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Last season this fishery was a complete failure. Codfishing is also fairly good and the indications point to a more successful fishery season than last year. Lobsters are showing up well and are bringing higher prices than last season.

A letter from Capt. Samuel Colson of the halibut Margaret of this port, dated at Arichat, C. B., June 7, states that on Tuesday night he was on board sch. Mary F. Curtis, and they were dressing mackerel, having made a haul of 100 barrels that night five miles east of White Head. Before he got up to the Curtis he passed several vessels with lights up, which he took to be vessels dressing mackerel, lying to the westward of the Curtis. Since arriving at Arichat, Capt. Colson writes that he had heard that several fair hauls had been made by seiners off to the eastward of Canso the same day as the Curtis got her haul. Wednesday, the day following, was fine, but Thursday, the day the letter was written, was stormy.

The following netters are at Newport this morning with mackerel:

- Sch. Mildred, 400 fresh mackerel.
  - Sch. Gertrude, 1500 fresh mackerel.
  - Sch. Olive E., 600 fresh mackerel.
  - Sch. Olga, 500 fresh mackerel.
  - Sch. Mabelle Leavitt, 700 fresh mackerel.
  - Sloop Alert, 300 fresh mackerel.
  - Sloop Pinkham, 1700 fresh mackerel.
  - Sloop Maxwell, 400 fresh mackerel.
  - Steamer Favorite, 500 fresh mackerel.
  - Sch. Lizzie Hunt, 900 fresh mackerel.
  - Sch. Hockomock, 900 fresh mackerel.
  - Sloop Joliet, 4000 fresh mackerel.
  - Steamer Joppaite, 1700 fresh mackerel.
  - Sch. Evangeline, 1600 fresh mackerel.
- The netters at Lanesville took a few mackerel this morning. Nelson's harbor trap took 35 tinker mackerel this morning. They sold to William E. Dennett.

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### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Rena A. Percy, Maine Coast, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Kentucky, Cape Shore, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Cape Shore, 35 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 21 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, Cape Shore, 48 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Ralph Russell, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Ramona, shore.
- Seineboat Outer Harbor, 50 bbls. whiting.
- Sch. Annie Perry, via Boston.

#### Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Spilting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Bank halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.75 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.12 1-2

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.25.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.50;

medium do., \$2.50; snappers, \$1.62 1-2.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large,

\$2.25 for medium, snappers \$1.50.

Large fresh mackerel, 18 cents each.

Fresh Old England hake, 50 cts. per cwt.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$13 per bbl.

### Boston.

- Sch. Thomas Brundage, 12,000 cod.
  - Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 8000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
  - Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 hake.
  - Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 21,000 cod.
  - Sch. Sea Fox, 9000 haddock, 13,000 cod.
  - Sch. Mattie Brundage, 23,000 haddock 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
  - Sch. Edward A. Rich, 14,000 cod.
  - Sch. Louise R. Sylva, 18,000 cod.
  - Sch. Tartar, 7000 haddock, 7000 cod.
  - Sch. Frances V. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
  - Sch. Grace Darling, 11,000 cod.
  - Sch. Dorothy, 16,000 cod.
- Haddock, \$3; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.

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### OFF SHINNECOCK.

#### Seiner and Two Porgy Boats Got Hauls There Yesterday.

#### Several Netters at Newport Today with Nice Trips.

The following netters are at Newport today with fares:

- Sch. Lafayette, 1000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Minneola, 1800 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Jennie Gilbert, 1600 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Robert G. Harris, 1800 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Queen of the Sea, 600 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Mary Emerson, 1900 fresh mackerel.
- Sloop On Time, 1400 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Dart, 1800 fresh mackerel.
- Sloop Sarah, 400 fresh mackerel.

Besides the netters, steamer George Morse had 84 barrels of fresh mackerel there yesterday and steamer Seaconnet had 75 barrels. This morning sch. Hattie L. Trask is there with 30 barrels of fresh mackerel. The latter three got their fish off Shinnecock.

The first mackerel taken in Ipswich bay this season was taken Sunday in a net by Capt. George Morgan of Lanesville.

The traps at Yarmouth, N. S., had from 15 to 20 barrels each of mackerel on Sunday.

No mackerel are reported at Pubnico, but off Lunenburg on Sunday the boats averaged 40 mackerel each.

Mackerel are plenty off Isaac's Harbor and fair at Whitehead, but at the latter place, where the netters have been getting from one to two barrels each daily, the dogfish have struck in so solid that they have had to take up their nets.

Mackerel are fair at Arichat, D'Escousse and St. Peters and none at Georgetown and scarce at Alberton.

Schs. Natalie J. Nelson, Electric Flash, Cynthia, Clandia, Conqueror, Annie M. Parker, Indiana, Lottie G. Merchant, Moccanam, Marguerite Haskins, Argo, Hattie M. Graham, Metamora, Terra Nova, Muriel, Grayling, Lewis H. Giles, Arthur James, Nourmahal, Avalon, Nellie Dixon, Veda M. McKown, Mary E. Harty, Vera, Constellation, Ralph L. Hall, Patrician and Mary F. Curtis of the seining fleet were at Canso on Sunday.

Sch. Arthur Binney was at Liverpool, N. S., on Sunday.

A Boston Fish Bureau dispatch from Whitehead, N. S., dated yesterday, reports the following fares:

- Sch. Corsair, 70 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Fame, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Talisman, 90 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 70 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Robin Hood and Monarch, no fish.

### FROM CAPE SHORE.

#### Four More Vessels Have Arrived Since Last Reports.

#### Sch. Victor Has 187 Barrels, Largest Trip Yet.

Schs. Victor and Slade Gorton arrived from Cape Shore during last night, the Victor having 187 barrels of salt mackerel, the largest trip from the Cape Shore this season. Capt. McFarland did not go the eastward of Canso and struck some fish recently. Usually 187 barrels is no great amount for a Cape Shore trip, but this year, when the fishery is almost a total failure, it looms up like a mountain.

Sch. Alert, Capt. John F. Vautier, is home from the southern seining grounds to refit. Capt. Vautier reports quite a lot of fish out that way but that they are wild and do not show well.

Many of the seiners who will go south after their Cape Shore trips will have a look out through South Channel and around the South Shoal lightship on their way out.

Sch. Cherokee with 200 fresh mackerel is the only netter at New York this morning.

Large catches of herring and mackerel were made Friday on the Victoria county coast. At Englishtown three hundred barrels of herring were taken in a trap owned by John G. Morrison, M. P. P., and at Breton Cove thirty barrels of mackerel were taken in Graham & Co.'s trap.

About 700 barrels of fresh mackerel were received at Boston yesterday from all points. Among them were quite a number of small mackerel going from three quarters to a pound each.

The fare of sch. Slade Gorton sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

The fare of sch. Victor sold to Davis Bros.

The fare of sch. Mooween sold to Fred Bradley at \$13 per barrel.

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### FISH HAD SPECTACLES.

#### Curious Find of One of Crew of Lelia E. Norwood.

#### Hauled Up Codfish with Rusty Pair in Its Stomach.

A codfish what wore spectacles was hauled up on Georges bank recently by Olaf Nelson, one of the crew of sch. Lelia E. Norwood of this port, engaged in halibuting. To be sure they were not fitted to the fish's eyes when he was hauled up, but were in his pocket, as it were, that is, in his stomach. They were of the steel bowed and rimmed kind and one of the lenses was gone and one of the bows was broken off.

The glasses may have been lost by some Georges handliner fishing at the rail or they may have come from the body of some unfortunate person who was drowned.

The glasses are on exhibition at Bradstreet's barber shop on Main street and are attracting much attention.

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# ELUSIVE SEA SERPENT.

## Is It a Myth or Is He Really an Inhabitant of the Deep?

### Strong Testimony by Rockport Summer Resident in 1886.

True, the sea serpent furnishes good material for the incredulous writer and the paragrapher of jokes, but why should it not be considered perfectly probable that some mammoth heretofore unknown wonder of the deep should make his appearance now and then?

In the history of the town of Rockport, Granville B. Putnam, master of the Franklin school of Boston, a well known summer resident of that town, contributes five pages on the subject of the sea serpent, which is exceedingly interesting reading.

He relates experience of August 12, 1886, in the afternoon, when Town Clerk Calvin W. Pool called at his cottage at Pigeon Cove and said, "There is some strange thing in the water; I think it is the sea serpent." Mr. Putnam quickly went to the piazza with his marine glasses, and discovered the creature advancing in a northerly direction, and but little more than an eighth of a mile from him. He saw it approaching, passing and departing, and watched it most attentively for about 10 minutes.

Mr. Putnam estimated the length, being acquainted with the dimensions of yachts on the water, as not less than 80 feet. The head seemed short, and about the size of a nail cask, while the middle of the body was larger than that of a man. The color was dark brown, and it appeared to be somewhat mottled with a lighter shade. As the head was at no time raised above the water, the color of the throat could not be determined. The surface of the head and back was very smooth, and no one of the 40 or more persons who saw it detected anything that looked like a fin or a flipper.

Mr. Putnam says that he could see distinctly 15 feet of the forward portion of the body, while back of that, the convolutions being greater, the depressions were below the surface, so as to present a series of ridges, some 10 or 15 in number at a time. The extremity of the tail was not visible. Its course was a direct one, and its speed uniform, and not more than five miles an hour.

Mr. Putnam says that on August 19, a week later, the same creature or one like it appeared to the northward, and although half a mile away, it was distinctly seen by Rev. David Brewer, then assistant pastor of the Park Street church, Boston, by his wife and servants and by several others.

Mr. Putnam says that he finds the following well-authenticated visits to these shores by the sea serpent since the opening of the present century:

Gloucester.....	June 20, 1815
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Nahant.....	Aug. 19, 1819
Swampscott.....	Aug. 10, 1820
Nahant.....	July 12, 1823
Nahant.....	—, 1826
Lynn.....	July —, 1833
Swampscott.....	July —, 1849
Nahant.....	July 30, 1875
Gloucester.....	July 15, 1877

Mr. Putnam continues to tell from where he obtained his authority for the above table, coming from well educated and reliable parties, and intelligent captains, sailors and fishermen.

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In closing Mr. Putnam says: "There are many grains of truth in this ascertainment, that it does require the alternative of being either ridiculed as an ignorant fool or denounced as a contemptible impostor, but such is the ordeal through which all have to pass who venture to assert that they have seen the sea serpent," yet I have never regretted that I offered my report to the public, for I am confident that the time will come when its candid judgment will be assured of the existence of this denizen of the deep." Surely a strong argument in behalf of the illusive serpent.

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## CAPLIN STRIKE IN.

### Quite Plentiful for Some Time at St. Pierre, Miquelon.

#### Sch. Alice R. Lawson First Banker To Bait There.

Advices from St. Pierre, Miquelon, dated June 9 state that caplin have struck in there and have been quite plentiful for several days. Sch. Alice R. Lawson, of this port, one of the salt bankers, baited there on Sunday, being the first American vessel to bait there this season.

A letter to the Times from St. Pierre, Miquelon, dated June 9, says that the bankers are beginning to arrive there and that good fishing is reported on Flemish Cap. Two vessels came in on Sunday, each with 1000 quintals, from there. There is also a good sign of fish on St. Peters Bank.

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## Bait Gone from Magdalens.

A despatch from the Times correspondent at the Magdalens says that the vessels have all left there and the bait has all gone.

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## ASHORE AT MAGDALENES.

### Sch. James A. Stetson Full of Water, Herring Laden.

A special to the Times from its correspondent at the Magdalene islands states that sch. James A. Stetson of Lubec, Me., formerly of this port, with a full cargo of salt herring on board, is wrecked and full of water at the mouth of Amherst harbor. Her cargo of herring will be lost and the vessel will most likely be condemned. Capt. L. C. Ingalls has arrived there to confer with the underwriters.

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- Sch. Slade Gorton, Cape Shore, seining, 12 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Alert, south, seining.
- Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, Cape North, 50,000 lbs. salt fish.
- Seineboat, Outer Harbor, 71 bbls. whiting.

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### Boston.

- Sch. Julia Costa, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod
- Sch. James and Esther, 25,000 cod.
- Sch. Appomattox, 1500 haddock, 14,000 cod.
- Sch. Buena, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Mary C. Santos, 8000 haddock, 27,000 cod.
- Sch. Flaville, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Mary Edith, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod
- Haddock, \$4 to \$4.25; large cod, \$4.75 to \$5; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3; pollock, \$2.50.

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## Will Make a Fine Stock.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, is at Boston this morning with a good fare, 50,000 pounds of haddock, 12,000 pounds of cod and 1400 pounds of halibut. The craft will make one of the best stocks of the season at T wharf, as fish are very high this morning, owing to light receipts. Haddock are bringing \$4.50 to \$6, and cod \$5 to \$5.50 and the craft also received 14 cents a pound for her halibut.

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## Norway Cod Catch.

The Norway cod catch to date is 40,563 thousands, against 40,834 thousands at this time last year. The pack of cod roe to date is 44,307 HL., against 34,541 HL. at this time last year. An HL. equals 220.36 pounds.

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## BAIT AT NEWBURYPORT.

### Blue Backs Struck In the River on Tuesday.

Bluebacks have struck in at Newburyport and good hauls have been made. Sch. Ramona baited there yesterday. The fish were only one day later than last year.