

April 28

SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

INGOMAR FORCED TO RETURN TO REPLACE BROKEN GAFF.

The Rip fisherman Ingomar returned to port yesterday with her main gaff broken, caused probably by its hitting against the rigging when the vessel was jibing. Capt. Sayward McLaren will get a new one and expects to be off to Georges again today to resume handling.

Skipper "Jim" Parsons of the gill netter Elizabeth and James, one of Capt. "Mike" Shoares' fleet, almost topped the fleet yesterday with his catch of 12,000 pounds of haddock. He caught them off the Isle of Shoals. The Parsonses know their fishing grounds all right.

Fisherman George Cluett of sch. Pilgrim is on his way home from North Sydney, Nova Scotia, being forced to leave his craft because of illness. The Pilgrim, with Capt. Cecil Moulton in command, is halibut-ing, having left here April 10.

The Lady of the Rosary is one of the new trawlers to land fish here, hailing from Provincetown, and taking her fares out at Murray & Tarr's at the Fort. This concern took the bulk of the trawlers' fish yesterday. Her skipper is Capt. Tony Joseph.

Squib's sincere sympathy is extended to Capt. Howard Tobey who had the misfortune to lose his seine boat and purser while mackerel seining in sch. Nyoda off the Virginia coast. It all happened last Thursday night, April 20, with no one around the Nyoda, except a howling gale of wind and a rip-roaring sea which threatened to take all in its wake, near the Winterquarter Lightship, 55 miles east by north of Chesapeake Lightship. The Nyoda had her seine aboard, but the purser and seine boat had to be sacrificed to the sea, when a deluge swamped the long white craft and turned her upside down. The ropes were cut and that's the last the Nyoda saw of her. Capt. Tobey is getting another seine boat, and will return south as soon as he can, probably before the first of the week. Incidentally that boat and purser costs around \$1400 when new, and they don't allow insurance on them, so they tell Squibs. Wotta life!

The halibuter Oretha F. Spinney, Capt. Carl Olson, went to try his luck again on Georges, Wednesday.

Alderman J. Russell Bohan has been quite a busy man this past week, for not only has he been acting mayor of the city in the absence of Mayor John E. Parker, but he has also had charge of the local branch of the Booth Fisheries company in the absence of the manager, Henry F. Brown, who was also in Washington with the Thebaud. On top of that the genial city father has been in training for a bridge tournament, which occurred last night.

SQUIBS

GOOD LANDINGS AT THIS PORT

GILL NETTERS STRUCK LOTS HADDOCK—LITTLE TRAWLERS DID WELL.

Over 80,000 pounds of fresh fish were landed here since yesterday by 12 trawlers and 14 gill netters, the latter bringing in 58,200 pounds, while the trawlers had 22,500 pounds, mostly cod and haddock.

The Edna Fae, Capt. Leslie Dorrance, led the gill netters again with 14,000 pounds, which were taken by the Cape Ann Cold Storage. Otherwise the waterfront is extremely quiet.

The Nyoda expects to sail for the south again before the first of the week, as soon as she acquires a new seine boat for the mackereling off New Jersey.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Nephthys, trawling, 2500 lbs. haddock and cod.

Minerva, trawling, 5000 lbs. cod. Three Sisters, trawling, 1500 lbs. cod.

Sally and Joseph, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.

Florence and John, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.

Cora Jane, trawling, 1500 lbs. cod. Theresa, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.

Emma W., trawling, 500 lbs. cod. Kale Tysver, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.

Plymouth Rock, trawling, 2000 lbs. cod.

Lady of the Rosary, trawling, 2500 lbs. cod.

La Paloma, trawling, 3500 lbs. cod.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Edna Fae, 14,000 lbs. haddock. Elizabeth and James, 12,000 lbs. haddock.

Lucretia, 5500 lbs. haddock.

Enterprise, 5000 lbs. haddock.

Agnes and Myrnie, 4000 lbs. cod.

Virginia and Joan, 3500 lbs. cod.

Naomi Bruce II., 3000 lbs. cod.

Phyllis A., 2500 lbs. cod.

Mary A., 2500 lbs. cod.

Nashawena, 2000 lbs. cod.

Liboria C., 2000 lbs. cod.

Eliza C. Riggs, 2000 lbs. cod.

C. A. Meister, 1200 lbs. cod and haddock.

Myrtle and Gladys, 1000 lbs. cod.

Report Lobsters Scarce.

The lobster fishermen of the Canso, N. S., district received a severe setback this week when the drift ice which has been sifting through the Strait of Canso recently was carried into Canso harbor by the northerly winds of the past few days. When the ice was sighted the fishermen made frantic efforts to save their gear but a large number of traps were carried away before they could be landed, some fishermen losing practically all their gear. This is a serious matter as it will put the men out of business for the remainder of the season, as it will be impossible for them to replace their outfit.

Lobster are reported scarce up to the present and prices are ruling low.

Viernoe in Halifax, N. S.

National fish trawler Viernoe arrived at Halifax, Tuesday, from the fishing grounds with a good fare of fish.

Portland News.

Only two fish fares were reported Thursday, the Boston dragger St. Mochale having 7000 pounds and the Nantucket dragger Alice and May 3000 pounds.

BOSTON MARKET IS DOWN AGAIN

RECEIPTS OF OVER 600,000 POUNDS FROM 15 VESSELS TODAY

Fifteen arrivals were reported at the Boston fish pier this morning with 473,000 pounds of groundfish and 137,000 pounds of mixed fish. One vessel, sch. Frances C. Denehey, took out 68,000 pounds of fresh fish at Provincetown in addition to 20,000 pounds of codfish at Boston today. Prices were down again. Haddock sold at \$1.60 to \$2.50; large cod, \$1.50 to \$2; market cod, \$1.25 to \$2.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Str. Brookline, 70,000 haddock, 42,000 cod, 27,000 mixed fish.

Str. Amherst, 72,000 haddock, 36,000 cod, 43,000 mixed fish.

Leonora C., 32,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.

Marie and Winnifred, 22,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.

Milton, 11,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.

Gertrude M. Fauci, 47,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 24,000 mixed fish.

Isabel Parker, 41,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.

Frances C. Denehey, 20,000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.

Salvatore, 2200 mixed fish.

Francesca, 3000 mixed fish.

Nova Antonio, 3100 mixed fish.

St. Joseph, 4700 mixed fish.

Lucy, 2700 mixed fish.

Mary Grace, 1600 mixed fish.

Carmella, 2600 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$1.60 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.50 to \$2; market cod, \$1.25 to \$2; hake, 50 cents to 60 cents; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1; gray sole, 2½ cent to 4 cents per pound; lemon sole, 6 cents; black backs, 2 cents; yellow tails, 1½ cents; dabs, 1½ cents; catfish, 1 cent to 1½ cents.

STOCK DESTROYED.

Bay State Company in East Boston Has \$10,000 Blaze.

More than 200,000 pounds of smoked and dried fish were ruined late last night by a fire believed to have been caused by a spark thrown from the stack of a dredger, which caused loss estimated at \$10,000 at the building of the Bay State Fish Company on New street, East Boston.

Two alarms were sounded, calling apparatus from Boston, and the fire was confined to the top floor and roof of the five-story brick building. Alphonso Camerlingo, watchman at the Atlantic works, near the damaged building, discovered the fire and sounded the first alarm.

The building is in a congested section near the pier of the North ferry and large crowds gathered to watch the firemen at work. The blaze was under control soon after firemen arrived.

SENATE FAVORS FISHERIES DIVISION

Senators Haley and Nicholson Make Strong Pleas for State's Oldest Industry —Bill Engrossed by 25-14 Vote

(Special to the Times)

State House, Boston, April 28.— With Senators Cornelius F. Haley of Rowley and Donald W. Nicholson of Wareham leading the fight for the legislation, the Senate yesterday afternoon passed to be engrossed the bill establishing a division of commercial fisheries in the state department of agriculture.

The test vote came on ordering the bill to a third reading with the Haley-Nicholson movement successful to the tune of 25 to 14. Before the Senate adjourned for the week, Senator Haley moved that the rules be suspended in order that the proposal might be given a final reading and sent to the House. This motion carried without debate and the lower legislative branch will probably receive the proposal this morning.

Opposition was headed by Senator Arthur W. Hollis of Newton. He opened the debate seeking an explanation of the need of the legislation. This was supplied by Senator Henry Parkman of Boston, who, after referring to the theft of the Sacred Cod, expressed the belief that "the codfish needs protection."

The Newton member hit right back at Parkman, declaring, "It is not known who took the Sacred Cod," but no one less than six feet tall could have reached it." This caused a ripple of laughter in the Senate chamber, for Parkman is well over six feet. As to the bill itself, Hollis said, "The Legislature has already abolished several divisions, and now you want to establish a brand new one."

Pleaded for Industry

Strong pleas for the Commonwealth's oldest industry were made by both Haley and Nicholson. The Cape member warned the members that "something must be done to aid the state's oldest industry."

To this, Senator Samuel H. Wragg

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

- Canso—No bait. Ice available. No drift ice.
- Halifax — Ten thousand pounds frozen herring available.
- Liverpool — Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.
- Lockeport — Two hundred fifty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
- Lunenburg—No bait. Plenty ice available.
- North Sydney — Twenty barrels fresh herring and plenty ice available. Harbor clear of drift ice. Schooners can enter and clear without difficulty.
- Port Hawkesbury—No bait.
- Queensport—Fresh bait scarce today. No drift ice in Bay. Six vessels in port.
- Shelburne—Eighty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.
- Yarmouth—Plenty frozen bait and ice available.
- Grindstone—No drift ice in sight. Plenty herring in nets at Old Harry, Albright and Amherst Island. Seines now in operation. Plenty ice available.

of Needham replied that to be consistent the Senate would have to reject the bill. He said it was just one more step to increase the cost of government.

"A man who is consistent is a jackass," was Nicholson's reply.

Senator Joseph R. Cotton of Lexington, also in opposition, wondered why it was proposed to create the division within the agriculture department. "If we place this division in the agriculture department, we may settle that old question of whether digging clams is fishing or farming, and that would be some help."

In Bad Shape

"The fishing industry of the State is in a serious condition, and needs this legislation," Senator Haley declared. "The state's oldest industry is begging for this legislation. Members will recall that Governor Ely in his message to the Legislature called for legislation to aid the fishermen. This bill means a lot to the industry. It is certainly for the public good and the public interest. It is for the welfare of the people of Massachusetts as a whole."

Senator Charles A. Stevens of Lowell said other industries are in as strained conditions as the fishing industry, and held that if the bill were passed they would be entitled to similar divisions. He urged rejection of the bill as did Senator Charles G. Miles of Brockton.

The vote was then taken, resulting in passage of the bill.

Notice to Mariners.

The superintendent of lighthouses, Portland, Me., announces the following:

Crabtree Ledge Light Station, Sullivan Harbor, Frenchman Bay, Me., was permanently discontinued April 25, 1933, and Crabtree Ledge Bell Buoy, 1, black, established 100 yards 95 degrees from the light tower in 47 feet of water. (Light Lists, Atlantic Coast, 1933, No. 21, and New England Coast, 1932, No. 21 and page 98.)

Files Shore Lobster Bill.

A bill to prohibit importation or interstate movement of lobsters less than 10 1-2 inches in length has been introduced in the Senate by Senator White (R., Me.) Similar to a bill introduced last session, it is designed to protect New England lobstermen from competition from "short" Canadian lobsters.

SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

SACRED COD MAY BE MISSING BUT LOCAL CRAFT FIND THEM PLENTY.

The sacred cod may have been missing at the State House, but they were here in great abundance yesterday and today, when the trawlers and gill netter landed 75,000 pounds of the favorite fish. Fresh herring bait is the reason given by Squibs for this volume, for there's nothing a cod will bite on any quicker than this delicacy, which is being trucked over the road from Provincetown.

This same cod, they say, is gathered from the briny in the vicinity of Boar's Head, Halfway Rock and Middle Bank, points that aren't so very far from home. And by the way, 'tis very near the time when fresh herring will be appearing in the harbor, a few having already been reported as getting inside the Breakwater.

Skipper Leslie Dorrance of the gill netter Edna Fae, which lands its fish at the Cape Ann Cold Storage at the Fort, is riding high, wide and handsome in bringing home the bacon—or rather fish. Thursday he was reported with the record catch of 14,000 pounds of haddock, and yesterday 'tis reported that he landed 6500 pounds of cod, leading the fleet both days.

The sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud is expected to dock at the Atlantic Supply company wharf here sometime tomorrow from her pilgrimage to Washington, where the vessel and her crew of skippers made such a great hit with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and with Congress, in fact, with everybody. With Capt. Jimmy Abbott at the wheel, she will probably sail soon on another haddocking trip to the banks.

Yesterday the Thebaud docked at Cape May, New Jersey, where the local mackerel seining and netting fleet is staying, to return Capts. Alex Seaburg and Edward Brex, New Jersey's representatives to the White House, to their homes. Once again they received a great welcome from the fishermen and the waterfront was decked with pennants. Newport, Rhode Island, is her goal tonight.

Sch. Grand Marshal, which fits out at the United Fisheries company, set sail yesterday morning for "somewhere in the mid-Atlantic" in quest of the highly esteemed halibut. Capt. Chris Gibbs is her new skipper, and with him as one of the crew is the same "Kite" Snow, who gave his friends here quite a surprise the other day when he showed up after an absence of almost 20 years.

Capt. Joseph Rose took the sch. Magellan on a dragging voyage yesterday morning, and will hunt for haddock miles away. The Magellan also fits out at the United Fisheries company.

She's a Provincetown Beauty, is the small trawler that landed her fish yesterday at Hall and Murray's on Mellow's wharf. At least that is the name of Capt. Joseph Thomas' craft, christened "Beauty," and proud of it. Incidentally she had 6500 pounds of the sacred cod.

The dragger Marie and Winnifred arrived in port early yesterday morning, towed by the Coast Guard cutter Mojave, from Cashe's ledge, where she was caught without fuel. Capt. Jerome Noble docked the vessel at Chisholm's wharf.