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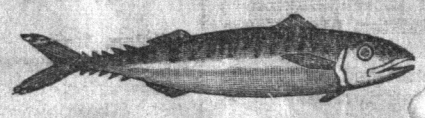
CAPT. SOL JACOBS LANDS FIRST FISH.

At Fortress Monroe Today with 3500 Fresh Medium Mackerel.

TRIP ONE OF THE EARLIEST EVER CAUGHT AND LANDED.

Capt. Jacobs Reports Finding the Weather Bad and Large Quantity of Mackerel in Sight.



Fresh mackerel, fresh mackerel, fresh mackerel, and Capt. Solomon Jacobs has them.

The "old reliable" has caught the head school as usual and adds another to his long, long list of first fares landed. This morning his sch. A. M. Nicholson arrived at Fortress Monroe, Va., and landed 3500 fresh medium mackerel in count at the establishment of William Baulch, and they were soon barrelled up, with plenty of ice and shipped by fast express to Fulton Market, New York.

Capt. Jacobs sailed from here at 1.30 o'clock a week ago last Saturday afternoon, and the fact that he is in so soon after leaving here shows that he was not long in getting on the southern mackerel grounds and that he found the fish very quickly after getting there.

Last year, Capt. Jacobs sailed from here March 17, one day later than this year and on March 31, arrived at Fortress Monroe with 3000 fresh medium mackerel in count, which were shipped to Fulton Market, where they brought 20 cents each. This trip was the earliest for nine years, when, on March 29, 1897, Capt. Jacobs, then in sch. Ethel B. Jacobs, arrived at New York with 100 barrels of fresh mackerel.

As the trip which Capt. Jacobs has in this morning is six days earlier than the one he landed last year and four days earlier than the fare landed March 29, 1897, it must be one of the very earliest arrivals of fresh mackerel on record.

Many thought that Capt. Jacobs was going much too early, considering what a hard winter we had had here, but the seasoned veteran evidently knew what he was about, for advices from the southward are to the effect that the winter down there has been mild, with but few storms.

The news of the arrival of Capt. Jacobs with a fresh mackerel fare so unexpectedly early will have a great effect on the fleet now fitting out here. Many of the skippers were not thinking of going much before the first week in April, and indeed the men who form the crews have also not been anxious to start early, and have not been too anxious to ship. This news will start everybody up in great shape, as there is nothing like the cry of "the first mackerel trip in" to start the blood of all.

Like last year, the first fish caught are mediums, but for many years previous these fish have not been in evidence at all to the southward. Many claim that it is a good but it does not always follow, for last season was about the worst on record.

A special to the Times this noon from its Fortress Monroe correspondent reports that Capt. Jacobs caught his fare 40 miles east of Cape Henry and that the fish were shipped to George T. Moon, Fulton Market, New York. This will be the first fare of fresh mackerel handled at the new Fulton Market, which was opened for business last week.

The despatch also states that Capt. Jacobs reports seeing no other seiners. He also said that the weather was bad and that there was a large quantity ef mackerel in sight.

Bought Herring Rights.

The herring and alewive fishing rights of the Bourndale, Cape Cod, streams have been purchased for this season by the Gloucester Mackerel Company.

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LOBSTER LAW CHANGES.

Fish and Game Committee Will Hear Suggestions This Week.

The fish and game committee will take up during the week the lobster recommendations of Dr. Field and his colleagues on the fish and game committee. The fish commission has urged a reversal of the policy of the state in that it suggests that instead of protecting the short lobster it look after and take care of the mature, egg-bearing lobster. To carry out this new policy Dr. Field suggested that lobster pots be equipped with 3 1-2 inch rings which would not permit the entrance into the pot of the larger lobsters he desires to save.

At the public hearing on the matter last week, however, numerous lobster fishermen appeared in opposition. They said the ring should be an inch larger in diameter. This was a rather serious opposition to the scheme and one that the committee will have to give weight to in executive session when the matter is taken up.

March 25.

NOT YET ARRIVED.

Newfoundland Craft Bound Home from Boston.

A despatch from North Sydney, C. B., states that sch. Harry Lewis, bound from Boston for Moise Ambrose, N. F., had not yet arrived at her destination, and it is feared that something may have happened to the craft, as she left Boston a long time ago and has been several weeks on the homeward journey.

The vessel came to Boston along in January, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1100 barrels of salt herring. It is said at North Sydney that she left Boston six weeks ago. If this is correct, and it evidently is not far out of the way, it is felt that some serious accident must have befallen her, and that there is ground for graves fears for the safety of her crew.

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BIG SINGLE HAUL.

sch Mattakeesett Gets 20,000 Lbs. Fish on One Set of Trawls.

Sch. Mattakeesett arrived at Boston, this morning from shore fishing with 20,000 pounds and the best of it is that every pound of the big haul was taken on one set of the trawls. This is the largest single set made in the shore fishery for a long, long time and means a fine stock and share, as hake are in big demand.

March 25.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Georges, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Selma, Georges, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, Portland.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Georges, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Dictator, Georges, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Pythian, Georges, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, shore.

Sch. Emerald, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Shepherd King.

Sch. Flavilla, shore.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, shore.

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Todays Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, $2.50; medium do., $1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, $2.25; medium do., $1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, $1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, $1.10; hake, $1.10; pol lock, $1.

Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, $4.75; medium do., $3.75; salt haddock, $2; salt pollock, $2; salt hake, $2; salt cusk, $2.50.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Georges handliner halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Haddockers' fresh halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

Outside sales large fresh cod, to split, $2.75.

Boston.

Sch. Mattakeesett, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 16,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Mettaconnet, 8000 cod.

Sch. Manhassett, 40,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.

Sch. Winnifred, 20,000 haddock, 60,000 cod,

Sch. George H. Lubee, 4000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 9000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Bessie, 5000 cod.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Frances, Whalen, 1500 haddock, 10,000 cod, 25,000 hake.

Sch. Valentinna, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 5000 hoddock, 5000 cod.

Sloop W. H. Clement, 6000 cod.

Sch. Catherine Burke, 30,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 70,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Mystery. 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Sabine, 2400 cod.

Sch. Emilia Enos, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 1000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 45,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 30,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Vera, 40,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 2500 haddock, 900 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nynan, 4000 haddock, 800 cod, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Marguerite, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 60,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Rebecca, 3000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Illinois, 25,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Sch. Buema, 6000 haddock, 2400 cod.

Sch. Flirt, 50,000 haddock, 55,000 cod.

Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Hortense, 20,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.

Sch. Catherine G. Howard, 40,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 14,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 60,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 3500 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Two Sisters, 3500 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 cod.

Steamer Ida, 2500 cod.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 10,000 cod.

Haddock, $2 to $3.50 per cwt.; large cod, $2.50 to $3; market cod, $2; hake, $3 to $5; cusk, $3.50. Lots of fish unsold and considerable market cod coming to Gloucester.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Maggie and May, for bait, and Senator Gardner, for harbor, were at Halifax, N. S., Saturday.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, sailed south, mackerel seining, Saturday afternoon.

Sch. Rob Roy will be commanded in the mackerel seining fishery by Capt. M. D. McKown of Boothbay Harbor, Me.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling is at this port from down east to fit out for her season's shack fishing.

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HADDOCKERS' BUSY DAY.

Fifty-One Arrivals Have 2,000,000 Lbs. Fresh Fish

SOME WILL GO TO SPLITTERS.

Sch. Flirt Is High Line with 105,000 Pounds Fare.

This is the biggest fresh fish day of the season, for at this port and Boston up to 8 o'clock this morning was an aggregate of 51 vessels with in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 pounds of fresh fish, cod and haddock.

Of these many arrivals about 20 were from off shore, the rest being market boats. Sixteen of the off shore vessels had an aggregate of 1,180,000 pounds of fish.

The market on haddock is fairly good, but off shore cod are weak and by tomorrow morning, several of the big fare crafts will come to this port from Boston, to split their codfish.

Sch. Flirt, Capt. Alfred Green, has the banner trip. She is at Boston and has 105,000 pounds of fish. Sch. Matchless, Capt. Stillman Hipson, is also there with 100,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James M. Goodwin, is at this port with 100,000 pounds. These are the biggest fresh fish fares of the season and mean good money for all concerned.

Beside the Goodwin, sch. Dictator, Capt. Horace Wilde is also at this port, who has been out since last Thursday, with 80,000 pounds, the quickest trip of the season when the amount of fish brought in is considered.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Oscar Benson, is here from her first Georges halibuting trip of the season with a dandy starter, having 70,000 pounds of fresh fish, about all cod, 10,000 pounds of salt cod and 5000 pounds of halibut.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Frank Enslo, is also here. This is Capt. Enslo's first trip in command this season and he has made a good start, 70,000 pounds of cod and haddock. Capt. Enslo reports that the northwester of a week ago Wednesday was very heavy on the northern part of the bank. Many of the Georges handline fleet went adrift and did not get back on the bank until Friday. He spoke several of them and all had done little up to the last few days, when the codfish began to strike on. On leaving the bank he spoke sch. American, Capt. Patrick Vale, with 40 tubs, and brought in some halibut for him. He also spoke sch. Pauline with 20 tubs.

At Boston, the vessels with big trips are as follows: Sch. Flirt, Capt. Alfred Green, 105,000; sch. Matchless, Capt. Stillman Hipson, 100,000; sch. Manhasset, 85,000; sch. Winnifred, 80,000; sch. Illinois, 65,000; sch. Hortense, 70,000; sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 65,000; sch. Vera, 70,000; sch. Robert and Arthur, 90,000; sch. Mystery, 55,000 and sch. Catherine Burke, 55,000. The captains of these craft seem to think that the codfish school is just striking the bank.

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Steam Auxiliary for Boston Craft.

Sch. Buema, one of the Boston fishing fleet, commanded and partly owned by Capt. Herbert Nickerson, a native of Clark's Harbor, will be equipped next month with two 25 horse power steam engines and twin screws. She will be the second one of the fleet to adopt steam as an auxiliary power and the first with twin screws."—Clark's Harbor, N. S. Coast Guard.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the New England Fish Co. at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

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"BIG BONELESS" PLANT.

To Follow Great Strike of Codfish Off Nantucket.

On account of a great codfish strike off the island of Nantucket a company has been organized to put up a "boneless" plant on Swain's wharf there, which will be one of the largest in New England. One building is already being rushed along and the work of putting up boneless fish is expected to begin next week.

Throughout all last week the dory fishermen made remarkable hauls. They all favor the new project as it will save the labor of dressing, packing and shipping their fish.

CONVERTED TO GASOLINERS.

Provincetown Small Boat Fleet Gives Up Sails for Motors

Provincetown's incomparable motor dory fleet has been augmented by 50 within the past four or five months, making about 200 in the aggregate.

Nearly the whole number is in commission employed in bay trawling for cod and haddock, or in flatfish dredging. Less than two dozen sail dories are now used by local trawlers and the fine sloop fleet is fast being equipped with gasoline engines.

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Record Catches of Red Snappers.

The record catches of red snappers was broken yesterday, says the Pensacola, Fla., *Journal of the 12th inst., when the fishing* schooners Cavalier and Clara R. Harwood, of the fleet of Saunders & Co,. arrived in port with a total catch of over 90,000 pounds of fish, which had been taken by the crews in the Gulf off south pass.

The Harwood was formerly of this port and one of the crack boats of the market fishing fleet.

March 26.

HERRING PRICES RAISED.

St. Andrews, N. B., March 26.—The union of weir owners, at a meeting here, adopted a scale of prices at which the output of their herring weirs will be sold to the American packers. The prices fixed are $8 a hogshead from the opening of the season until July 31, and $6 a hogshead from then until the close of the season. The prices do not apply to Canadian canners, they being given the preference. Last year the fishermen received about $4 a hogshead from the American packers.

March 26.

CLAM HEARING.

Question of Sunday Digging To Be Considered.

The hearing on the clam question will be held at the state house on Friday at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon before the committee which is considering the amendment of the Sunday law of the state, and the Newburyport clammers will be asked to tell why they desire to privilege of pursuing their vocation upon that day.

Senator Shaw, Representative Fogg and others who are interested in the cause of the fishermen will also attend.

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Going to Newfoundland.

Sch. Sea Fox of Provincetown, formerly of this port, arrived here yesterday to fit out for a passage to Newfoundland, she having been bought by parties there.