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**Boston.**

Steamer Spray, 44,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 11,000 flounders.

Sch. Lucania, 65,000 haddock, 120,000 cod, 200 halibut.

Sch. Shepherd King, 14,000 haddock, 100 cod, 200 hake, 700 cusk.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 800 haddock, 7500 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 6500 haddock, 1600 cod.

Haddock, \$4 to \$4.85 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hake, \$3.50 to 6; cusk, \$3.50.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Capt. George Smith, the well known down east skipper, formerly of Sch. Fannie A. Smith, will command sch. Eglantine in the shack fishery this coming season. Capt. Smith is expected here the first of this week to begin to fit out.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott will now fit for south seining under command of Capt. Lewis Carritt.

Capt. John F. Vautier, after a winter as mate of a big coastwise craft, is here to fit sch. Pinta for south seining.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, is all fitted for southern seining and will sail today or tomorrow.

March 19.

**SMALL SPRING FLEET.**

**Lunenburg Bankers Will Not Get Away Very Early.**

**First Fleet Will Only Number About Twenty Sail.**

Only twenty fishing schooner of the Lunenburg, N. S., salt fishing fleet will make the early spring trip to the Grand Banks. The first visit to the fishing grounds will be later this year than in former seasons, owing to the great quantities of ice on the shores.

Some work has already begun in getting the schooners ready, and in a short time the preparations will be in full swing, when the water front will be a very busy place.

The schooners which clear early use frozen liquid in the first operations. The vessels will fit out in Lunenburg but will get their bait at Canso.

Sch. Beatrice S. Mack, which has been up here with herring, commanded by Capt. Mack, will be the first to sail and was expected to get away yesterday.

The others of the fleet will be:

- Sch. Juanita, Capt. Selig.
- Sch. Acme, Capt. Richardson.
- Sch. Eva June, Capt. Schiare.
- Sch. Hiawatha, Capt. Cook.
- Sch. Henry L. Montagne, Capt. Cook.
- Sch. Defender, Capt. Knickle.
- Sch. Alexander, Capt. Winters.
- Sch. Anguadilla, Capt. Silva.
- Sch. Shamrock, Capt. Winters.
- Sch. Coronation, Capt. Miller.
- Sch. Mattawa, Capt. Corkum.
- Sch. Lila D. Young, Capt. Spindles.

New schooner, Capt. Freeman Corkum. The captains are having no difficulty in shipping crews. Several of these craft are well known here, through being in the herring fleet that have brought cargoes here and to Boston, among them schs Eva June, Defender, Coronation and Lila D. Young.

March 19.

**LANGSFORD WHARF SOLD.**

**Well Known Local Fish Dealers Made the Purchase.**

**WELL LOCATED ON HARBOR COVE**

**Cold Storage Plant and Freezer To Be Erected Later**

Purchases of wharf property and improvement of present plants seems to be very much in vogue just at present, and the latest purchase is one of more than ordinary interest, because of what it may bring forth in the near future in the line of what this port has for some time needed greater accommodations.

Messrs. Benjamin A. Smith, Fred A. and Frank C. Pearce, together, have bought of John E. Somes of Boston, formerly of this city, the wharf and uplands fronting on Harbor Cove and facing Rogers street, comprising the good sized wharf and two buildings formerly occupied by the fishing concern of T. A. Langsford & Son. The wharf has fine dock room on both sides and good water at the head.

At the head of the wharf, at present, is a public boat landing, and stage, which for several years has been controlled by Mr. Joseph Hayes. The wharf has also been used by many vessels needing wharf room and for transient wharfage. The wharf is a good one and well situated, being between the wharves of Davis Bros. and the Gloucester Cold Storage Company, and very easy of access.

It is understood that no immediate change will be made, but that the idea of the purchasers is to later erect a good sized cold storage plant and freezer.

March 19.

**HARD TO BEAT.**

**Gloucester High Line of Tampa Snapper Fleet.**

**Reuben Rafuse Brings News of Gloucester Men There.**

Mr. Reuben Rafuse, a well known Gloucester fisherman, has just returned from Tampa, Florida, where he has been engaged in red snapper fishing for the past winter season.

Rafuse was one of the crew of sch. Elsie F. Rowe, formerly of this port. He says that about all the vessels had a fine season, doing better than any of the other gulf ports.

Sch. Two Forty, formerly of this port, was high line of the fleet and she was and is in command of Capt. Stephen Cole, a well known master mariner of this port, who went mackerel seining and to Newfoundland for many years. Mr. Rafuse says that Capt. Cole rolled up a big season's work and although he and those in the Rowe did well, Capt. Cole and his crew were ahead of them.

He says that there are several old Gloucester fishermen at Tampa, among them Peter Martin, James Roach and Ted Clifford, all of whom wanted to be remembered to their friends in Gloucester. He also saw Capt. John Marshall a few times and says he is doing well freighting in sch. Carrie W. Babson.

With a Gloucester skipper high line at Tampa and another, Capt. Cooney, high line at Pensacola, it would seem that Gloucester skippers are hard to beat wherever they are put or whatever fishing they go at.

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**POOR LITTLE ROBIN.**

**Flew on Board Sch. Monitor Off Sable Island.**

**Completely Exhausted and Tenderly Cared For, But Died.**

The man of sch. Monitor, which took out her halibut yesterday, tell a sad little tale of a robin, which, driven far from home by fierce winds and buffeted about, made their hospitable deck, but was so far gone that it died.

The vessel was driving home from the Grand Bank with a fare of halibut and all canvas was being carried in order to make market as soon as possible. A few days ago during a drizzling rainstorm, the craft was passing Sable island, when one of the crew on deck noted a small bird winging painfully toward them. As it came nearer he put out his hands and the poor little thing flew straight into them and curled up, completely exhausted.

All of a sailor's tenderness was lavished on the little fellow, which was a robin, such as are seen around here in hundreds, later in the season, but the dear little chap was evidently too far gone from its long flight and hard usage in heavy storms to recoup its strength and after three days it passed away, much to the sorrow of the hardy fellows who had grown much attached to it and reckoned on bringing it around to health and landing it safely on shore when they arrived here.

March 19.

**TAKE THE "SHORTS."**

**And Protect Mature Lobsters by New Legislation.**

**Fisheries and Game Committee To Report Bill This Week.**

During the coming week the fisheries and game committee will undoubtedly report the new short lobster bill. This measure, if it becomes law, reverses the policy of the state in that it makes for the protection of the mature rather than the young or short lobsters.

The chairman of the fish and game commission, echoing the note sounded by Senator Bullock of New Bedford, says that the state has been wrong in permitting the taking of the larger lobsters and prohibiting the taking of the "shorts." So he submits a measure to provide for the construction of lobster traps to be so constructed that the mature lobster can't get in.

This would give the Massachusetts market, so he contends, the benefit of the "short lobster," so much sought after, instead of letting New York and Rhode Island enjoy that delicacy while the people of Massachusetts "obey their laws."

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Western Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

**Vessels Sailed.**

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