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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Juniata, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Rena A. Percy, Maine coast, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Valentinna, shore, 46,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
 Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, shore, 31,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
 Sch. Veda M. McKown, via Boston, 12 bbis. salt mackerel.
 Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, pollocking.
 Sch. Rita A. Viator, pollocking.
 Sloop Defender, pollocking.
 Sch. M. H. Perkins, pollocking.
 Sch. M. Madeleine, pollocking.
 Sch. Sarah C. Wharf, pollocking.
 Heath's trap, 1200 fresh tinker mackerel.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, headline 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, \$4.12 1-2 for large, \$3.62 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.50; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50

Georges, Channel and Cashes large fresh codfish, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.75; all other large fresh codfish \$2.12 1-2; medium do, \$1.62 1-2; Georges, Channel and Cashes fresh haddock, \$1.10; all other fresh haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 cts.

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

Outside sales fresh pollock, 85 cts. per cwt. Fresh halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$22.50 per bbl.
 Salt tinker mackerel, \$15.00 per bbl.
 Large fresh mackerel, 19 cts. each.

Boston.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 70,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 20,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 1000 hake, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Manhasset, 17,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mary G. Powers, 5000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake, 16,000 cusk.

Sch. Mystery, 59,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Catherine M. Burke, 60,000 haddock, 90,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 25,000 pollock.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 45,000 haddock, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Louis e Cabral, 14,000 haddock, 37,000 cod, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 6000 haddock, 43,000 cod.

Sch. Gardner W. Tarr, 2000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen.

Sch. Illinois, 75,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 2500 haddock, 20,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 8000 haddock, 43,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.50; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.20; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, 80 cts.

Fresh tinker mackerel 6 1-2 cts. each.

Mackerel Notes.

Heath's trap at Kettle island took 1200 tinker mackerel this morning.

The fresh tinker mackerel landed here from Heath's trap this morning sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. at 6 1-2 cents each.

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INTERESTING TALE.

Capt. McCoysh Tells of Experience in Northern Waters.

Found Giant Octopus and Cut It Up for Halibut Bait.

Capt. Donald McCoysh of the fished halibut sch. Arkona, which arrived yesterday, as previously reported, being the first of that fleet to arrive home from the far north, tells an interesting story of the trip. The Arkona was the last of the fleet to leave here, sailing May 12, and made port but once on the whole trip, calling at Bay Bulls, N. F., on the way down. Like the rest of the fleet, in trying to get to the northward, he met very heavy field ice, a solid barrier, which effectually blocked the way.

Capt. McCoysh said that in all his experience he never saw as many enormous icebergs. At times he could count as many as 50 from the decks, some of which were 300 feet high and a half mile long. In the long days of that region the sun shone gloriously on these floating mountains, refracting all the colors of the rainbow.

Several heavy electrical storms occurred, something unusual in that latitude.

Under these conditions the position of the craft and crew was most dangerous. The huge bergs would drift down on the vessel, threatening entire destruction. So close did they come that the crew several times pushed the vessel away from the huge congested masses which threatened utter destruction, and they were constantly on the watch.

Down these mountains of ice picturesque cascades of water fell, and these afforded a means of replenishing the vessel's diminished water supply. The men would row alongside in their dories and allow the water to run into barrels and in this way a constant supply of fresh water was at hand.

While no animal life was observed on the bergs, the field ice was alive with seals, and it was amusing to observe them on the approach of the vessel run to cover and then cautiously reappear on the scene.

Occasional sets were made, but owing to the hazardous nature of the fishing and the constant chances of annihilation from icebergs much fishing gear being lost, Capt. McCoysh was compelled to retrace his course to latitude 51. There he fished for some time, proceeding north again in July, reaching latitude 57.42, off Cape Mugford, where enormous fields of ice and bergs were again encountered.

Here the vessel was anchored and here also a very narrow escape from destruction occurred. The icebergs closed in on the vessel rapidly, and only by the most active work on the part of the crew did they succeed in passing through a narrow opening in a cordon of icebergs which was gradually hemming them in. As this was the first place good fishing was found, the crew left only when self-preservation made it absolutely imperative.

At this place also a novel but supply was obtained. One day an enormous octopus was observed floating on the water. The monster was about 40 feet in length, and drifted down alongside the vessel. It was apparently almost dead. Cautiously the crew threw out grappling irons. The octopus put up only a weak struggle. He was secured alongside and several of the tentacles, measuring 17 feet, were cut off for bait. One of these was salted and brought home as part of the cargo. It proved excellent bait for codfish, but had no attraction whatever for halibut.

Raised Board of Trade Prices.

At a meeting of the fisheries committee of the Board of Trade yesterday, the price of salt bank cod was advanced to \$4.12 1-2 per hundred weight for large and \$3.62 1-2 for mediums. Salt pollock were made \$1.50, Georges and Channel fresh haddock were advanced to \$1.10 and all other fresh haddock at \$1.00.

FIRST FLITCHER HOME.

Sch. Arkona Arrives This Morning with Small Fare.

Reports That the Whole Fleet Has Done Poorly.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. McCoysh, arrived this morning from Bacallen bank with a fare of 35,000 pounds of fished halibut, the first of the fleet of six fished halibuters fishing from this port this season. The vessel has about 35,000 pounds of fished halibut, and as far as can be learned this craft has more fish, than any others of the fleet when he sailed home.

The Arkona has met with hard luck, losing an anchor and most of her fishing gear.

Capt. McCoysh states that the vessels used up about all of the month of July trying to get to the northward, where they hoped to find good fishing, but were at last obliged to give it up in despair, as there seemed to be no way of beating the ice barrier.

Capt. McCoysh says that when he left the fleet a short time ago, the high line had only about 55,000 pounds of fitches and that the fleet as a whole had done poorly, one of the crafts having but 6000 pounds and the rest of them between that and what the high liner hauled for.

According to the captain the season on this fishing ground is one of the worst and the catch one of the smallest ever made by the fished halibut fleet.

MAMMOTH SEA TURTLE.

One Weighing 800 Pounds Captured Off the Maine Coast.

One of the largest turtles ever seen arrived yesterday on the Bangor steamer consigned to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company, and was placed on exhibition at its store on Atlantic avenue, where it drew large crowds. Men who had sailed in every water of the globe, looked at the immense black back of the turtle, and said they had never before seen its equal.

The turtle is one of the kind rarely found in the colder waters of the upper Atlantic. It was taken Thursday off Seal Island ledge on the Maine coast by the crew of the fishing schooner Marion E. Turner. They must have come upon it while it slept on the surface of the water, for the spear with which it was struck caught it just in front of the bone back of the neck, breaking the vertebrae.

The turtle weighed 800 pounds, according to the waybill, and the box in which he came up from Rockland, Me., 100 pounds more. It is six feet six inches from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail, three feet six inches across the back, and one foot seven inches through from back to under-shell.

The flippers or "wings," as the fishermen called them, measured three feet from the tip to the joint of the body and are 11 inches wide, tapering slightly toward the outer tip. The hind flippers are one foot six inches and are also 11 inches in width.

The head protruded from the shell 12 inches and measures one foot through and the same across. The mouth is terrifying to look at with its horny shell sheath that forms two teeth in the upper jaw and a single one in the lower. These teeth measure an inch each.

The shell of the turtle is black and covered with a growth of seaweed, indicating that it had been for some time in warmer waters than where it was captured. It will remain on exhibition for a few days at the Atlantic avenue store.

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MACKEREL VERY WILD.

But Big Body Is Reported North of Cultivator Shoal.

Ten Vessels Made Hauls on Monday and Salted.

According to all reports there is a big body of mackerel to the northward of the Cultivator shoal, but the fish are very wild and exceedingly hard to catch. They did not show on Sunday, which was a very fine day, but on Monday which was rather blowy and poor fish weather, they came up boiling but were so wild that it was almost impossible to stop them. There were 17 sail of seiners there, but only a few made hauls.

As reported exclusively in the TIMES yesterday, schs. Veda M. McKown and Annie M. Parker ran to market with their catches, while sch. Constellation salted a catch of 170 barrels. In addition to these, sch. Vera got two schools and salted and sch. Avalon did likewise, her catch being about 100 barrels. Schs. Norma and Lucania also got schools and salted, the latter's haul being about 70 wash barrels.

The tinkers brought in yesterday by sch. Annie M. Parker were mixed in with the big fish, which by the way were extra large. Even the tinkers were of large size and would go about 300 count to a salted barrel. They sold fresh at six cents each.

The fare of salt tinkers of sch. Arthur James sold to Davis Bros. at \$15 per barrel.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES.

Sch. Grampus Investigating Conditions on Western Coast.

Official May Be As Possible Mediator.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch of Saturday says that: "A. B. Alexander, chief of the department of statistics and methods of the bureau of fisheries of the department of commerce and labor, is spending the fishing season in the Grampus, the boat attached to the bureau, investigating conditions of fishing off the coast of Newfoundland principally with regard to the rights of American fishermen in those waters. It is admitted at the state department that he is acting in a dual capacity, as an investigator of facts and a possible mediator."

GOOD CODFISH CATCH.

Is Reported to Have Been Made on Pacific Coast.

The schooner Lizzie Colby, the first of the fleet to arrive at Anacortes, Washington, from Behring Strait with a full cargo, brings news of a good catch of codfish. The schooner Alice is expected to arrive soon with a large cargo for the Robinson Fisheries Company, now fully equipped with a new plant provided with every facility. The Alice will soon be followed by another schooner for the same company, and this concern will give continuous employment to about 40 women besides a large force of men during the year. The Robinson Fisheries Company, W. F. Robinson, manager, was the first firm to put up codfish at Anacortes in attractive style. Thirteen different varieties of codfish are put up by this concern, and the product is shipped over the entire country. The bones and skins are used in making oil, glue and fertilizer. - Fishing Gazette.

The above-mentioned Mr. Robinson is a former well known Gloucester man.

BOUNTY FOR FISHING VESSELS.

Advocated by Senator Lodge at Essex Club Dinner.

Politicians Gather in Good Numbers at Club Dinner.

A good representation of Essex county republicans congregated at the Peabody town hall yesterday and listened to the addresses from national and state republican leaders.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge made the principal speech, which was received with prolonged cheering. A part of his address is of interest to local readers and was in regard to ship subsidies and bounties for American fishermen, and he said in part:

"The subsidies that we proposed by the bill are limited to \$2,000,000 a year, and the ocean mail service now earns net to the government \$2,000,000 a year. Our proposition is that the



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\$2,000,000 profit which the ocean mail service now yields to the government can be well disposed of in encouraging American capital and American seamen to undertake the construction of new lines in new directions.

"The other proposition is to give a bounty of so much per ton to American vessels not engaged in carrying mails, but engaged in the foreign merchant service, and including fishermen. That bounty is given on condition that they shall carry a certain number of American seamen among their crews, and that they shall also form a portion of the naval reserve, so that we get the service in return."

Other addresses were made by the various candidates for lieutenant governor, Hon. Eben S. Draper, Hon. Fred S. Hall and Col. Albert H. Goetting. The candidates for attorney



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general all had fun with each other, and then in a serious vein urged the club members to roll up a big republican vote this fall. Congressman John W. Weeks of Newton spoke on the subject of railroad legislation. Mr. Weeks is well known to local people, as when there was a branch of the naval brigade here he was lieutenant commander of the entire state brigade.

The dinner was furnished by Schlehuber of Lynn.

Gen. Francis Appleton presided and Postmaster Charles D. Brown served on the executive committee.

Among those present from this city were Collector William H. Jordan, Postmaster Charles D. Brown, chairman of the republican city committee, Charles H. M. Hazel, secretary of the republican city committee, Arthur E. Rowe, Clarence E. Richardson, Wilmet A. Reed, John J. Lowrie, W. W.

Lufkin, Arthur D. Story, Frank E. Raymond, James M. Callahan of Essex and Oliver F. Kilham of Beverly.

Senator Moody Kimball was around all day with "the smile that won't come off," after hearing the news of County Commissioner Sawyer's withdrawal from the contest for the office of county commissioner.

A new member was added to the club roll in the person of Ralph W. Dennen of this city.

FANCY PRICE.

Salt Mackerel Brought \$25 Per Barrel Yesterday.

Fare of Sch. Kentucky Bought by George Perkins & Son.

Large salt mackerel brought a fancy price yesterday afternoon. The schooner Kentucky came in from Georges with 38 barrels of large salt fish and four barrels of salt tinkers. The fare sold quickly to George Perkins & Son at the fancy price of \$25 per barrel for the large fish, the tinkers bringing \$15 per barrel.

This is an advance of \$2.50 per barrel over last sales, and is not only the highest price paid of the season, but one of the highest prices paid for salt mackerel for several years.

LOTS OF SHACK.

T Wharf Glutted and Many Big Fares Brought Here.

T wharf had a regular glut of fresh fish yesterday and fish went begging. In consequence there are 14 trips at this port today, all for the splitters.

Among the fleet was the new sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, from her maiden trip with a fine fare. Capt. Thomas and his crew like the new craft very much.

Good Rips Trip.

Sch. Sheffeyld, which arrived today from the Rips only ten days out after getting her bait has a fine fare, 40,000 pounds of salt cod. Sch. Norman Fisher, another of the salt Rips fleet, is also in this morning, with another dandy trip, 50,000 pounds of salt cod. These vessels both struck fine fishing on the Rips.

WITH FLAG AT HALF MAST.

Sch. Gladstone of Provincetown at This Port this Morning.

The Provincetown salt banker Gladstone arrived here this morning with 100,000 pounds of salt cod. Her flag is at half mast for the loss of two of her crew, who were drowned by the capsizing of the dory in which they were going ashore at a Cape Breton port, as previously reported in the TIMES.