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ARRIVAL HERE TODAY

Not an off shore arrival was reported at this port up to noon today. The gill netters were out yesterday, most of them returning late. The total landings were about 20,000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

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

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

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

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
 Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
 Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.
 Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
 All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
 Hake, \$1.25.
 Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.15; snappers, 50c.
 Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
 Fresh halibut, 17c for white and 9c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

One Craft in on Weeks

Closing.

The week closed at the Boston fish market at noon for the week. The only arrival reported up to 9 o'clock was Sch. Mary F. Sears, hailing for 9500 pounds fresh fish.

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

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Sch. Mary F. Sears, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk, 3000 pollock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; pollock, \$2.50.

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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.

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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, 3000 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.

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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.

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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.

Sch. Ethel, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Orion, gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Julia May, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sunday's Gill Netting Fares.

Sch. Sawyer, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Ethel, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. 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 12 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 2c to 3 cents, the top figure ruling only on Thursday. Steak cod sold from 4c 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.

NEWFOUNDLAND VIEWS NEW YEAR

Feels United States Needs More Codfish and She Must Supply It.

The St. John's, N. F., Trade Review in the weekly outlook says:

Despite the great European war and the conditions necessarily entailed, and which effect, more or less, every part of the world, Newfoundland enters the new year confronting a very hopeful outlook. During the last months of 1914, there was a shortening of our industrial sails, some of our fish values shrunk, labor became restricted and money flowed less freely through our ordinary trade channels; but the enhancement of codfish prices, late in the season, did a good deal in lightening the depression and removing the feeling of panicky pessimism that was very apparent during the first month of the war. Besides, the country had passed through a series of fat years, and there was a good bit of money stowed away in the national stocking when the war came.

Heretofore, the bankfishery did not begin until from the first to the middle of March many years, but this year we note that some of the first of the western fleet are about starting on the annual voyage. Some of them are baiting with salted squid, while others are taking along fresh herring brought down from Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands by the Western coastal boat. Up to a few years ago, the bank fishery, (and for that matter the codfishery generally) was conducted in a come-day-go-day fashion—that is without much keenness or enthusiasm. It was part of the national annual game, and every man engaged worked at the business just because it was his way of making a living, and he never expected to get more out of it than the bare necessities of life. His horizon was bounded by the close of his day, and he had no ambitions for tomorrow.

But of late years a great change has come over the fishermen of the Island, especially the fishermen of Southern and Western ports. The men have become more eager and hopeful in the prosecution of their calling, and are beginning their voyages earlier and continuing them later. Any person who has watched the change closely must admit that it synchronizes with the removal of duty on our fish going into the United States and the consequent increase in our trade in this article with the people of that country. Last year Newfoundland sold in salt bulk to the Americans, 76,326 qtls codfish and at good prices, and all on a straight cash basis. This trade is only in its infancy, and it is in anticipation of its growth that the Western and Southern bankers are moving in beginning the voyage nearly two months earlier than usual.

Some persons contend that the activity of the Americans on our coast last year was due to the fact that the American catch was short, and that with the return of a normal year, or years, we will not be called upon to supply fish to the Americans. But

those who know the situation deny this; they say that the United States people are eating more fish food per head than ever before, and they are going to continue to eat it. Upton Sinclair's "Jungle" story of a few years ago was a great indirect help to fish-eating, and the high prices for meat have helped the fish trade ever since. The American immigrants of the last few years have been from Eastern and Southern Europe, and are great fish eaters. They are calling for more fish than Uncle Sam can supply, and Eastern Canada and Newfoundland must fill the gap.

N. F. Cod Is High.

Transactions in dry codfish are few, as most of the unshipped voyage is now in the hands of the exporters. The price continues high, and small lots of prime large shore available are changing hands at from \$7.60 to \$7.80, a price unprecedented in the history of the fishery, so far as we can learn. Good Labrador shore cured is worth \$7.00 per quintal, and soft Labrador goes from \$5.50 to \$6.50 according to dryness. West India is worth \$4.00 per quintal.—St. John's N. F. Trade Review.

LYLE FOR PROTECTION OF SMALL FIS

Bill to Prevent Seining "Harbor" Pollock and "Spike" Mackerel

State House, Boston, January 16.—Representative James M. Lyle of Gloucester has today filed a bill with the clerk of the House providing that it shall be unlawful to seine pollock weighing less than three-quarters of a pound and to seine "spike" mackerel weighing less than one-quarter of a pound in the waters within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The bill further provides that any violation of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 and not

more than \$50, or not less than 30 days or more than 60 days imprisonment for each, or both imprisonment and fined for each offense.

The petition for this legislation signed by the following citizens: Thomas J. Carroll, Fred Bradley, P. O'Brien, Thomas W. Brophy, John Perkins, Fred S. Jewett, John E. Arden, Walter H. Newton, Benjamin Smith, K. W. Shute, John R. Jones, Carl C. Young, Frank C. Pearce, Samuel G. Pool.

The Steam Trawlers.

The much discussed steam trawler has been operating in this western part of the province. The "Deliverance," built at Liverpool and owned by the Southern Salvage Company, that town, has been engaged in fishing off the western banks. Several good fares were landed at Lockeport for the Cold Storage Company. The "Deliverance" has recently been chartered by the Dominion government for war purposes. The "Deliverance" is the first steam trawler built in Nova Scotia.

The Grimsby, Eng., trawlers "Andromanche" and "St. Leonard" have been landing catches at Lockeport and Digby, respectively. The "St. Leonard" was very successful until the recent severe weather interfered with her operations in the Bay of Fundy. The "Andromanche" landed over 1000 pounds of fresh mixed fish at Lockeport on her end of December trip.

It is probable that the number of English steam trawlers will be increased this year, as the war has opened the fishing operations in the North Sea. While our fishermen object to the use of the "beam trawl" and with the "beam trawl" for good reasons, yet greater, and modern, facilities than commonly use at present, are required in order to furnish a sufficient supply of fish to supply the growing trade, notwithstanding that a winter fishing boat has been built up at Digby and port, thus furnishing a fairly good supply the whole year, yet the fleet can supply the requirements of the local plants. The Maritime corporation at Digby readily supplies the large catches of the steam trawler St. Leonard, in addition to the smaller catches of the home fleet. It is also true of the Lockeport Cold Storage Company in connection with the catches of the "Deliverance" and "Andromanche." It looks as if the steam trawler had come to stay. Government regulations prevent them fishing within the three-mile limit, but it is difficult for the Government to go any further, particularly in connection with the operations of British trawlers. Foreign trawlers may not be allowed to fish off our shores for the landing of the catch, but vessels in the registry cannot be so forbidden.

Resume of Fisheries and Fish Conditions at Yarmouth, N.S.

Speaking of the fisheries and conditions at Yarmouth, N. S., during the year, the Halifax Herald says:

The mackerel catch was light, although of good quality. The fishermen failed to connect with the large schools. The traps made some good catches, \$80,000 worth was taken in Queens during the month of July. The Lunenburg and Digby catches were larger than for some years. The Lunenburg catch of the fall, amounted to \$10,000 and the Shelburne catch the same value.

The herring catch was larger than usual in some districts. On several occasions the body of fish was so great that the fishermen lost their nets by the over-weight of the catch. In Shelburne the glue was notable. The Lockeport Cold Storage handled over 6000 barrels, and Swm Brothers about 2000 barrels for the round herring trade. On the Bay shore of Annapolis and Kings the catch was larger than for some years.

The Seriousness of the Bait Problem.

Notwithstanding the abundance of herring, the bait question was acute. With the increase in the number of boats and vessels engaged in fishing, the situation is bound to become increasingly serious, unless better provision is made for the catching and storing of an adequate supply. Net fishermen cannot supply the demand, nor indeed make suitable provisions for storage. On account of the small prices secured for pickled herring the net fishermen give little attention to this phase of the business, relying in a large degree on the sale of the herring direct from the nets to the fishing vessels seeking bait. The seriousness of the bait question is found in the fact that fresh bait is in demand during the months when there is a

slack run of herring. With inadequate facilities for storing bait herring, and with little profit in the pickled fish business, net fishing is fitful and wasteful, as well as, at times, unprofitable. The operation of trap-nets has greatly assisted the bait supply, and has built up valuable and profitable bait centers.

In connection with the foregoing, the new fish inspection act, which comes into operation this year, will have direct and valuable bearing in the herring industry. With suitable package prompt handling of the fish from the water, more careful curing and packing, it is expected that the value of the pickled fish will very greatly increase, thus making it profitable for the fishermen to energetically, and more steadily prosecute the fishery. At present the fishery is carried on in a haphazard way, and only the wandering skirts of the large schools are touched by the small nets set from the shore. The total catch of the whole province is not more than 150,000 barrels, of which quantity about 84,000 barrels is caught in western Nova Scotia. About one-half the catch is used for bait. It can safely be said that the herring catch can be easily increased to a half-million barrels annually. J. S. Cowie of the fisheries department, Ottawa, has been holding a series of meetings, in the fishing centers, explaining the purpose and operation of the the inspection act. All pickled herring passing inspection will be given the government brand, and it is hoped that the increased prices secured for the improved article will greatly quicken the industry, and bring about more modern methods in catching and preserving this valuable article of food.

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