

Jan. 30, 1957

MANY IN TOWN, shopkeepers and lonely hearts, watched the men and machinery of the New England Dredge and Dock Company move away over the weekend with considerable regret. As much dredging as could be done with the dredge was completed and now, because of the heavy junk and trash along the west side of the new pier, in the vicinity of the "T", the job must be completed by crane and bucket scoop . . . Walter Olsen, company foreman had made arrangements with Fenner Bridgeham, owner of the former Hathaway building to buy some heavy equipment used in connection with the marine building and railway business once conducted there. Saturday night the company tug pulled close to shore at high tide to take aboard the heavy cable drum and other last pieces. During the day Lil Holway and Virginia Steinbuch who live on the second floor had done all of their laundry, girdles, bras, pants and 24 pairs of Christmas-present panties. The next day they went out to take in their wash. By that time the tug, of course, had gone, the heavy pieces of machinery . . . and 24 pairs of Christmas-present panties. Everything else was undisturbed! Did the tug move bravely into New Haven with 24 colorful panties flying from the masthead?



Old Wharf coming down. White bldg. is Baxter's Fish. These three pictures taken December 26, 1956



New Wharf, left; old wharf, right. In lower picture is old wharf bldgs on right, the front one being taken down in above 3 pictures. Oct. 21, 1956



- July 3, 1956 -

TUESDAY MORNING THE Westcott Construction Company, general contractors for Provincetown's new municipal pier began tearing away the old wharf. Start was made just north of Baxter's fish plant so that the activities of the party and sportsfishing boats would not be curtailed at the Town float.



January 2, 1958

Fish Exchange Opens Today

The new Provincetown fish exchange got under way on Mac-Millan Wharf here starting at 9 a.m. today in the Seafood Packers, Inc., building on the new wharf.

The fish exchange will be operating from 9 to 9:30 a.m. daily except Sundays and holidays. The large board has been installed in the building and installation of four telephones for the use of fish buyers has been completed.

The fish exchange, which also will handle scallops, was announced early this month by Max Finkel, president of the Sea Food Packers, Inc. The exchange will allow sale of catches in Province-

town to the highest bidder and it is expected that boats from other ports will be induced to come here to sell their fish, Mr. Finkel said. He also expected the exchange will attract buyers from other places.

A clock will be set at 9 a.m. to ring at 9:30 a.m. and when this bell goes off the half-hour auction will be over.

- January 8, 1958 -

It looks sort of like old times to see the old Baxter Fish Company building hooked up to the new wharf. We've heard some people say in their opinion the old building spoils the general appearance of the new wharf, but we don't agree. To us, it is picturesque, and typically Provincetown, just the sort of thing that artists love to sketch and paint. As a matter of fact, on a mild day a couple of weeks ago, we saw a man set up an easel, and begin a painting of the old building, standing on piles, and reflected in the harbor water.