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day. (A place like this, I should think that when a storm came up, it would come up pretty fast.) Oh yes, coming pretty fast. (Have you ever been caught out there in a bad storm?) Oh, I got caught in a bad storm. I got caught when there were two guys from here got drowned. Oh, that's quite awhile ago. We were trawl fishing in the fall of the year. So that morning, (the fellow) I was fishing with, wa: jed to go fishing. Of course, all the boats were going out. But I knew there was a kind of a breeze or a storm coming in. So I said to him, "I think it would be just as good for us to stay in, the way it's looking." "Oh," he said, "o- kay, we're going to go out and we'll set 3 or 4 tubs of trawl, anyway." So, we used to go way down outside L'Ardoise, fishing. So we started, anyway. And we met all the other boats that were coming in. It was too rough then to go out. (76)