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### TOWBOAT REPORTS.

## That Many Seiners Are Doing Well Off South Shoal.

### Fresh and Salt Mackerel Catch Compared with Last Year.

Last night's Boston Herald prints the following paragraph:

"After landing 300,000 fresh mackerel at T wharf this week, 26 big mackerel seiners are reported working in big schools of mackerel between the South Shoal light and the Georges banks. Tug boat captains coming in past the fishing grounds this morning reported seeing vessels at work in huge schools of fish, and that fish were to be sighted in all directions from Nantucket light to South Shoal light and seaward as far as the Georges banks. Every vessel was salting down split mackerel and filling every barrel on board before getting their supply of fresh mackerel for the run to this port. It is expected that next week, even the immense amount of fresh mackerel landed at T wharf this week will be exceeded.

A despatch from Tracadie, P. E. I., on Wednesday says that a large body of mackerel were schooling off the island, about 10 miles off the land and the netters did well.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 17,900 barrels against 17,987 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date this year is 41,333 barrels, against 41,916 barrels at this time in 1904.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, stocked \$3500 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$86.

Sch. Arthur Binney, Capt. William H. Cluett, stocked \$2540 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$60.

Mackerel are reported schooling off Race Point. On Thursday the steamer Angelia B. Nickerson took 30 barrels off there and sch. Angielena took 1000 mackerel in count. Both landed at Provincetown.

A few mackerel are being received at Boston from Stonington, Conn.

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This is the biggest mackerel day the ports of Gloucester and Boston have seen for a long time, the receipts at both places aggregating 4773 barrels of salt mackerel and 259,000 fresh mackerel in count, the latter being about 4000 barrels or better of round fish, iced.

Last week, when several seiners arrived, they reported that there had been plenty of mackerel on the southeast part of Georges, but that it had been foggy for almost two weeks, and that comparatively few fish had been taken. For two days they reported the fog scaled up and the vessels did well, and one very careful skipper, who arrived the first of the week, estimated that there were 6000 barrels of salt mackerel afloat.

During the middle of the week the fog shut in again and the vessels did nothing, but on Friday and Saturday it scaled up again and 25 or 30 miles to the westward of where they had been fishing about 30 or 40 sail of the fleet struck on to a large body of fish, which were very easy to catch.

Those which had salt mackerel on board got good hauls and ran fresh and many of the fleet which had just come out, having been in landing fish, also got big hauls, salted some, iced the rest and all drove for market, and today's big receipts are the result.

According to all accounts, Friday and Saturday were "gasoliners" days, for it was quite calm and the auxiliaries had the advantage, and how well they profited by it is shown by the big fares they have in today. It is reported that one gasoliner at least helped one of her own firm's vessels by towing her around with her, thus saving her captain and crew some long hard rows, and she also got a big fare, although out from here but a few days. Over half the fleet which are at Bos-

ton today have been out from port but four or five days, so they must have struck the fish solid and drove for all there was in them.

The most pleasant feature of the whole thing is, that in spite of the big receipts, there was no drop in price, either on the salt or fresh mackerel, the former bringing \$14.25 per barrel and every trip at this port was sold before 10 o'clock at this figure, while at Boston the fresh mackerel all went at 12 cents each. At this port the fresh ones brought from 11 to 13 cents each. The market showed surprising firmness and all the salt fares were sold quickly, which was a most gratifying sign.

The fares at this port are as follows:

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, 214 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Golden Rod, Capt. Norman Ross, 300 bbls. salt mackerel, 9000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Speculator, Capt. William Corkum, 280 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas, 215 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Claudia, Capt. John Madson, 240 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 12 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Fiar McKown, 300 bbls. salt mackerel, 8000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Muriel, Capt. Jason Daley, 275 bbls. salt mackerel, 7000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Jerry Cook, 225 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry F. Curtis, 25 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Christopher Carrigan, 322 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Norumbega, Capt. John McKinnon, 300 bbls. salt mackerel, 10,000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Faustina, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, 200 bbls. salt mackerel, 10,000 fresh mackerel in count.

At Boston this morning there were twelve seiners with the following Klondike trips:

Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. Fred E. Carritt, 150 bbls. salt mackerel, 24,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, 240 bbls. salt mackerel, 28,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Leander F. Gould, 50 bbls. salt mackerel, 14,000 fresh mackerel.

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Sch. F. W. Homans, Capt. John Gallant, 50 bbls. salt mackerel, 14,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavey, 140 bbls. salt mackerel, 20,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, 280 bbls. salt mackerel, 13,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Charles H. Harty, 150 bbls. salt mackerel, 25,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, 150 bbls. salt mackerel, 27,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling, 250 bbls. salt mackerel, 13,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Capt. Cahoon, 145 bbls. salt mackerel, 12,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier, 180 bbls. salt mackerel, 20,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Emerald, 15,000 fresh mackerel and some salt mackerel. A Boston message says that this little vessel is full.

Many of these vessels in Boston secured these big fares very quickly. Some of them did not sail from here until last Wednesday and Thursday, while several have been out but a week.

This is the fourth trip for Capt. Morgan of sch. Constellation since July 7, and in that time and on these four trips he has rolled up the unprecedented stock of over \$15,000 in 16 days, a record probably never equalled in the history of the fisheries. The Constellation has now stocked thus far this season about \$30,000 and perhaps a little over, and is far and away the high line of the fleet and has the greatest chance in the world of making the biggest stock ever made by a mackerel seiner or any vessel engaged in any kind of fishing in any season.

The crew of the Constellation have three of these trips to settle for after the vessel comes down here to take out her salt mackerel, and their check will be one of the largest ever taken for a seining trip.

Another crew which will have big checks to take when the vessel comes down to take out her salt mackerel is sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch. This craft since going out on this trip, has landed two good trips fresh at Boston, and together with this fare will have a stock of in the vicinity of \$9000 to settle for.

The fare of fresh mackerel of sch. Saladin at this port sold to W. E. Dennett at 13 cents each.

The fresh mackerel of schs. Golden-Rod and Muriel sold to John Nagle & Co. at 11 cents each and the fare of sch. Faustina sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at 11 1-2 cents each.

The salt mackerel were sold at \$14.25 per barrel, sch. Monitor going to Reed & Gamage, sch. Speculator to D. E. Woodbury, sch. Muriel to George Perkins & Son, schs. Golden Rod and Lottie G. Merchant to William H. Jordan Co, schs. Norumbega, Saladin, Ingomar and Claudia to the Gloucester Mackerel Co., sch. Faustina and sch. Mary F. Curtis to John Pew & Son, sch. Smuggler to Shute & Merchant, and sch. Arcadia to Sylvanus Smith & Co.

Among the best news of the season is the word which comes of small mackerel being taken to the southward, the little seining sch. Lillian, Capt. John Barrett, of this port arriving at Newport yesterday with 74 barrels of small fresh mackerel and six barrels of small salt mackerel and six swordfish. The salt mackerel go about 80 cent to the salted barrel.

The trap at Lunenburg had 70 large mackerel on Friday.

### Big Shack Trips.

Schs. Fanny A. Smith and Catherine Burke are here today with big fares of shack, having 150,000 pounds and 160,000 pounds respectively, most of each of the fares being large.

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## MANY FARES OF MACKEREL.

### Receipts Today the Largest of the Season.

### PRICES HOLD IN GOOD SHAPE.

### Many Big Trips Secured in Less Than a Week.



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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**

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

Sch. Ingomar, Georges, 214 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Golden Rod, Georges, 300 bbls. salt mackerel, 9000 fresh mackerel in count.  
Sch. Speculator, Georges, 275 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Areadia, Georges, 215 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Claudia, Georges, 240 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, Georges, 12 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Annie Greenlaw, Georges, seining.  
Sch. Saladin, Georges, 300 bbls. salt mackerel in count.  
Sch. Muriel, Georges, 275 bbls. salt mackerel, 7000 fresh mackerel in count.  
Sch. Priscilla Smith, Georges, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Smuggler, Georges, 225 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Georges, 25 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, 322 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Norumbega, Georges, 300 bbls. salt mackerel, 10,000 fresh mackerel in count.  
Sch. Kaustina, Georges, 10,000 fresh mackerel, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Vesta, Rips, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Elizabeth N., Bucksport.  
Sch. Catherine Burke, Western Bank, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1500 lbs. halibut, 3 swordfish.  
Sch. Fanny A. Smith, Bay of Fundy, 160,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1700 lbs. halibut, 3 swordfish.

**Today's Fish Market.**

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt hsh, 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; Eastern haddock, \$1.05; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 75c; 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 mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.  
Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl.  
Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.  
Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.67 1-2.  
Bank halibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.  
Georges halibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.  
Georges salt mackerel, plain \$14 25 per bbl.; rimmed, \$14.50 per bbl.

**Boston.**

Sch. Mary E. Harty, 25,000 fresh mackerel 150 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Victor, 27,000 fresh mackerel, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 12,000 fresh mackerel, 140 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Pinta, 20,000 fresh mackerel, 180 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Emerald, 15,000 fresh mackerel, some salt.  
Sch. F. W. Homans, 14,000 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, 20,000 fresh mackerel, 140 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Lucania, 13,000 fresh mackerel, 250 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Lena and Maud, 24,000 fresh mackerel, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Constellation, 27,000 fresh mackerel, 240 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Leander F. Gould, 14,000 fresh mackerel, 50 bbls. salt mackerel.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. Gladstone arrived at Canso Friday and sch. Squanto sailed from there the same day.  
Sch. Oregon was at Liverpool on Friday.

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**Scotland Neglects Her Mackerel Fishery.**

Surprise has often been expressed, says the English Fish Trades Gazette, that Scotland, unlike England, Ireland and Norway, has no great mackerel fishing. The mackerel actually caught are for the most part taken, as it were, by accident, in the herring nets, the gross value being about a couple of thousand pounds per annum. This is not owing to the absence of mackerel, for that fish abounds in its season at certain parts of the West Coast, and there is every reason to believe that if a fishery was established on an adequate scale, and properly organized, it would be ultimately as successful as it is now in Ireland. The fact is that Scotchmen tend to concentrate their energies too exclusively on the herring, and neglect other branches of fishing that might pay as well or better.

**MORE GOOD TRIPS.**

**Four Seiners at T Wharf This Morning.**

**Salt Mackerel Still Holding at \$14.25 Per Barrel.**

Taking it all in all, it has been a long time since such a large lot of salt mackerel has been on this market as there was yesterday and this morning, and yet, in spite of the natural excitement which the arrival of so many and so large fares could not help causing, it was noticeable that there was very little talk when it came to the buying and selling of the trips, and in the face of receipts aggregating some 5300 barrels, there was not a sign of wavering among the buyers, and trips were readily taken up at the price of the last sales, \$14.25 per barrel.

According to all accounts, last Saturday there was a vast amount of fish where the fleet made their big hauls, and the schools were so easy that they could be caught with a purse line, as the twiners say, to illustrate how easy they were to catch. It was very calm and a very hot day and the gasoliner certainly had their innings and every one of them there simply took all the fish they could handle, stopping between sets only to ice down.

But the worst feature of it, for there is always some drawback in mackerel seining was the fact that the big fleet of sailing vessels were completely handicapped and unable to move about and were obliged to undergo the agony of seeing jibs hauled a few miles from them and they unable to do much of anything.

Some of the captains and crews of sailing vessels rowed from five to ten miles up to where the fish were and had no trouble in getting around big schools, and then they would have to row back and tow the vessel up to the seine, and by the time they got up to it they would find that the sharks had put holes in it big enough to row a dory through, and all they could do was to bail in what was left in it, which would be a small part of the original big school caught. Thus they could get one set, or possibly two, while the gasoliners were setting as many times as they wished. Of course there were some of the sailing vessels which when the wind died out, were left becalmed right where the fish were, and they fared better than their mates a few miles away.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, which was one of the fleet at Boston yesterday, counted out clear of the salt mackerel which she brought down here, just 36,150 fresh mackerel, an immense amount of fish, and the largest fare of fresh mackerel landed by any vessel at any port this year. Previous to this trip, Capt. McFarland was at Boston only a few days ago with another big trip, so he and his crew will have a big settlement coming to them today.

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The fare of sch. Lucania sold to Slade Gor-

ton & Co. at \$14.25 per barrel.  
The fare of sch. Agnes E. Downes sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at the same figure.

The fares of schs. Mary E. Harty and Constellation sold to William H. Jordan & Co.

At Boston today are the following fine fares, the four vessels there having been out from port but a few days:

Sch. Bertha and Pearl, Capt. Joseph Smith, 22,000 fresh mackerel and 140 barrels of salt mackerel.

Sch. Rebecca, Capt. Frank Perry, 12,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham, 17,000 fresh mackerel and 140 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay, 10,000 fresh mackerel and 176 barrels of salt mackerel.

Fresh mackerel are bringing 13 cents each at Boston today.

The fares of schs. Pinta and Helen G. Wells sold to John Pew & Son at \$14.25 per barrel.

The fare of sch. Leander F. Gould sold to Parmenter & Co. at an advance, the fish being all rimmed.

The captain of the Yarmouth steamer which arrived at Boston yesterday reports seeing mackerel off Yarmouth.

Capt. Julius Anderson of sch. Robert and Arthur, which arrived at Boston yesterday, reports seeing three schools of mackerel on Middle Bank yesterday.

**TINKER MACKEREL SCHOOLING**

**Reported from Montauk Point to Gay Head.**

**Several Small Vessels at Newport with Swordfish.**

A special to the TIMES from its Newport correspondent this noon, states that sch. Lillian, reported in our first edition as in there with fresh and salt tinker mackerel, got her trip off No Man's Land and reported seeing several schools there.

The following swordfish fares are at Newport this morning:

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 8 swordfish.  
Sch. Ocean Belle, 10 swordfish.  
Sch. Hobo, 8 swordfish.  
Sch. Nettie, 8 swordfish.

Sloop On Time, 19 swordfish.  
They report tinker mackerel schooling from Montauk Point to Gay Head.

**Fine Salt Bank Fare.**

Sch. Essex, Capt. Leroy Spinney, arrived this morning with one of the best salt bank cod trips of the season, hailing for 260,000 pounds of salted codfish. This is a fine trip. Capt. Spinney is one of the younger skippers of the salt bank fleet, and his good work the past two years shows that he is a hard worker and possessed of good judgment and is earning a place in the front rank among the skippers in this line of fishing, which is the staple of the fishing industry of this port.

**Herring Bait at Liverpool.**

George E. Hemeon telegraphs the TIMES that he can supply herring bait from seine, at Padding Pan, near Liverpool, N. S.