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The year 1884 was a banner one for the mackerel catch. The total number of barrels caught during that year by the New England fleet was 478,076, of this the Massachusetts catch was 283,842 barrels which was without seven-elevenths of the entire catch which was valued at \$1,853,753. All but 19,637 barrels of the entire catch was caught on this shore.

One firm in this city packed 25,000 barrels of its own production and bought 15,000 barrels outside to supply its trade, handling 40,000 barrels in all, and made a splendid year's work. The next year's catch, 1885, of the New England fleet was 215,576 barrels, and since then the catch has fallen off, the entire catch for the eighteen years being 776,631 barrels, averaging 43,123 barrels per year.

August 24

## TWO VESSELS SEIZED.

### Schs. Two Forty and S. P. Willard in Canadian Hands

### AT WESTPORT AND PUBNICO.

### Both Charged with Violating Canadian Customs Regulations.

A dispatch from Digby, N. S., late yesterday afternoon brought the news of the seizure and detention of two Gloucester vessels at Nova Scotia ports.

Sch. Two Forty was seized at Westport by the collector of customs there on the charge of landing goods at Woods Harbor, N. S., the offense being alleged to have been committed during November of 1903.

The Two Forty is owned by Mr. John Nagle and is engaged in swordfishing. Mr. Nagle has been at Southwest Harbor, Me., the past three weeks on a mackerel buying trip, but is expected home this afternoon.

It is not thought that the vessel has been seized for good, but is being detained pending the payment of a fine, which is usual in these cases.

Sch. S. P. Willard was seized at Pubnico, N. S., for violation of the Canadian customs regulations is being held pending the necessary momentary deposit.

The Willard is owned by Oakes & Foster, and only a short time ago sailed on her season's second salt bank trip. The fine will undoubtedly be paid under protest.

The Willard is commanded by Capt. Thomas E. Allen. Her owner, Mr. Howard H. Oakes, has as yet heard nothing of the matter and has received no notice of seizure from the Canadian authorities, and is not disposed to believe that the matter is not anything very serious.

August 24

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lawrence Murdoch, via Boston.

Sch. Ramona, Maine Coast, 30 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dixie, swordfishing.

### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.00 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.37 1-2 for large, \$3.00 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.00; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$1.75, medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.50 haddock, \$1; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 70c

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Rips cod, \$4 for large and \$3.30 for medium.

Fresh mackerel, 15 cents each.

Georges salt mackerel, \$16.25 per bbl.

Bay of Fundy, salt mackerel, \$14.50 per bbl.

Rips salt mackerel, \$18 per bbl.

### Boston.

Sch. Frank Foster, 11,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 4000 pollock, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Mattakesett, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Quannapowitt, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Dido.

Sch. Julia Costa.

Sch. M. S. Ayer, 25,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 3000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra.

Sch. Olive Hoyt, 6 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.55 to \$1.75; pollock, 75 cts. to 80 cts.; swordfish, \$9.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Sceptre arrived at Canso on Saturday. Twelve bankers were at Holyrood Aug. 15 waiting for squid, a small lot of which was taken the Saturday previous.

Schs. Agnes E. Downes and Arthur Binney were at Southwest Harbor yesterday.

### Mackerel Notes.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Titania sold to Frank E. Davis at \$18 per barrel. The fish are extra large, going 98 to 100 count to a barrel.

### Trip Settled Here.

After sch. Mary F. Chisholm of Portland had taken out her small fare of salt mackerel here a few days ago, the crew wanted the captain to settle up at this port, but this, it is said, did not meet with the captain's approval. Some of the crew sought Mr. Freeman Hardy, the local secretary of the Fishermen's Union of the Atlantic, who had a talk with the captain and in consequence the men were paid their share at this port.

### Good Sign of Mackerel.

Steamer Lillie, which arrived at Boston yesterday from Santo Domingo, reports that on Monday off Nantucket Shoals she passed through a big school of whales, fully 50 in number, and a short distance away scores of sharks were moving swiftly about.

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SCH. KENTUCKY!  
STRUCK FISH.

### Has Splendid Fare of 300 Barrels Fresh Mackerel.

### MADE ONE "HURRY-UP" SET.

### Left Here Monday Afternoon and Was Back Last Evening.



Sch. Kentucky, Capt. Elroy Prior, slipped quietly into her wharf between 10 and 11 o'clock last evening, and when the early habitues along the water front this morning saw her at the head of the pier, they naturally said to each other, "Wonder what Prior's come back for?" and the question was a natural one, for the Kentucky had sailed on a seining trip only Monday afternoon, and when some of the crew told the early comers that well iced in the hold they had 300 barrels of nice fresh mackerel, they could hardly realize it.

But such was the fact, however. Then of course they were anxious to find out all the how, when and where about it, for 300 barrels fresh is a big fare any time, but with mackerel as scarce as they are now and have been for some time, it was simply a "corker" altogether. So skipper and crew told their story and told it over and over again, for correct mackerel news at present is eagerly sought.

The Kentucky, in company with several other seiners, left here Monday for the spot off Sankaty Head, where sch. Titania grabbed up her fine trip, and Tuesday found about nine of them scouring the sea in the indicated vicinity. The weather was none too good, as the wind was northeast and breezing up all the time.

Capt. Prior sighted sch. Joseph Warren, a Rips fisherman, and asked him if he had seen any mackerel lately. "Mackerel," her skipper exclaimed, "Lord, you come aboard here, and I'll tell you all about 'em." Capt. Prior

went on board and the Rips fisherman told him that every day for two weeks in that vicinity they had seen lots of mackerel there, great schools lying dead on the water.

After Capt. Prior returned to his own craft it became quite rough and did not look much like seining fish, when the masthead lookout bellowed, "School on the lee bow!" That was enough. Everything was business in a jiffy. The school went down, hauling, sinking it. Then Capt. Prior thought he saw them showing red, and it was "into the boat" in a hurry and row for it.

Another seiner came along, but the school was not showing good, and he did not see it and ran right over it. Instead of sinking it as usual, the school came up in the vessel's wake, black and boiling.

Then there was a short lusty pull by the men in the Kentucky's seineboat, the keg was dropped, and as the boat made the necessary circle, bunches of twine swished over the side and as the fish stayed up pretty nearly all the time they were pursuing, they were easily caught.

By this time it was blowing good and hard, but the men got the fish balled on deck, the whole 300 barrels in one school, and to avoid losing the whole valuable deckload, Capt. Prior was compelled to light his craft along while the fish were being put below and iced.