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# Cod Fishery 1913

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Name	Cash capital	value of plants	wages paid all hands	Persons employed					Shore hauls over stones		Landing vessels		Boats, row		Pile lines		Lines Hand		Lines Trawl		Sill nets		Dry Salted		Curd tongues		Pickled Cod		Oil		Stockfish											
				Alaska	John	John	John	John	No.	val.	No.	val.	No.	val.	No.	val.	No.	val.	No.	val.	No.	val.	No.	val.	Pounds	val.	No.	val.	No.	val.	No.	val.	Lb.	val.								
Alaska Codfish Co.	50,000	45,000	76,600	32	130	34	-	-	1	31	8,000	2	2200	3	999	34,000	142	6000	2	250	142	75	-	-	3,709,200	111,276	-	-	-	-	-	-										
Union Fish Co.	50,000	60,000	39,680	12	111	8	5	1	3	269	72,000	-	-	5	916	34,500	103	3,090	-	-	200	103	6300	700	100	1,500	-	-	3,547,000	103,380	8000	40	720	1700	204	270	60	-	-			
Pac. States Tr. Co.	24,600	5,000	13,513	3	40	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	477	22,000	36	1,080	-	-	75	50	-	-	680,000	34,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Pac. Coast Codfish Co.	50,000	-	24,358	32	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	560	30,000	46	1,610	-	-	200	500	-	-	1,644,000	41,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Robinson Fisheries Co.	20,000	-	16,295	4	32	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	220	6,000	21	630	-	-	-	-	-	-	746,000	18,650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Methuen Fisheries Co.	20,251	5,000	38,189	23	54	3	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	2	450	15,600	36	1,800	-	-	300	600	-	-	1,434,000	44,404	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
John H. Nelson	-	5,120	1,520	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	220	-	-	30	38	-	-	105,300	2,632	-	-	14,000	420	-	-	5,000	250	-	-						
R. H. Johnson	-	2,500	200	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,700	125	-	-						
				214,851	122,620	210,355	48	424	53	5	1	4	290	80,000	3	3200	15	36,220	142,100	400	1,730	2	250	977	1,406	6,300	700	100	1,500	-	-	11,885,500	355,992	8000	40	720	15,700	624	210	60	7,700	375

omit not in Alaska

at Anacortes omit

under oil + putty

In B. B. Alaska the Alaska Bill - Union Co part of 1600 lbs. pickled cod worth \$6,400.

## Codfish

### SAN FRANCISCO, CODFISH.

While the San Francisco codfishing companies have received about a normal amount of fish for the year, they are still in hopes of getting one or two more cargoes in from the stations before the end of the year, as there is still a fair supply awaiting transportation, and the market, taking the country as a whole, is in fairly promising condition, and the local market though until recently was rather quiet, is firm.

C. P. Overton, of the Union Fish Company, says: "Our new power schooner Golden State has completed her first round trip, and is ready to load back once more for the stations. She rather more than fulfilled our expectations of codfish. Her 150 h. p. Union engine worked perfectly, and the captain estimates that it easily saved 30 days, as the round trip was made inside of 60 days, while without the engine it would have taken at least three months. With propellor, steam hoisting gear, electric searchlight, etc., we have for the first time a complete and properly equipped station tender.

The catch of this season is now all in or known exactly, and is fully up to expectations. At the same time the eastern demand likewise came up to the hopes of Pacific Coast producers, and surplus stocks, of which there were several hundred tons, have been shipped or are sold for future shipment to the Atlantic coast, leaving this market in a very comfortable condition. The general sentiment among producers is unfavorable to any further sales for eastern shipment; but should prices there advance materially over the figures now prevailing, this might induce further moderate shipments.

"The stiff and strong market in Porto Rico is perhaps the best index to the scarcity of stock on the East Coast, and is exceedingly encouraging to Pacific Coast producers. Some hesitancy has been shown by eastern buyers about taking their full requirements from the west, pending the outcome of the new tariff. Personally we have little fear of its effect on our market. Producers in the Provinces have been holding back their fish, waiting for the bill to go into effect. It would be scarcely credible to think that they held back goods for which there is a market in order that the buyer may get them for less money. Indeed it means just one thing, namely that the man in the provinces expects to get for himself a part if not all of the former duty. It means that the consumer is going to pay just as much for the fish as before, but that a portion of this cost will now be diverted from the United States Government to the fish producers of the Canadian Provinces."

Henry Levi, of the Alaska Codfish Co., says: "The eastern demand still keeps up, but we are not meeting the prices offered by eastern buyers. Prices here are steady, the demand being only fair, owing to the continued warm weather. The removal of duty on fish has not affected the mar-

ket, and the Porto Rico and export markets are firm. Fine weather is reported in Alaska, but fishing in that district has been rather slack."

The Alaska Codfish Company again dispatched its schooner City of Papeete, which had returned for repairs, on Oct. 7.

### SMALL CATCH OF CODFISH.

The codfish schooner Albert Myer returned to Prince Rupert October 16 with only about 1,000 pounds. This vessel was sent out on her first trip by the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. to Bering sea, altogether too late in the season to secure a catch as she did not reach Prince Rupert from San Diego, where she had been purchased, until the latter part of August.

### MORE CODFISH ARRIVE.

The codfisher Union Jack of the Union Fish Co., San Francisco, arrived at Anacortes, Wash., October 29, with 40 tons of codfish for the Matheson Fisheries Co. The Union Jack is a trolling boat and was sent north this season as an experiment, trolling at Pirate Cove. The catch was small as the boat's capacity is 100 tons.

### UNION FISH CO. MUST STAND TRIAL

The following article appeared in a recent issue of the San Francisco Chronicle:

"By his action Monday in overruling the demurrer of the Union Fish Co. to the suit for \$240,000 brought against it by the Pacific States Trading Co., U. S. District Judge Van Fleet has forced the big fish combination to file its answer within 10 days and to stand trial on the charge that it entered into a combination and conspiracy to force the plaintiff out of business. This is alleged to have happened in 1908, when the Pacific States Trading Co. had a very successful catch of codfish amounting to about 1,000 tons. It is charged that the Union Fish Co. lowered the price of codfish far below the cost of catching and curing, and even threatened the plaintiff that it would give codfish away unless the plaintiff sold its large catch to the so-called trust at the latter's figures.

"It is further alleged that by threats to plaintiff's customers that as soon as plaintiff was out of business they would not be able to get any more codfish, and that by selling the fish at a very low price the plaintiff was deprived of its customers, and was forced to sell the fish at a sacrifice rather than lose the entire catch. Plaintiff alleges it was so seriously crippled that it was compelled to turn over its plant to the defendants and was forced out of business.

"Plaintiff alleges that it was damaged \$40,000 and that it lost an additional \$40,000 by reason of being out of business during 1909 and 1910, which sum would have represented its reasonable profit had it been carrying on business.

"Under the Sherman anti-trust act the amount of damages recovered against the defendants will be trebled."

### 1913—PACIFIC COAST CODFISH FLEET—1913 SAN FRANCISCO.

Owner.	Vessel.	Sailed.	Arrived.	Catch.
Union Fish Co.	Golden State	August 15	.....	175,000
Union Fish Co.	Galilee	Nov. 11, 1912	January 11	190,847
Union Fish Co.	Sequoia	March 29	May 30	231,000
Union Fish Co.	Galilee	March 7	September 9	145,000
Union Fish Co.	Vega	February 6	September 14	130,000
Alaska Codfish Co.	John D. Spreckels	January 25	Wrecked Mar. 29	145,000
Alaska Codfish Co.	William H. Dimond	March 19	August 20	160,000
Alaska Codfish Co.	City of Papeete	March 13	August 27	183,000
Pacific States Trading Co.	Ottillie Fjord	March 18	August 26	99,000
Pacific States Trading Co.	Bertha Dolbeer	March 8	July 28	52,000

### PUGET SOUND.

Matheson Fisheries Co.	Maid of Orleans	April 13	September 10	105,000
Matheson Fisheries Co.	Fanny Dutard	April 11	September 10	195,000
Robinson Fisheries Co.	Alice	March 27	September 2	137,000
Blom Codfish Co.	Fortuna	(Laid up)	.....	.....
Pacific Coast Codfish Co.	John A.	April 5	September 15	140,000
Pacific Coast Codfish Co.	Chas. R. Wilson	April 2	September 2	187,000

†And 128 barrels herring.

## Salt Fish

### SEATTLE MARKET

The salt fish market has changed but little during the past month.

Salmon—The trouble with this excellent article of food is that it has fallen into the five per cent. crowd, who look for their commission, but nothing else, unless it may be said each is looking who can record the lowest price. The general market may be said to be about \$7.50 for Red Alaska, \$7.00 for Silvers, and \$6.00 for Pinks, all of first class quality, f. o. b. here. There is no question that there is a large pack, but that is all the more reason for putting forth some effort to market the fish instead of turning pirate and slaughtering it for anything that is offered.

Codfish—The market in the East is firm, and in as much as all danger from over-desire to sell has passed, there is no danger from price cutting. We have done much the largest business in our record this past month, all at satisfactory prices, and the market is stronger. There is at least twice as much codfish produced on this coast as there is salt salmon, counted in tons. There is no question that the salmon is at least as good a food produce, yet codfish is bringing nearly twice the price of salmon by the pound.

Herring—I stated several times last winter that if I could get all the Alaska herring in barrels, that I could get a price that would net the fishermen handsome returns. This year I have nearly all the pack, and I am now paying the fishermen \$9.50 per barrel for their fish—herring running 500 to 550 per barrel properly cured and packed. Two years ago the price was about \$7, with a very slow market. This again shows what can be done in selling goods when intelligently handled.

All signs point to better times. Alaska herring has been recognized in the East as superior to any herring produced anywhere else in the world, and I am getting for good Alaska herring, counting 500 to 550 and weighing 200 pounds per barrel, \$3.00 per barrel more laid down in the East than 400 count Iceland herring will bring there, weighing 220 lbs. per barrel. Goods of merit intelligently handled will command a good price. Salt salmon has the merit, all that is lacking in the mixture is the brains.

J. E. SHIELDS.

### SAN FRANCISCO SALT SALMON.

The heavy arrivals of September about cleaned up the delivery of salt Alaska salmon for San Francisco, the only shipment worth mentioning in the last month being about 400 bbls. on the codfishing schooner Golden State. A few small shipments have also arrived from Puget Sound by steamer, and the entire season's supply of the San Francisco packers amounts to about 25,000 bbls. The market for salt salmon is picking up a little, but the situation is nothing like as satisfactory as in the canned fish. While many buyers have been holding off thinking they could beat the market down to still lower levels, most of them have by this time given it up, and there has lately been a very fair movement.

It is pretty well realized that prices have reached bottom, and while some packers still have a fair amount on hand, they are holding quite firmly. Until recently some were willing to book exceptionally desirable orders at \$7.50, but it is doubtful if anything could now be had below \$8. Some of the largest packs are said to be entirely sold out.

Salmon bellies in original packages are still scarce, and a number of local dealers who placed advance orders with some of the northern packers are greatly disappointed at the failure of those packers to deliver the goods. To meet the local demand, bellies are being cut from the salt salmon; and it is said that the demand for strips cut from the backs is running ahead of the call for bellies. It is reported that one local firm last month cut up 750 bbls. of salt salmon, and is still behind on orders for the strips.

A factor of firmness in the salt market is the

*Fishing - 100,000 fish  
Station - 30,000  
Fishing - 30,000 fish  
Station - 22,000*

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# Pacific States

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