



Wharf Scene, Provincetown, Mass.

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The H. & S. Cook & Company Wharf directly across from the Figurehead House (In the background under big tree, left) - 1908

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This view is the shore view of card preceding. Figurehead house, left of white house. Vacant lot was the Kibbe Cook Ship Yard. Wharf showing on left is the Charley Austin Cook Wharf, with the MacMillan House directly in back of it.

- View about 1910

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H. & S. Cook & Co.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Dry Codfish and Mackerel and Fish Oil of All Kinds.

Provincetown, Mass., has long been recognized as a leading market for supplies of salt water fish in this country. The growth which has attended the fish trade is illustrative in no small degree of that general development which has characterized the commerce of Provincetown during over half a century. The demand now includes not only home consumption but also heavy cargoes for shipment. This enormous contribution to the food supply of the country is the result of many year's growth, and is specially due to the enterprise of such houses as that of Messrs. H. & S. Cook & Co., who, during the past 40 years, have provided means for

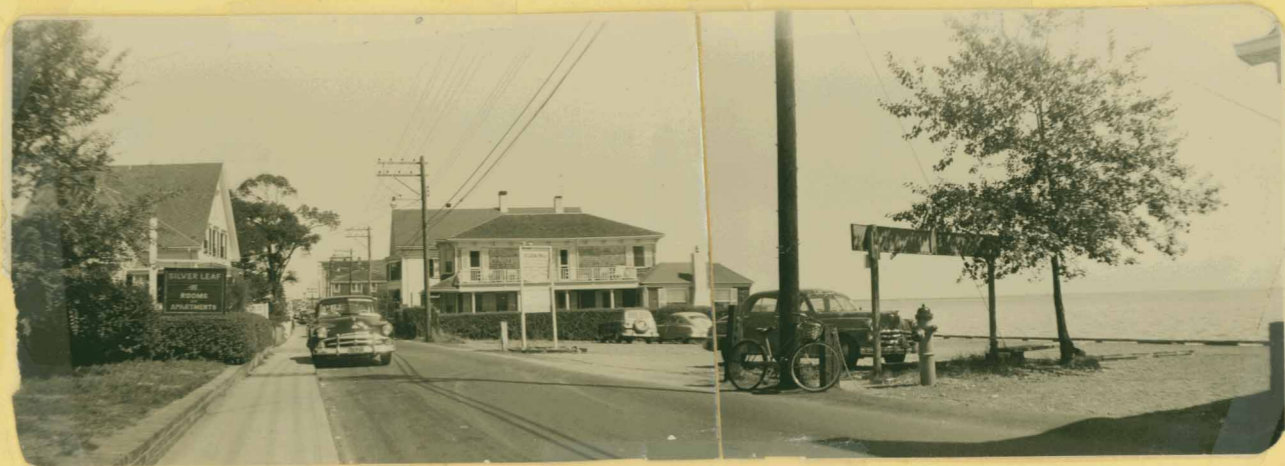
its distribution and created new markets for its outlet.

The house was established over 40 years ago by three brothers, viz: Henry, Sylvanus and Jonathan, and the style of the concern has never been changed. The premises occupied and utilized in the industry comprise an excellent wharf, where whole cargoes can be handled, and 10 or 12 buildings on the same for storage purposes, &c., besides four large flake yards for curing the fish.

At the wharf five or six vessels can discharge at a time, it being 650 feet long, and from 13,000 to 16,000 quintals of codfish are handled each season. The firm employs five vessels in the cod-fishing industry, and the immense quantity brought in is readily disposed of to the large dealers in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Besides this the

firm maintains a large store on Commercial Street, containing a complete stock of ship stores and groceries.

Everything connected with the establishment reflects the highest credit on the managers for the attention to detail and in carrying on so extensive an enterprise is a feature through which the commercial interests of Provincetown are greatly enhanced. It has been a strict rule with the firm to sell everything as represented, hence dealers everywhere know that the goods offered by Messrs. Cook & Co. may be implicitly relied upon, and as the firm has been so long before the public, we are not called upon to make any personal comments concerning its members. We are at liberty, however, to say that as a representative house our remarks thoroughly indicate that the business is carried on upon a basis of liberal and fair dealing, and give it that prominence in our account of Provincetown's industries which it so justly deserves.



The Kibbe Cook Property on the right, now the parking area for Burch's Market (now Duncan Bryant's Market). This lot was the Kibbe Cook Shipyard. Second house on right is the MacMillan home.

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