here to speak of," said the executive of a large New York salt fish house last Wednesday.

"Gloucester is maintaining prices, it seems," said a leading New York authority. "The Government is investigating the high price of fish down there, I understand. Well, the principal difference in price is due to the fact that fat and fine fish are now on the market instead of the thin variety with which we had to content ourselves up to a fortnight ago. The new fish has sold as high as \$19 a barrel. Of course, the fat fish are worth much more," he concluded.

Seward, Alaska, Aug. 25.—The war has created a sudden market for salted fish. The local salteries have just sold the season's output at a fancy price. Usually they are obliged to scour the country to place their product.

The situation in the New York market for salt fish remains much the same as during the past week. The tone in all lines is firm, but there is not much demand and buyers are covering only the wants of the moment.—Fishing Gazette.

