

**LOCAL VIEW OF THE OTTER TRAWLING REPORT.**

rough the columns of the Times local public has become fairly well on the salient points of the Otter-trawl report, the most important element, bearing on the welfare of New England fisheries that has been promulgated in recent years. "free fish" does not compare with relative importance, and beside for city sinks almost into insignificance. These two latter dealt with business conditions, while the much discussed document deals with that which is the most vital part of business or industry—the support and its conservation.

at the deductions and recommendations which bring this lengthy document to a close are not concurred in the fishing interest of Gloucester is understood. Unanimously, ship- vessel owner, skipper and fisher- all are outspoken in their dis- agreement with it.

what is true of Gloucester is also of the fishing interests of England in general, with the pos- sible exception of those financially and wise interested in the otter trawl.

These have been conspicuously through all the comment that the has aroused, but, given all they ever used—"the cream of the England fishing and breeding"—it is hard to see how they view the report in any other light than that of extremest satisfaction.

is not the purpose here to go into a categorical enumeration of the points which the New England fisheries disagree with the report. That come in due time when representa- will be made to Congressman by the protestants.

points, however, stand out more prominently perhaps than some others. The original bill for the investigation "to investigate the method as beam or otter trawling and to Congress whether or not this method of fishing is destructive to the species or is otherwise harmful or desirable."

The summary of the report practically answers this question in the affirmative and then goes on to make recommendations. It would seem that the work of the investigation was properly ended when the answer to the question was arrived at and any recommendations, bills, or any other legislation on the matter would only come from Congress, or some other of it, and not from the source whence they did.

Another thing: the report practically says otter trawls do not destroy fish, do not seriously disturb the bottom, interfere but little with line fishing, and that the makers of the report have been unable to discover "any evidence whatever that the banks fre-

quented by the American otter trawlers are being depleted of their fishes." Then after all these points which, to the lay mind, at least, read in favor of the otter trawler's contentions in the long controversy, the report recommends the scope of the operations of the otter trawlers be limited. Why,—if these deductions in the report are correct,—it is hard to see. Can it be that the makers of the report, in spite of deductions so very positively made from the data and evidence they had to work with, feel that after all, the otter trawlers are destructive to fish species and do threaten the future fish supply of this country? It would certainly seem there must be some reason similar to this, which would cause the recommendation to limit a fishery which has, in the eyes of the New England public at least, been labelled "O. K." by a report of experts.

But the report is made—recommendations and all—and with this the New England fisheries interest will have to deal. That the protest will be such as will carry considerable weight is not to be doubted.

**HORACE WYLDE HAS GOOD TRIP**

**Sch. Ingomar With 60,000 Pounds Fresh Fish, Butts In Through Blizzard.**

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace G. Wylde was the only fresh arrival at this port this morning. The Ingomar hailed for 60,000 pounds of mixed fish from the Cape Shore grounds.

Gill netting receipts totalled less than 30,000 pounds, about one half pollock and the rest evenly divided between haddock, cod and hake.

- Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**
- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
- Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Ethel, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Quartette, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Medomak, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

**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.
- Haddock, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$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, \$1.50; 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, 30c; dressed, 90c.
- Fresh halibut, 16 1-2c for white and 10c for gray.
- Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

**Good Stock and Share.**

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Mansfield Conrad, stocked \$1944.62 and the crew shared \$50 clear on the recent had-docking trip.

**FISHERS STRIKE ON THE PACIFIC**

The difference between the Columbia Cold Storage Company, operating the steamers Roman and Onward Ho from Steveston, B. C., and the Halibut Fishermen's Union of the Pacific have not yet been adjusted. The two steamers belonging to the Columbia Cold Storage Company are both operated under what is known as the long line system of fishing.

Under this system no dories are used, but the lines are run from the deck of the steamer and are hauled in by a special gurdy run by steam. Only half the usual number of fishermen are needed, and these men have received a cent and a quarter a pound for all fish landed, the same as has been the case with the regular dory fishermen. The long line system of fishing for halibut enables the steamers to fish in weather where the dories ordinarily could not be operated.

About two months ago the Halibut Fishermen's Union pointed out to the Columbia Cold Storage Company that the mates on these two steamers did not belong to the union, and requested that members of the union be appointed as mates on these steamers or that the mates now on the steamers join the union.

At this time the steamers Roman and Onward Ho were producing large quantities of black cod, owing to the deep water in which the vessels were fishing. The owners of the steamers could not sell this black cod at a profit, but the fishermen insisted that they

pay a cent and a quarter per pound for all black cod landed.

As the black cod formed so large a portion of each vessel's catch, the company considered that they should have the black cod at a reduced price, and this formed the principal point of difference between the union and the steamers. The result was that the Columbia Cold Storage Company procured non-union crews for each of their steamers and have continued to run with non-union crews up to the present time. The new crews are working on a basis of a cent and a quarter per pound for all halibut, and five-eighths of a cent per pound for all black cod and cull fish.

**WALLACE BRUCE HITS BIG MARKET**

**Haddock Fleet Leader Has 100,000 Pound Fare—Banner Stock in Sight.**

Capt. Wallace Bruce, who has been making a big record for himself in the winter market fishery, hit it lucky this morning, when he brought sch. A. Piatt Andrew to the pier at South Boston with a 100,000 pound fare of ground-fish and 700 weight of halibut. As gilt-edged prices prevailed this morning, and the Andrew's fare consists mostly of new fish, he probably will make the largest single stock of the winter.

The only other trips in were schs. Ethel B. Penny and Mary and the beam trawler Crest.

Wholesale quotations were \$4 to \$7 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$7 for large and \$4 market cod, \$5 to \$7 for hake, \$5 for pollock \$3.50 for cusk and 21 cents a pound for halibut.

**Boston Arrivals and Receipts.**

- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
- Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, 55,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 12,000 cusk, 700 halibut.
  - Sch. Ethel L. Penny 2500 haddock, 1100 cod, 500 hake.
  - Str. Crest 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 halibut.
  - Sch. Ellen and Mary, 30,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
  - Haddock, \$4 to \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$4; hake, \$5 to \$7; pollock, \$5; cusk, \$3.50; halibut, 21s for white and gray.

**FRENCH TRAWLERS MAY NOT COME**

Says the North Sydney, C. B., Herald:

It was reported here among shipping circles that no French trawlers will operate in our waters next year. This is on account of the need of this class of vessels in the Old Country. French Consul Lacroix, when asked if there was any truth in the report, replied that it was news to him.

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# SCH. PRISCILLA SMITH FULL OF WATER

## Haddock Ashore at Sandy Point N. S. in Bad Position.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. Forest, is ashore at Sandy Point, Shelburne harbor, N. S., and full of water. A tow-boat and pumps have been sent to the scene, but efforts to float the craft have been unsuccessful up to noon today.

A telegram from Thomas Thornburn to Schwartz & Bernstein, part owners in the craft, this noon, says that the craft failed to right at high tide. There is a strong easterly wind blowing and the wreckers are standing by. Both holds, the fore-castle and cabin are full of water.

The craft has a hole in her bottom, but it is believed that she can be saved, unless the bad weather should interfere. Capt. Manuel Silva has gone to the scene in the interests of the owners.

No particulars have been received but it is believed the craft stranded while making harbor. The Priscilla Smith measures 120.56 tons gross and 89.53 tons net. She was built at Essex in 1900, and is owned by Schwartz & Bernstein, the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company and Manuel Silva. She is valued at \$10,000 on vessel and outfits and insured at \$7500. The craft is engaged in the fresh haddock fishery.

**Can't Just Make This Out.**  
When the history of T wharf, Boston, is written, and the trials and tribulations of the fish merchants in their efforts to remain on the old wharf, and to starve off the grafters that bled them, to say nothing of other adversities, the public will understand why they left their old home and built the handsome buildings on the new pier, where they expect to finish their course in the fish business in comfort, and in the end retire peacefully. The opening was set for February 8. It is also reported that there may be some hitch in the opening of a central wholesale fish market on account of the conditions of the pier.—Fishing Gazette.

# EIGHT CAME IN THROUGH STORM

## Four Beam Trawlers and Four Off Shorers Greets With Blizzard Prices.

Eight craft tied up at the fish pier South Boston during the storm yesterday afternoon and the night. Of the four were the beam trawlers, which landed about half of the day's catch. Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. O'Neil, had 49,000 pounds fresh fish, 500 weight halibut; Natalie Hammond, Capt. Charles Corkum, 37,000 pounds; Josie and Phoebe, 42,000 pounds. Reading, Capt. John Hickey, arrived shortly before 9 o'clock this morning, her fare not being reported.

The beam trawlers in were the Str. Breaker, Ripple and Foam. Wholesalers quoted \$3.75 to \$4.00 hundred pounds for haddock, \$5.00 for large cod, \$4 to \$4.50 for market cod, \$4 to \$7 for hake, \$4.50 for pollock, \$2.50 for cusk and 18 cents per pound for fresh halibut.

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Sch. Natalie Hammond, 23,000 cod, 10,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 30,000 cod, 12,000 cod.  
Str. Surf, 46,000 haddock, 1800 cusk.  
Str. Breaker, 41,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Str. Ripple, 46,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Str. Foam, 36,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Reading, 37,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, \$5 to \$7; market cod, \$4.50; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$4.50; \$2.50; halibut, 18 cents per lb.

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# BLIZZARD HOLDS FLEET IN PORT

The storm of yesterday kept the gill netters and market boats in port, consequently there were no landings by the fleet. Quite a fleet of coastwise crafts are in port, waiting for clearing weather, before resuming their voyages.

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# AS NEW YORK SEES SALT FISH

"Cornering the hake market represents a big contract for anybody to undertake," said the executive head of a leading salt fish house last Wednesday. "You know there is an old saying to the effect that there is no end to a hake's tale. There are 350 miles of seacoast, and in every cove and bay of that great stretch of distance is at least one curer of hake."

Said a leading New York authority this week: "The expected improvement in the demand for salt fish has not yet appeared in the New York market. During the interval the market has been as dull as at any time since last fall. The tone is easy, but no quotable price changes are to be noted except in the lower grades of Norway mackerel, which show some decline."

From Boston comes the summary that dealers report a good demand for salt codfish, but receivers report no change in the situation.

### King & Winge To Be Halibuter.

Rebuilt into a halibut fishing boat at a cost of \$5000, the power schooner King & Winge, owned by King & Winge, the well known Seattle ship builders, and famous all over the world for her daring rescue of the Wrangell Island survivors of the Stefansson Arctic expedition last September, is now outfitting for her maiden voyage to the Alaska halibut banks.

With her enlistment in the Seattle fishing fleet, the King & Winge will rank as the largest halibut power schooner in the world. She will also be the fastest schooner in the local fleet. As a result of the remodeling work the vessel will have a fish capacity of 150,000. Every change necessary to convert her into a fishing boat of the highest and most efficient type was made without regard to expense or labor.

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### N. F. Bankers to Start Early.

Says the St. John's, N. F., Herald: Owing to the high prices now offering for fish, and the small stocks held in the colony, the bankers are getting ready for the western voyage unusually early and will make a start early next month. Among the foremost are Capts. John Lewis and Walter Kennedy, of Holyrood. The former's schooner Metamora, which carries a motor engine, is now in the dry dock undergoing repairs and the latter's vessel is being fitted up at Fortune. From this place a motor boat has been operating lately, seeking herrings for her, but late reports say with but poor luck. Still both vessels have enough frozen herring to begin with and hope with good weather to make a promising spring voyage.

### Fishing Vessel Owners' Association.

The organization of the owners of Seattle's independent fleet of halibut power schooners, heretofore known as the Pacific Coast Fisherman's Association, has begun the new year by re-incorporating as the Fishing Vessel Owners' Association. The reorganization of the association under the new name was effected early in this month.

The association was formed less than a year ago, and before summer had established itself on a permanent basis. Practically all the independent fleet owners have affiliated with it. A few months ago the association opened headquarters in Pier 8, the rooms including an exchange in which the fish companies' buyers and the owners of schooner arriving in port with halibut from Alaska meet every day and buy and sell.

# RECORD WORK OF SHELburne BOAT

Shelburne schooner Roseway been in port for several days and yesterday sailed for the fishing grounds under command of Captain Conrad. From December 2 to January 6, while Captain Conrad was in command the Roseway did some record work. In that time she caught 100,000 pounds of fish. This is certainly some for a crew of 11 men and that is seldom if ever equaled. The crew shared \$124 and had not been anything at all the share. They have run into far bigger catches. Shelburne, N. S., Gazette and Guard.