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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Jubilee, Rips, 35,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Norman Fisher, Rips, 35,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Emerald, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Dauntless, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Emma W. Brown, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Mattakeesett, Cape Shore, seining.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. W. H. Rider, Rips.
Sch. Quickstep, shacking.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. per lb. for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 15 1-2 cents each.

Salt southern caught mackerel, \$15 per bbl

Boston.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 3000 haddock.
Sch. Rapidan, 2000 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Flavilla, 6000 haddock, 600 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Gov. Russell, 9000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 100 pollock.
Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 8000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 7000 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Francis Silva, 15,000 haddock, 4500 1500 hake, 200 pollock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 18,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Fish Hawk, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50.

NETTERS DOING WELL.

Many of Them Are at Fulton Market Today.

Seiner Pinta Also Lands 200 Barrel Fare.

Quite a lot of netters are at Fulton market, New York, this morning and several of them have good fares. The crafts are as follows:

Sch. Laura Reed, 2300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Vandaila, 1100 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Minnesota, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. E. Smeed, 1600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. James Drinan, 1300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Clara E., 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 1400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Cecilian, 1800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Elsie, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Jack O' Lantern, 800 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Vigilant, 1700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Active, 200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nellie Grant, 300 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Pearl, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nokomis, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Priscilla, 6000 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Louise, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Florida, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Emma B., 2300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Widgeon, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Stephen Woolsey, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lafayette, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Lear C., 1400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mattie and Lena, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Viola, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mineola, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Elk, 250 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Livonia, 2100 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Ida L. Miller, 2500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Venus, 1700 fresh mackerel.
The fish are selling at 20 cents each.

A special to the TIMES this forenoon states that sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier, has arrived at that port with 200 barrels of fresh mackerel.

A special dispatch to the TIMES this morning from its Halifax, N. S., correspondent states that the first mackerel of the season taken on the Cape Shore were secured in a trap at Byrn's Head, off Yarmouth, on Friday. This is six days later than the first catch last season.

Capt. Charles Stewart will now fit sch. Hattie M. Graham for mackerel seining.

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SEINERS AT HALIFAX.

Small Hauls Made at Yarmouth and Liverpool Yesterday.

Fleet Watched Very Sharply by Canadian Cruisers.

A fleet of 15 American seiners arrived at Halifax yesterday, about half of them coming in the evening. The first mackerel were reported as having been caught off Yarmouth on Saturday.

The Yankee skippers feel confident that they are ahead of the schools and expect to make good hauls in a few days.

The Canadian cruisers Canada and Osprey are on the alert and intend to see that the American schooners do not infringe on the three-mile limit. They will follow the fleet when they depart from Halifax.

Small catches of mackerel were reported yesterday at Yarmouth and Liverpool.

THE FISH COMMISSION.

Transplanting Shad and Striped Bass.

The Fish Commission seems to be succeeding very well in filling the waste places of the waters with fish. The results of transplanting the shad and striped bass of the Atlantic coast have been especially remarkable. Years ago these fish were sent to the Pacific, where they were not indigenous. The experiment was on a small scale and cost only \$5000, but the shad and bass have so flourished and multiplied that they now rank among the leading food fish of the Pacific states, and in some places they are believed to be more numerous than at any point along the Atlantic coast.

This experiment, costing \$5000, resulted up to the end of 1902 in the catching of 18,900,000 pounds of fish, worth \$670,000. It is a blessing, as the world becomes more crowded, that the ingenuity of man finds new ways of augmenting the food supply.

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Sch. Volant, Cape Shore, 35,000 fresh fish 7000 lbs. salt fish.
Steamer Mystery (two trips), 34,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Heibert and Emma, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Capt. Marchant's launch, 9000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.
Sen. Rapidan, via Boston.
Sch. Marshall L. Adams, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Susan and Mary, (new), shacking.
Sch. Flora L. Nickerson, shore.
Sch. Albert Geiger, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Eva Avina, 200 haddock, 1200 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Dorothy, 18,000 haddock.
Sch. Sylph, 26,000 cod.
Sch. William H. Cross, 6000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Grace Darling, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Glenelg, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Water Witch, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Mary Edith, 8000 haddock, 2300 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Julia Costa, 14,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Louisa Cabral, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 20,000 haddock.
Sch. John M. Keen, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Amelia Enos, 12,000 haddock.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.
Haddock, \$3.25; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.

Mackerel Notes.

Late arrivals at New York yesterday afternoon were the steamer Pet with 300 fresh mackerel and the steamer Mascot with 1000 fresh mackerel.

The news of the arrival at New York yesterday forenoon of the sch. Pinta of this port with 10,000 fresh mackerel was quite a surprise, as most everybody supposed that Capt. Vautier must have seen pretty good signs of fish out there and stayed off New York, not even coming up off Newport. It also confirms the report recently published in the TIMES, and which came from the netters which were at New York Saturday, that mackerel were schooling off there and that they had seen lots of schools.

The sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, the last of the Cape Shore seining fleet, sailed yesterday afternoon, and news from the big fleet now on the Nova Scotia coast is eagerly awaited.

The following netters are at New York this morning:

Sch. Hobo, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. W. T. Dodge, 1700 fresh mackerel.

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Steamer Dorcas, 1800 fresh mackerel.
 Steamer Joppaite, 5000 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. George E. Hagan, 3300 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Angielena, 2600 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Fitz E. Oakes, 472 fresh mackerel.
 Steamer A. S. Willard, 2600 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Mabelle Bryson, 1500 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Winnie Kane, 1500 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. M. Madeleine, 2000 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Sarah C. Wharf, 1700 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Little Fannie, 3500 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Manomet, 6000 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Hoekomook, 2400 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Florence, 500 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Arrow, 1500 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 800 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Acacia, 4000 fresh mackerel.

BIG NETTING FARE.

Sch. Estelle S. Nunan Has 6000 Mackerel at New York.
 Sch. Estelle S. Nunan arrived at Fulton Market this noon with a big trip, 6000 fresh mackerel in count.
 Other netting arrivals at New York this noon are as follows:
 Sch. Massasoit, 4000 fresh mackerel.
 Sloop Georgiana, 400 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Fitz E. Oakes, 400 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Nellie T. Gaskell, 300 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Gem, 200 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Louisa, 500 fresh mackerel.

Finding Pollock.

The shore gasoline seining boats are now finding pollock and yesterday afternoon the new Mystery arrived from her maiden trip and the Herbert and Emma also came in full to the rails and with her seineboat full towing on behind. Both fares went to split.

Bait.

Frank Stevens at the Fort had 25 barrels of fresh alewives yesterday.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Lawrence Murdoch sold to the New England Fish Co. at 8 cents per pound for white and 5 cents for gray.

SEIZED BY A DEVILFISH.

A Diver's Thrilling Encounter with an Octopus.

Both Hauled to Surface After Monster Let Go of Rock.

Few men ever had such a thrilling encounter with a devilfish and lived to tell the tale as a man named Palmer, who was engaged as a diver on some repair work at Cape Town, South Africa. A steamer had collided with a pier and displaced several large blocks of concrete, which sank to the bottom of the harbor. The officials of the port at once set to work to recover the blocks and repair the pier. Divers were employed to fasten chains around the submerged blocks, that the latter might be hauled up by means of powerful cranes. Among these divers was Palmer. One day while engaged in putting a chain around a great seven-ton block he suddenly noticed a curious-looking object protruding from a cavity below the block.

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The water was comparatively clear, and at that depth the diver was able to see around with ease.

Bending down, Palmer examined the object which had attracted his attention. He was just beginning to wonder what it could be when, without the slightest warning, it began to move toward him. A huge tentacle shot out from below the stone, moved swiftly sideways, and in an instant had seized his leg in a vicelike grip. Horrified, the diver staggered backward, but as he did so yet another great feeler appeared from under the masonry and alighted upon his arm, holding it helpless. Wildly the man struggled to free himself from the awful arms, but all in vain. Where the innumerable tiny suckers touched the naked flesh of his hand they stung and seared like electric wire and he felt himself being drawn slowly surely toward the dark hole under the stone, where lurked the hideous creature which owned those writhing arms.

Palmer is a big, burly man in the prime of life, and has faced danger in many forms in the course of his long experience. But for a moment or so the unutterable horror of his position held him spell-bound; even his brain seemed numbed.

Then slowly, with a gliding motion that was horrible to behold, the creature beneath the stone began to emerge. As it came out Palmer beheld with a shudder the cold, staring eyes and parrot-like beak of an enormous octopus or devil-fish!

TENTACLES CLOSE ON HIM.

Other tentacles now hovered around him, seeking a point of vantage where they could seize him. Desperately the tortured man strove to wrench himself free, but the more he struggled the tighter grew the grip of the sinuous coils which held him by arm and leg. Then, one by one, the remaining feelers settled around his body—cold, slimy, quivering masses, but irresistible in their strength.

It was useless to struggle—those slimy tentacles had the strength of bonds of steel. He had heard of divers, attacked by small devil-fish, boldly seizing their beaks and turning them inside out, for all the world like a stocking. But the great size and immense strength of this specimen put any such proceeding on his part entirely out of the question. How would death come? Would the awful creature crush him slowly out of human shape or would it tear his diving dress and so kill him quickly and mercifully?

Instinctively Palmer had kept one arm free from the encircling tentacles. He now noticed mechanically that the octopus had let go its hold of the masonry and had wrapped itself entirely around him.

The sight gave him courage. Had the creature anchored itself to the concrete it is probable that this tale would never have been written and that Palmer's name would have gone to swell the long list of those who have died while following the dangerous occupation of diving.

HAULED TO THE SURFACE.

Making a desperate effort to throw off the stupor of nausea and fear which benumbed his faculties, the diver reached up his free arm and pulled his signal cord with all his strength, whereupon the men above started to haul him up. The octopus made one effort to seize hold of the concrete, but it was just too late, and still clinging relentlessly to its prey was drawn to the surface.

The horror of the men above when they beheld the diver emerge from the water in the loathsome embrace of the great devilfish can be better imagined than described. While some dragged the now all but unconscious Palmer up the ladders others ran for hatchets and knives and a fierce attack was made upon the creature.

In spite of every onslaught, however, the quivering tentacles still clung obstinately to the diver, as though loath to relinquish him, and it was not until the creature had been pretty well hacked to pieces that, by exerting all their strength, the men were finally able to tear their comrade free and administer the restoratives of which he stood so much in need.

When the dead octopus was laid out on the pier it was at once seen to be of great size—the largest ever landed in South Africa, in fact, measuring no less than 11 1/2 feet across from tentacle tip to tentacle tip.

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SEINERS AT NEWPORT.

Schs. Saladin and Leander F. Could Land Small Fares.

Several Netters Arrived at Newport and New York.

A special to the TIMES from its Newport correspondent gives the following fresh mackerel arrivals there this morning:

Netters Crescent, Lizzie Foster, Dart, Auger, Olive E., Martha, On Time, Jennie Gilbert, Louis Warren, Barbara, Torpedo, Magnesia, Briganza, Betsy Ross, Mary Emerson, Rattler, Success, Valkyria with from 100 to 400 fresh mackerel each.

Also at Newport this morning are the schs. Leander F. Gould with 30 barrels of fresh mackerel and sch. Saladin with 25 barrels.

At Newport yesterday the following netters landed fares of fresh mackerel:

Sloop Maud S., 800 fresh mackerel.
 Sloop On Time, 100 fresh mackerel.
 Sloop Olive E., 50 fresh mackerel.
 Sloop Olga, 50 fresh mackerel.
 Ten netters were at New Bedford with no fish on Monday. The weather was bad and there was no chance to fish.

The Yarmouth steamer at Boston Monday brought one large mackerel in a box of salmon, the first mackerel from there this season.

At New York this morning the netters landed the following fine fares:

Sch. Hes'er, 3000 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Leone, 1500 fresh mackerel.
 Steamer Princess, 1300 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Marguerite, 1200 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Mildred, 1500 fresh mackerel.
 Sloop Azorean, 1100 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Mettacomet, 1500 fresh mackerel.
 Sloop Dauntless, 1000 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Motor, 2200 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. W. E. Sinnett, 1200 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Olive May, 2500 fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Queen of the Sea, 1700 fresh mackerel.

Schs. Annie Greenlaw and Priscilla Smith were at Halifax, N. S., on Monday.

Schs. Margie Smith, Speculator, Vera, Slade Gorton, Monitor, Ralph L. Hall, Lottie G. Merchant, Diana, Electric Flash, Ingomar, Kentucky, Shenandoah, Mary E. Harby, Lena and Maud and John S. Presson were at Halifax on Tuesday.

The first netting trip of the season at New Bedford came in there Monday, the sch. Mildred and Blanche having 423 fresh mackerel taken off Block Island.

The County Line trap at Yarmouth, N. S., took three mackerel yesterday.

Maiden Trip.

The new knockabout schooner Shepherd King arrived at Portland yesterday from her maiden trip, with 35,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The schooner came in on account of the hearing which is to begin today before Judge Hale, in the suit being brought by Capt. Brigham to recover damages on account of the loss of his former well known schooner Vidia M. Brigham in collision with the ocean tug Edward Luckenberg off Portland last year.

Bait at Monomy.

Atwood & Co. wire that there are 400 barrels of herring in traps at Monomy and also taking 40 barrels of squid daily.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the New England Fish Co. at 8 cents per pound for white and 5 cents per pound for gray.

The fares of schs. Priscilla and Egalantine sold to the American Halibut Company at the same figures.