

July 12.

SHOWS FALLING OFF.

Comparative Table of Fish Catch to July 1.

Loss on Cod and Mackerel and Gain on Haddock and Halibut.

Although the fishing season, since it opened in the spring, has been one of the poorest for some years, still the amount of fish landed at this port for the six months ending June 30 does not fall far below the figures for the first six months of 1905.

The greatest falling off and the most disappointing feature has been the utter collapse of the mackerel seining fishery, a paltry 4000 barrels and little over being landed, against some 15,000 barrels for the same period last year.

Salt cod show a decline of one million pounds and fresh cod have dropped off a million and a half pounds. The latter is due to the poor showing of the Cape North shakers, while the former would have been even more behind last year but for the fine fares of the salt "drift" fleet. The salt bankers are behind last year as only a small number of them have been home with first trips. It is hoped that the receipts this month will put salt bank cod up where it belongs.

Owing to the big winter fishing and the frequent glutting of the T wharf market, sending fares here to split, the receipts of haddock are over 2,000,000 pounds ahead of the receipts of the same kind of fish for the first six months of 1905.

Receipts of hake are off about 1000 pounds from the receipts of the first six months of last year, for the reason that the summer shakers have not been bringing in the usual large fares of these cheap, but fine fish.

The falling off of 600,000 pounds in the receipts of cusk is due more than anything else to the poor success of the Georges halibut fleet, which last season brought in many large fares of these fish.

Pollock run about 200,000 pounds ahead of the first six months of last year, the boats having done well seining these fish close to shore as they did in May and June of last year.

Taken as a whole on ground fish the receipts for the first six months of the year are below the corresponding period of last year only about 800,000 pounds, but if the comparative receipts of salt mackerel are added they fall behind 1905 by about 3,000,000 pounds.

However the season is young and with the six months to come there are reasons to hope that at the last of December the figures for the whole of 1905 may be equalled, if not surpassed by those of 1906.

The following table shows the comparison of the catch of the principal kinds of fish for the first six months of 1905 and 1906:

	1905. Pounds.	1906. Pounds.
Salt Cod.....	5,590,200	4,594,800
Fresh Cod.....	6,846,360	5,360,900
Halibut.....	1,117,300	1,886,300
Haddock.....	5,775,090	7,995,900
Hake.....	2,279,815	1,316,310
Cusk.....	2,413,730	1,876,600
Pollock.....	2,083,130	2,286,700
Total.....	26,165,625	25,317,510
	Bbls.	Bbls.
Salt Mackerel.....	15,838	4343

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Arthur James, off Yarmouth, N. S., 62 bbls. salt medium mackerel.
- Sch. Constellation, seining.
- Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.
- Sch. Ingomar, seining.
- Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., Rips, 18,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Sch. Grace Otis, Rips, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Gardner W. Tarr, Magdalen Islands, 450 bbls. salt mackerel, 20,000 lbs. salt cod-fish.
- Sch. Addie M. Story, Boston, Irish mackerel.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.
- Sch. Florida, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting 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, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 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.

Fresh Old England hake, 50 cts. per bbl.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$13 per bbl.

Salt large mackerel \$13 per bbl.

Salt medium mackerel \$12 per bbl.

Salt spike mackerel, \$5 per bbl.

Large fresh mackerel, 15 cts. each.

Medium fresh mackerel 3 cts. each.

Boston.

Sch. Pythian, 24,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 halibut.

Sch. Dorothy, 1000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 1000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Haddock, \$5 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$7; market cod, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hake, \$2.50; pollock, \$3.50; halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

Mackerel Receipts.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Elizabeth Silsbee sold to George Perkins & Son at \$12 per bbl.

July 13.

Herring Plenty at Argyle.

Capt. Thomas Goodwin telegraphs the Times from Yarmouth, N. S., that herring are plenty at Argyle and vessels coming for bait and hoisting a flag will be provided with a pilot.

Good Trip.

Sch. Bertha D. Miller is in Boston today with a fine trip, 64 swordfish. As the price is high, 11 cents per pound, the vessel will make a good stock and share.

July 13.

OFF RACE POINT.

Schs. Argo and Gertrude Made Mackerel Haul Wednesday.

Fish Are Both Large and Small and Brought Fine Prices.

Sch. Argo of this port arrived at T wharf, Boston, this afternoon with 6000 large fresh mackerel and 3000 medium fresh mackerel. Sch. Gertrude also arrived there about the same time with 1500 large fresh mackerel and 3000 fresh medium mackerel.

The fish were taken yesterday afternoon off Race Point, but as it was foggy, the skippers could not say whether others took fish there at the same time or not. In addition to her fresh mackerel, sch. Argo has 14 barrels of large salt mackerel taken previously in South Channel.

The fish brought fancy prices, the large mackerel selling at 25 cents each. Sch. Gertrude got nine cents each for her medium fish and sch. Argo got eight cents each for her mediums.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Arthur Jones sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company for a lump sum, \$775.

July 13.

MODUS VIVENDI HELPFULL

Matter Being Discussed by Nova Scotia Fishermen's Union.

Some Would Do Away Altogether with License Fee.

Among the matters brought up for consideration at the semi-annual meeting of the Fishermen's Union No. 3, comprising the seven counties west of Halifax, N. S., at Wood Harbor, N. S., last week was the following:

"The Modus Vivendi; As the license system, adopted in relation to American fishing vessels, is not prejudicial to our interests, but rather helpful to the trade of our fishing ports, a protest is entered against any more exclusive measures, and an opinion is expressed, backed by an array of facts, that it would be preferable to abolish the fees of such license, so as to allow the free purchase of bait and stores, and the transhipment of fresh fares."

With several other matters, it was passed to the executive to arrange for consideration in proper order later in the session.

July 13.

Dogfish Bothering Portland Fishermen.

All the Portland fishermen state that the conditions are the worst ever known along this coast on account of the dogfish which are fast increasing in number and playing sad havoc with the fishermen. Unless some steps are taken to annihilate the pests, the season will be a dismal failure.

July 3.

Mackerel Notes.

Sch. Ingomar, which arrived at this port yesterday, had 25 barrels of large salt mackerel taken off Chatham recently. They were sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company at \$14.50 per barrel.

Sch. Alert, Capt. John F. Vautier, arrived at this port this morning with 5000 fresh mixed mackerel in count. The fish were taken late yesterday afternoon, on Middle Bank, right off here. Capt. Vautier says that the fish appeared to be mixed, large and small, and that there appeared to be quite a number showing there yesterday afternoon.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar McKown, arrived this morning, also from Middle Bank, with 12 barrels of mixed fresh mackerel, also taken on Middle Bank yesterday afternoon.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson got a dory load haul on Middle Bank yesterday afternoon.

Sloop Klondike arrived yesterday afternoon from a netting trip to the Maine coast, with 18 barrels of salt whiting and 35 barrels of salt medium mackerel, which sold to William H. Jordan & Co. The mackerel were taken off Richmond's island.

The seining skippers appear to think that there is quite a lot of fish in Boston Bay at present.

The crew of sch. Arthur James shared \$68 as the result of their recent seining trip.

The fare of schs. Alert and Saladin sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at 22 cents each for large and 7 1-2 cents each for mediums.

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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.
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Fresh Old England hake, 50 cts. per bbl.
Salt large mackerel \$14.50 per bbl.
Salt medium mackerel \$12 per bbl.
Salt spike mackerel, \$5 per bbl.
Large fresh mackerel, 22 cts. each.
Medium fresh mackerel 7 1-2 cts. each.

Boston.

Sch. Theresa and Alice, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Yakima, 45,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Appomattox, 3000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 3000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod.
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 1000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Rapidan, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 32 swordfish.
Sch. John M. Keen, 1500 haddock, 3200 cod, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 19,000 cod.
Sch. Buema, 25,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Laura Enos, 32 swordfish.
Sch. Bertha M. Miller, 64 swordfish.
Sch. Fish Hawk, 4000 haddock, 6000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$1 to \$1.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$4; pollock, \$1.50; swordfish, 11 cts. per lb.

July 4

ON MAINE COAST.

Thirty Sail of Seining Fleet Looking for Mackerel.

Record Price at T Wharf Yesterday for Large Fish.

Four of the seining fleet have arrived at this port this morning with no fish. They report Georges dry as a bone, not even a hag or shark showing. A few fish had been seen off Chatham a short time ago and the last few days there were some fish off the Race and on Middle Bank. A big fleet of seiners came out of Provincetown Thursday, and after a look around the bay, about 30 sail of them started yesterday for the Maine coast, which seems to be about the only place to go now, unless a vessel is going to the Bay. News from a very trustworthy source reports mackerel schooling recently on Marblehead Bank and off Isle au Haut, and it is in this direction that the greater part of the fleet has probably gone.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, has fitted for six weeks and after a good look down east, if nothing shows there, will go to the Bay, where Capt. Corkum feels that the medium fish which struck off Yarmouth a few weeks ago and went down the Cape Shore may be found.

Sch. Indiana had 3000 fresh medium mackerel and 1000 large fresh mackerel at Boston yesterday afternoon, the latter selling for 28 cents each, the record price of the season. The medium fish brought eight cents each.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes is at Boston this morning with 200 fresh mackerel, selling at 27 cents each. Her skipper reports some fish in Boston Bay, but that they are very wild.

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FROM MAGDALEN ISLANDS.

Sch. Gardner W. Tarr Brings Cargo of Salt Mackerel.

Sch. Gardner W. Tarr of this port arrived home from a trip to the Magdalen Islands this forenoon, having 450 barrels of salt mackerel and 20,000 pounds of salt codfish.

The vessel left here some time ago on a sort of experimental trip. The codfish were caught in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while the mackerel were bought at the Magdalen Islands and will be entered at the custom house this afternoon.

July 14

MONSTER TURTLE.

Without Doubt the Biggest One Ever Taken on Georges.

Captured a Few Days Ago by the Crew of Sch. Constellation.

Fishermen who were in the vicinity of the incident are telling about the big turtle which was taken by the crew of sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddens Morgan, on Georges, a few days ago. All who saw the brute aver that it was far and away the largest they ever saw and no doubt they are right.

The vessel was in search of mackerel on the southeast part of Georges and it was mighty dull fishing, so the boys were looking for swordfish. It was not long before the fellow on the tip of the bowsprit espied a queer chap in the water. It wasn't a swordfish, but a great big turtle.

The gang were looking for any kind of sport to relieve the monotony of the trip, so they wanted the turtle and the man on the bowsprit promptly drove the harpoon into him at the proper moment. It took all right and for a few moments there was a lively circus, but finally they got him along side and started to hoist him in, but he came hard, very hard.

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Sch. Saladin, Middle Bank, 12 bbls. fresh mixed mackerel.
Sch. Priscilla Smith, seining.
Sch. Annie Greenlaw, seining.
Steamer Pet, shore.
Steamer Herbert and Emma, Ipswich Bay, 22 bbls. fresh fish.

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Sch. Juniata, Scatter, 55,000 lbs. salt fish, 33,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Cynthia, seining.
Sch. Lewis H. Giles, seining.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, seining.
Sch. Orinoco, seining.