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N.S. FISHERMEN DOWN ON STEAM TRAWLING

The following pertinent communication appeared in the Halifax Chronicle:

To the Editor of the Chronicle:

Sir:—I notice in the issue of the Digby Courier of December 24th that the steam trawler "St. Leonard" arrived at Digby on December 19th, with 25,000 lbs. of fresh fish caught in the Bay of Fundy and I find that the said steam trawler has been operating on the grounds frequented by our hand and line fishermen of the Western Counties of Nova Scotia, to the great detriment of said fishermen, of the Counties of Digby Annapolis and Yarmouth.

This, Mr. Editor, naturally leads to the question: "When is the Government of Canada going to do something to protect the fishing grounds of our native fishermen, by preventing the absolute spoilation of said fishing grounds by the destructive and piratical steam trawlers?"

As you are aware, when Mr. Jamieson, M. P. for Digby was canvassing the electors of Digby for their suffrage, he promised the fishermen that if the Conservatives were returned to power measures would be at once adopted which would protect the fishing grounds from the incursions and destruction of the steam trawlers, and drive them out of commission.

Mark you, Mr. Editor, that at this time no steam trawlers were fishing in our bays, but now we have them all over our best fishing grounds and they are holding full sway plying their trade right under the eyes of our shore fishermen who are absolutely helpless, and can only look on and see the destruction of the fishing grounds from which they earn their bread and butter. Yes, the poor fishermen can go to the devil; just as long as rich corporations get richer, what do they care?

Now, what is the Conservative Government going to do about it? Are they going to protect us? What has become of all Mr. Jamieson's fine promises? What about Mr. Davison, Mr. McCurdy, Dr. Stewart, and Premier Borden himself whose constituents or at least, a great many of them are dependent directly or indirectly on the fishing industry? They seem to be silent,—why? Is it because they are afraid of the rich corporations? They seem always to favor large corporations and let the poor devil starve. Do they for one moment think they can again delude the fishermen on the eve of an election by their clap-trap, which has been shown to be utterly devoid of sincerity?

It is no use for the above named gentlemen to make any more rash promises. They have been in power since 1911 and since that time the trawlers have been fishing almost at our doors.

If these gentlemen are sincere why have they not passed an Order-in-Council forbidding steam trawlers to operate from any of our ports and also forbidding them to bring into any Canadian port fish caught by what is known as steam or otter trawling? This would prevent them from operating from our ports and from interfering with our native fishermen, and as a consequence they would have to give up the business, which we shore fishermen will have to do if the trawlers are allowed to continue to operate.

We understand the "St. Leonard" has given up for a time her operations in the Bay. No doubt she has destroyed for the time being the fishing grounds here. In fact, we were getting good fares in the Bay before the trawlers arrived, but since she stripped the grounds we hardly made enough to pay for gasoline.

Now, Mr. Editor, we feel it is up to the government to get busy and supply us with legislation along the lines above mentioned, prohibiting these trawlers from operating and preventing them from greatly injuring and damnifying our fishing grounds, and also prevent them from causing the hardy toilers of the deep from engaging in the fishing industry.

SHORE FISHERMAN.

Digby, January 8th, 1915.

HIT IN BLINDING SNOW BLIZZARD

Capt. Henry M. Atwood, local manager for the Atlantic Maritime Company, left today for Shelburne, N. S., to take charge of sch. Mildred Robinson, ashore there in the harbor.

According to despatches received from Capt. Gilfoye yesterday, the craft was beating into the harbor in a blinding snow storm, when she went ashore. She is full of water, but the chances of saving her are good, and Capt. Atwood will make arrangements at Shelburne to have the vessel floated.

Whale Ran Off with Buoy.

The absence of Roaring Bull buoy, off Pease's island, was explained in an unusual way today, says a St. John, N. B., dispatch of Tuesday. The buoy and its anchor stone weighing together 5000 pounds, had been carried away by a whale, according to officers on the Canadian government steamer Lansdowne.

The Lansdowne went out to locate the buoy, and after cruising some distance from its station, found it with a whale entangled in the chain. The whale, which was 50 feet long had dragged the buoy and anchor until it died, apparently from exhaustion.

Uses Twine, Not Canvas.

The new Cromwell seine devise mentioned in a recent issue is made of twine and not of canvas as stated. The model which was being shown in this city was composed of the latter material.

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HOSPITAL SHIP PROVES WORTH

Androscoggin Dashes to Halifax With Capt. J. Henry Larkin Stricken on Fishing Grounds With Appendicitis —Other Ill Ones Helped.

The revenue cutter Androscoggin, although out of here only a few days on her mission of mercy at sea, has already porformed service, Capt. E. B. Hall landing Capt. J. Henry Larkin, skipper of the sch. Onato at Halifax, N. S., yesterday, who was stricken ill on board his craft with an attack of appendicitis.

Capt. Larkin will be sent home immediately, it is understood, from despatches yesterday for treatment. On board the ship he was given the best of medical attendance by Dr. O. H. Cox, surgeon.

This is not the only service the Androscoggin has rendered, for a few days ago when she arrived at Shelburne, there came into port the sch. Nile.

Says the Halifax Chronicle:

The vessel's skipper was suffering from appendicitis and, having heard of the cutter's new duties, he put into Shelburne for treatment. He was taken aboard the Androscoggin and brought to Halifax and placed in the hospital here. It, is now said that, thanks to the careful treatment afforded him on board the cutter, he may not be operated on after all. If the patient had been forced to make the journey to Halifax from Shelburne by rail his condition might have become far more serious.

Another case which was treated at Shelburne was that of a fisherman whose eyes were in a very bad condition. The treatment on board the vessel of this man's ailment had been necessarily primitive, and it was of some importance to him that he should be able to obtain proper medical treatment. In the first few days of her service, therefore, the Androscoggin, though lacking experience of the direction in which the fishermen's work has already been of considerable value.

Speaking of the craft and the mission she will fill, the Halifax Herald says:

"The United States revenue cutter Androscoggin, is now fitted out as a hospital ship for the fishermen on the banks. The Androscoggin sailed from Boston a few days ago. She will cruise among the haddocking fleets off the Cape shore and will follow the fleets to Quero and Grand Banks when season comes on.

The Androscoggin is a fine craft and has spdendid hospital accommodation. Her work will be largely beneficial to men suffering from minor injuries or diseases. A really sick man will have to be sent ashore. The Androscoggin will make Halifax her winter quarters during the winter.

CAR LINE TO NEW FISH PIER

Trolley service to the new fish pier and to the Commonwealth docks by way of Summer street and the viaduct connecting Summer street and Northern avenue is practically assured, according to Chairman John N. Cole of the Boston Industrial Development Board. He has notified the mayor that the port directors and the officials of the Boston Elevated Company have agreed as to the location of the tracks.

Up to the present time the persons going to and from these new piers had the choice of riding in privately owned motor boats, in auto busses, or walking. The street car route, according to Mr. Cole, will include a continuation of the present track on Summer street, turning around the proposed avenue, from the viaduct and street, turning aruond the property the Fish Pier corporation, and going back on Northern avenue in the at the open way between the buildings occupied by the fish dealers.

The arrangements for construction this track involve only the port directors and the railway company. The proposed agreement shall be between the commonwealth and leased to the Boston Elevated Railway Co. for operation for a term of years at an annual rental of 4 per cent. of the cost of the construction.

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O ARRIVAL HERE TODAY

Not an off shore arrival was report- at this port up to noon today. The l netters were out yesterday, most them returning late. The total dings were about 20,000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1500 lbs. sh fish.
Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1500 lbs. sh fish.
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1200 fresh fish.
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh h.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 4000 lbs. sh fish.
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 4000 fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. sh fish.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, via Boston.
Sch. Premier, via Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, $5 r cwt.; medium, $4.25; snappers, $3. Georges halibut codfish, large, $5; edium, $4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, 4.25 edium, $3.75; snappers, $3.
Cusk, large, $2.50; medium, $1.75; appers, $1.50.
Hake, $1.50.
Newfoundland herring, $3.25 per bl. for salt bulk. $4.25 per bbl. for ckled.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, $1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, $2.25; medum, .50; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, $2; medium, .50; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 unds less than above.
Hake, $1.25.
Cusk, large, $1.75; medium, $1.15; appers, 50c.
Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
Fresh halibut, 17c for white and 9c r gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per .

ne Craft in on Weeks Closing.

The week closed at the Boston fish r at noon for the week. The only ival reported up to 9 o'clock was Mary F. Sears, hailing for 9500 unds fresh fish.

Wholesalers paid $4 a hundred unds for haddock, $4.25 for large d $2.50 for market cod, $2.50 to $5 r hake and $2.50 for pollock.

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Sch. Mary F. Sears, 3000 haddock, 00 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk, 3000 ollock.

Haddock, $4 per cwt.; large cod, 4.25; market cod, $2.50; hake, $2.50 to ; pollock, $2.50.

BIG TRIPS IN TO OPEN THE WEEK

Off-Shore Crafts Bring Fine Fares from Brown's—Prices Low.

The week at the Boston fish pier started off with plenty of stock, a number of the "killers" being there with nice fares.

They were schs. A. Piatt Andrew, Capt. Wallace Bruce who stands well up to the top for the season so far, with 76,000 pounds fresh fish; Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, 77,000 pounds; Flora L. Oliver, 63,000 pounds; Pontiac, Capt. Ernest Parsons, 83,000 pounds; Josie and Phoebe, 85,000 pounds. The British schooner Mary D. Young is at the dock with a fare of salt and frozen herring.

Prices ruled low, wholesale quotations being $2.50 to $3.75 a hundred for haddock, $2.50 to $3 for large and $1.50 to $2.50 for market cod, $3 to $5 for hake, $2.75 for pollock and $2 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, 50,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Gov. Foss, 47,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 1000 hake, 6000 cusk, 700 halibut.

Sch. Pontiac, 55,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 2000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 47,000 haddock, 34,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Progress, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Ethel B Penny, 6000 haddock, 1400 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Harriett, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Waltham, 18,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 14,000 haddock, 600 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Angeline C. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 700 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3500 hake, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 7500 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 2200 haddock, 900 cod, 1800 hake.

British sch. Mary D. Young, salt and frozen herring.

Haddock, $2.50 to $3.75 per cwt.; large cod, $2.50 to $3; market cod, $1.50 to $2.50; hake, $3 to $5; pollock, $2.75; cusk, $2.

Weeks Landings at Boston.

Fresh groundfish receipts at Boston for the week ending January 14 totaled 1,895,000 pounds from 71 arrivals as compared with 708,375 pounds from 25 fares for the corresponding week of 1914.

GILL NETTERS STRUCK POLLOCK

Last Two of Local Newfoundland Herring Fleet Are Home Today.

With the arrival of schs. Bohemia and Arkona from the Bay of Islands, N. F., all of the local Newfoundland herring fleet are at home. The former has frozen, salt and pickled herring for Sylvanus Smith & Company and was the last of the Gloucester fleet to leave the bay. The Arkona with frozen and salt herring is for the Cunningham & Thompson Company.

Yesterday and Saturday, some of the gill netters landed on the pollock and a number of nice catches were the result. The landings for two days was about 75,000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Bohemia, Bay of Islands, N. F., 500 bbls. frozen herring, 325 bbls. salt herring, 75 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Arkona, Bay of Islands, N. F., 608 bbls. frozen herring, 264 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Corona, Cape Shore, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Flavilla shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, via Boston.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, via Boston.

Saturday's Gill Netting Fares.

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

Str. Orion, gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sunday's Gill Netting Fares.

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

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Orion, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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BIG HERRING FARE COMING

The steam trawler Baliene arrived at Halifax from St. John's Friday on her way to this port. She had 600,000 frozen fresh herring and 400 barrels of pickled herring.

CODFISH LOW AT FULTON MARKET

Speaking of the market at Fulton Dock last week, the Fishing Gazette says:

There is not much to be said about business in the salt water fish market this week. Wholesale commission men class it as only "fairly" fair. There was a shortage of certain varieties of fish for which there was a good demand, while there was an oversupply of other kinds, which buyers were not seeking in large quantities.

Fifteen crafts reached the market during the week, with a total of 30,200 codfish.

There was a good supply of Southern bluefish in the market during the entire week, all sizes being represented, and prices being quite low considering the season of the year. Saturday's figures were 8 to 10c for small fish, 10 to 12 cents for mediums, and 12 to 14 cents for large. During the remainder of the week, large fish were quoted at 11 to 15 cents, mediums, 10 to 15 cents, and small fish at 10 to 14 cents.

Low prices prevailed on codfish during the entire week. The heavy supply brought in by the local boats was responsible for the light demand for Eastern fish. Market cod brought 2 to 3 cents, the top figure ruling only on Thursday. Steak cod sold from 4 to 7 cents per pound.

Halibut from the West brought good prices, although there was a fairly good supply in the market. On Saturday sales were made at 12 to 14 cents per pound in box lots. On other days the price was 14 cents flat. There was a little Eastern white halibut in the market on Saturday, for which buyers paid 24 cents per pound.

The supply of haddock was not heavy. Sales were made at 4 to 5 cents per pound.

Hake brought 3 to 5 cents per pound.

Steak pollock was quoted at 5 cents during the entire week.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel of the 1914 catch received at Boston to date figures 22,836 barrels as compared with 26,157 barrels of the 1913 catch.