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MAY LOSE SEAL FISHERY.

Newfoundland Cannot Sell Products and There is Demand for Ships.

Unless some plan can be devised within a month whereby the skins and of the hair seal can be utilized by the British government for war supplies, there is a strong possibility that the seal hunt which has been an important factor in the commerce of Newfoundland for many years will be abandoned for the coming season. Because of industrial depression and war none of last year's catch of 600,000 has been disposed of, and about 133,000 of the great catch of 372,000 skins remains in the hands of brokers in London and New York. The British government has prevented the transport of seal oil to Germany, formerly one of the principal markets.

Some time ago negotiations were entered into which it was hoped would result in an arrangement for the British government to take over the entire seal fishery for the coming spring, or use in making winter garments for soldiers. The British government has been received at St. John's, however, that the manufacturers of clothing for the army find the material unsuitable.

In addition, owners of the 10 steel steamers ordinarily sent to the seal grounds in March say that there is a brisk demand for the chartering of these vessels for trans-Atlantic service. It is argued by many persons who believe that restrictive measures are necessary to protect the seals that present conditions present a favorable opportunity for omitting the hunt this year, and thus permitting the animals to increase probably by about half a million.

Should the entire hunt be abandoned it would mean the loss of six or eight weeks' employment ordinarily given to about 4000 men.

Fulton Market Fish Notes.

There was not a great deal of business in the salt water fish market last week because the supply of fish was large and prices on fancy stock were in most cases too high to attract buyers.

Fresh fish brought good money every day, the supply being limited. Large fish sold at 20 cents medium at 16 to 18 cents, and small fish at 12 to 15 cents.

During the first part of the week there was considerable market cod offered owing to the number of market boats arriving on Monday. For the first three days of the week market cod brought 2 to 5 cents a pound, while 5 to 6 cents was the quotation on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday the price was 4 to 5 cents. During the week steak cod sold at 6 to 12 cents. The highest prices prevailed on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Haddock went up to 7 cents on Thursday, but it was very fine fish at that time. On other days of the week there were made at 3 to 6 cents.

On Wednesday and Thursday there was a variety sold at 3 to 6 cents. There was very little western white fish in the market. The first three days of the week the price was 16 to 18 cents. At closing time Friday sales were being made at 14 cents. A little western white halibut was received, but it was said that the quotation was 22 cents. Pollock brought 4 to 6

CAPT. PORPER IN WITH BIG CATCH

Noted Halibut Killer Brings Sch. Cavalier Home With 50,000 Pound Fare.

With the biggest halibut trip of the winter, sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porper, arrived yesterday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock hailing for 50,000 pounds halibut and about 5000 pounds salt cod.

The Cavalier has been absent four weeks and fished on Green Bank. The crew had quite a number of headline fish on the trip and evidently found good fishing. The Cavalier lost 18 skates of trawl on the trip.

Sch. Georgianna from the Cape Shore had a 25,000 pound fare which she sold at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company's wharf.

None of the gill netters were out Saturday, but yesterday most of the fleet lifted, taking about 21,000 pounds fish. The Orion was high line with 6000 weight pollock.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Cavalier, Green Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Georgianna, Cape Shore, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sunday's Gill Netting Fares.

- Str. Orion, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Ethel, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Julia May, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Medomak, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mystery, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Hugo, gill netting, 200 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, 80c; dressed, 90c.
 - Fresh halibut 11c for white and 7 1-2c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

MORE FROZEN HERRING COMING

Capt. Norman A. Ross arrived overland last night from Lunenburg, N. S. The British sch. Artisan which left here December 11 in charge of Capt. Ross, sailed from Lunenburg this morning with a full cargo of Newfoundland herring and salt fish, which will be taken by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company, one of the firms which chartered the vessel. The Artisan has 200 barrels pickled herring, 175,000 pounds frozen herring and 200,000 pounds salt cod.

CAR TRACKS TO NEW PIER AT ONCE

The street car connection so urgently needed by the new South Boston Fish Pier since it was built is to be constructed at once by the Boston Elevated Company, the plans to be approved by the Port Directors. The state will pay the entire cost of construction and the Elevated will thereafter pay four per cent. of the state's investment. Such is the statement made yesterday by the Port Directors. The contract will expire July 1, 1922, but it may be renewed by mutual agreement. It is expected that the contract will be signed by the Port Directors and representatives of the railway tomorrow. Then it will go to the governor and council.

The new line will run on the viaduct from Summer street to Commonwealth Pier, then branch off to the Fish Pier.

PRISCILLA SMITH A TOTAL LOSS.

Latest reports from Shelburne, N. S., indicate that sch. Priscilla Smith of this port, which went ashore a week ago today while making harbor, is a total loss. According to information given by the crew, the Smith poked her nose on the rocks during a blinding snow storm, near Deming's Island. She had between 15,000 and 20,000 pounds fish aboard at the time.

Installing Freezer Machinery.

Mr. Michaelson of Philadelphia, an expert in freezer machinery equipment is here, installing the new equipment at the Cooney plant at the Fort.

STORY OF TWO HUB FISH PIERS

New Mart Has Six Trips and Old T Wharf Four on Opening Day.

With the re-opening of old T wharf, Boston now has two wholesale fish marts. At T wharf, four arrivals were reported this morning while at the new pier, six fares were on hand.

The fleet at the former were shore crafts with new fish. At the new pier, the off shores brought the bulk of supply. Steamer Wave had 83,000 pounds, of which 34,000 pounds were scrod. Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, had 47,000 pounds and sch. Elsie, Capt. William French had 57,000 pounds and 400 weight of fresh halibut.

Wholesale prices at both markets were \$3.75 to \$6 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 to \$6.50 for large cod, \$3.50 to \$4 for market cod, \$4 to \$7 for hake, \$4 to \$4.50 for pollock, \$3.75 for cusk and 17 cents a pound for halibut.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.**
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
 - Sch. Angeline C. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 300 cod, 10,000 hake.
 - Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1500 hake.
 - Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 5000 haddock, 100 cod, 300 cusk.

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

- Str. Wave, 78,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Elsie, 41,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 3000 hake, 5500 cusk, 400 halibut.
- Sch. Manomet, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.
- Sch. Waltham, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 hake.
- Sch. Gov. Foss, 37,000 haddock, \$500 cod, 2000 cusk.
- Haddock, \$3.75 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$4 to \$4.50; cusk, \$3.75; halibut 17c per lb.

Dropped in Value a Little.

A drop of \$181,176 in the value of fish products and marine animals taken by Canadian fishermen last year is shown by the annual report of the fisheries branch just issued. The total for the year was \$33,207,748, the number of men employed being 71,776. There were 1,992 vessels and tugs used and 37,686 boats. Shore work and canneries gave employment to 26,893. An increase of 2,789 in the number of gasoline boats shows the passing of the sailing craft. The report emphasizes the fact that Canada's fisheries are the most extensive in the world. Canadian waters containing the principal commercial food fishes in greater abundance than those of any other country.

SWAYING 'EM OUT AT OLD T WHARF

Historic Fish Mart Reopened This Morning—Four of Market Fleet in the Dock—Prices Same As at New Pier.

Old T wharf came back to its own again this morning, when the familiar land mark, which for years was the great fresh mart of New England, reopened with business in full swing again

When the stalls opened, there were four trips at the wharf, against six fares at the new pier at South Boston. The roll of honor included the down east schs, Elizabeth W. Nunan and Angeline C. Nunan, also schs. Matthew S. Greer and Elva L. Spurling.

interest and curiosity along the water front. It looked like old times again and as the fish were hoisted out of the holds to the wharf, a large throng on Atlantic avenue, and the wharf, witnessed the operations.

Prices at the old wharf and the new pier were about the same on the opening with prospects, however, that new fish would probably hold up better at T wharf during the day as a whole, so the T wharf men claimed. Wholesale prices on the whole were good, and other arrivals were expected during the day.

It was a grand day for the fishermen, many of whom were glad to get back to their old familiar haunts again.

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TELLS OF CAPE BRETON FISHERIES

Capt. McCuish Came Over Bridge Horne Dynamited.

Capt. Daniel McCuish, who has been engaged in the service of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company at Ingonish, Cape Breton, the past season, arrived home here Thursday, coming all the way by train. Capt. McCuish said he was in St. John, N. B., Tuesday and was about to leave there when word came that the international bridge at Vanceboro was wrecked by dynamiter Horne, who is in jail in Machias, Maine. This he said caused a delay of 24 hours, as no train was allowed to go over the bridge. However temporary repairs were made, which enabled the train to pass over, but at very slow speed.

The attempted destruction of this bridge, caused, he said, great excitement in New Brunswick, as well as in Maine and was the general topic of conversation on the train so that the engineers and conductors used great

precaution in running their trains.

Capt. McCuish said the fishing at Ingonish and vicinity had been good in late fall and early winter, but the ice came down the gulf December 29, which was unusually early. This caused the fishermen to cease operations, but he secured a large quantity of fish for the company, much of which has not yet come forward. Also at Neils Harbor, the fishermen did well and their catch remains to be shipped, considerable of which will be marketed in the United States.

George Bragg, who fished out of here several years, is now located at Glace Bay. He had a gasoline boat, and this fall and winter fished out of Ingonish, doing pretty well and sold his fish to the Gorton-Pew Company. He froze his little craft full of fish and went to Sydney, where he sold them to good advantage.

GILL NETTERS IN POOR LUCK

Fish on Shore Are Scarce, and Little, Hard Workers Fare Badly.

This port was without an arrival this morning, the only fresh fish since yesterday being a few thousand pounds landed by the gill netters.

The gill netters are meeting with poor luck these days, some of them finding it hard to pay expenses. Some of the larger boats will put out for a while, until the spring run of haddock along the shore.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Haddock, \$1.75.
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Good Stocks.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, stocked \$2170 and the crew shared \$45.50 on the recent haddocking trip.
Sch. Elsie, Capt. William French, stocked \$2240 and the crew shared \$47 on the recent haddocking trip.
Str. Wave, beam trawling, stocked \$4000 on the last trip.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the American Halibut Company for 11 cents per pound for white and 7 1-2 cents for gray.

NEW PIER HAS 4 T WHARF

Arrivals With New Fish This Morning Were Green With Good Prices.

There were no arrivals at T wharf this morning, while the South Boston pier had but four fares, two steam trawlers and two shore boats. Yesterday afternoon the new schooner Somerville, Capt. Felix Hogan, arrived from her maiden trip with 85,000 pound fare. Sch. Onato also arrived, hauling for 58,000 pounds.

Wholesale quotations were \$5 to a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6.75 for large, and \$4.50 for market. \$5 to \$7 for hake and \$5 for pollock.

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ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH MARKET
Sch. Onato, 37,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Str. Crest, 51,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Str. Breaker, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Somerville, 47,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 cusk, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 1500 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Esther Gray, 4500 cod.
Haddock, \$5 to \$6 per cwt.; cod, \$6.50 to \$7; market cod, \$4.50 to \$5 to \$7; pollock, \$5.

Boston Craft Ashore and Fished.

A message received at Yarmouth, C. H. Harvey, Nova Scotia agent of the department of marine and fisheries, a week ago Sunday evening, from the Canadian government schooner Aranmore, stated that she had succeeded in hauling the American fishing schooner Ruth off the coast of Pubnico, where she went ashore Sunday. The cause of the vessel's stranding is not known, but it is thought that the intensely cold weather caused a vapor and with the northeast wind that was blowing she lost her anchor and was carried out by her crew. Aranmore was on duty working in the vicinity and went to the rescue of the schooner. The extent of the damage could not be ascertained, no further particulars learned. The schooner is owned in Boston.

Flounders Doing Well.

The flounder fishermen at Provincetown made record catches last week and with no fish of any note from other ports the price has been high for the boats stocking as high as in week.

An Extra Friday This Year.

The fishing interests of the town will be pleased to learn that there will be 53 Fridays during the year. Superstitious will also find in the excuse for considering 1915 a lucky year.—Canadian Fisherman.