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 Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.  
 Market price fresh hake, \$1.30 per cwt.  
 Large fresh mackerel, 8 1-2 cts. each.  
 Fresh medium mackerel 5 cts. each.  
 Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$12.00 per bbl.  
 Market price fresh cusk, \$1.75 per cwt.  
 Cox's ledge dory handline salt cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for mediums  
 Dressed fresh pollock, 80 cts. per cwt.  
 Cape North fresh codfish, \$2.50 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for medium.  
 Fresh whiting, 50c per bbl.  
 Salt Cape North cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.  
 Shore salt mackerel, \$14 per bbl.

**Boston.**

Sch. Reliance, 3300 large fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 10,000 large fresh mackerel, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, 10,000 large fresh mackerel, 22 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Mary A. Gloason.  
 Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 40,000 haddock.  
 Sch. Tecumseh, 4000 cod, 3000 cusk, 3000 halibut.  
 Sch. Teresa and Alice, 15,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 3000 hake.  
 Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 10,000 haddock, 55,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.  
 Sch. Rose Cabral.  
 Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 18,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.  
 Sch. Gov. Russell, 15,000 haddock, 60,000 cod, 6000 pollock.  
 Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 45,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.  
 Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 20,000 haddock, 55,000 cod.  
 Sch. Albert W. Black, 107 swordfish.  
 Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 81 swordfish.  
 Sch. Hortense, 5000 haddock, 65,000 cod.  
 Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 89 swordfish.  
 Sch. Klondike, 6000 cod.  
 Sch. Mary Edith, 35,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
 Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 5000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 6000 pollock.  
 Sch. Emilie Enos, 3000 haddock, 25,000 cod.  
 Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 45,000 cod.  
 Sch. Harvester, 6000 haddock, 30,000 cod.  
 Sch. Jessie Costa, 10,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.  
 Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 50,000 hake, 30,000 cusk.  
 Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50; swordfish, 6 cts. per lb.; fresh mackerel, 11 and 11 1-2 cts. each.

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**FISH BIT SOLID.**

**Crew of Provincetown Craft Went Long Without Sleep.**

Sch. Louise C. Cabral of the Provincetown fish fleet has had remarkable success recently. Last Friday she left Provincetown at 10 a. m. and was at Boston Monday with 71,000 pounds of haddock, cod, hake and pollock, which were sold Tuesday morning. By 6 o'clock last Friday evening, eight hours after she sailed from Provincetown, the men on the Cabral had taken 18,000 pounds of fish. The fish bit so well that the men kept at their trawls, and for 50 hours had only five hours of sleep. So tired were they that some fell asleep at their work, and Tuesday morning Anthony L. Rogers, who fell asleep while rowing after his trawls, Joseph Paine, who was found asleep with one of his stockings half on, and Mong Gaspe, who gave way to sleep while baiting his trawls, were joked and twitted by their mates.

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**Halibut Sale.**

The fare of sch. Teazer sold to the New England Fish Co. at 11 cents per pound for hake and 7 cents for gray.

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**GIVING MUCH TROUBLE.**

**Governments Still Wrestling with the Modus Vivendi.**

**England Said To Be Desirous of Pleasing Newfoundland.**

The British Colonial office and the United States department of state are now hard at work trying to arrange a modus vivendi for the coming herring season at Newfoundland. Snags have been met and it looks as though there would be considerable of the give and take idea brought in before the matter was settled. A despatch from Washington says:

Indications today are that it will be difficult to reach any kind of a permanent settlement of the trouble and the whole effort of the negotiators is apparently concentrated for the moment on the drafting of some form of modus vivendi to guard against the development of friction on the fishing shores that might in the end have serious results. Thus for instance, it is said, the insistence of the Newfoundlanders upon their right to prevent their fishermen from signing on the Gloucester smacks that use purse seines off the coast of the island, would probably prove fatal to the industry, as far as the Americans are concerned, because the expense of shipping large crews in Massachusetts at high wages would be prohibitive.

The Newfoundlanders also are insisting upon the prohibition of the purse seine entirely. It is also already forbidden to their own people, so they claim that there is no discrimination involved in making the Americans abandon its use. But the latter assert that it is not possible to operate fishing smacks profitably with their expensive crews and outfits without the purse seines and that as they have always enjoyed the right to use them, the attempt to deprive them now by legislation of such right would be in violation of the privilege conveyed by the treaty. The fact is that the occasion is one that calls for many mutual concessions if there is to be a new modus vivendi, and the Newfoundlanders are not anxious that there should be until they have some sufficient assurance that they can have a satisfactory permanent arrangement.

To that end they have suggested a reference of the whole subject of conflicting treaty and legislative rights to the permanent Hague tribunal. Our own government is not averse to some such proposition under proper limitations, as to the scope of the arbitration, which must be carefully guarded lest it set a precedent which might have a dangerous influence upon the vexed question of conflicting national treaty and state rights in the United States, as involved in the San Francisco-Japanese matter. But it is said at the state department that so far there has been nothing to indicate that the government of Great Britain itself is willing to accept the Newfoundland suggestion as to arbitration, and it is therefore giving most of its attention to the subject of the modus vivendi.

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**WILL FIT SCH. SQUANTO.**

**Capt. Seavey Will Lose No Time in Getting Back on Mackerel.**

Capt. Jahn Seavey of the sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, recently sunk by the ocean liner Romanic, will lose no time in getting back into harness and once more chasing the mackerel schools, for he will now command the Duxbury sch. Squanto in the mackerel seining fishery. The vessel is now at this port, and the work of getting her ready for seining is being hustled to the limit, so that in a few days, Capt. Seavey and his crew minus the three poor fellows who were drowned in the recent disaster, will once more be out among the fleet and taking their chances again.

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**REPORTS SQUID ON THE BANKS**

**Capt. McEachern Brings Home Encouraging News**

**SPOKE MANY VESSELS LATELY**

**Squid on Grand Bank, Middle Ground, Browns and Georges.**

The best news for years for the salt bankers is that brought by Capt. Alex. McEachern of sch. Maggie and May, which arrived from her spring salt bank trip this morning with a splendid fare, having 270,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. McEachern brings the gladsome news of squid on the banks, not one bank or two, but on three at least of the favorite fishing places.

Up to the time of the first Magdalen baiting, Capt. McEachern had not done anything extra and had about 70,000 pounds of fish salted. On the first Magdalen baiting he went to Cape North and there struck it rich, getting in big licks and hauling back what made 100,000 pounds of salt cod. The next baiting was made at Ingonish, and the vessel fished off there with fair success. It was then too near caplin time for another big baiting, so Capt. McEachern ran into North Sydney, C. B., took a tow boat and went up to St. Anns and brought back 40 barrels of fresh herring, which were fished up in four days on St. Peters bank.

Then on June 22, the craft went to St. Pierre, Miquelon, and there found caplin in abundance. Taking a baiting of 17 dory loads, Capt. McEachern went to Whale's Deep, on the Grand Bank, and found average fishing, getting about 18 tubs a day, finished up his trip there and came home.

At St. Pierre, he says, there was plenty of bait and many of the other American bankers also baited there.

Incidentally, Capt. McEachern reports that this has been a great season for the French fleet and that not for ten years at least have they done so well as this season, all of which means a great deal to St. Pierre.

On the way home, off Seal Island, on Saturday last, the craft carried away her mainmast head, and it was necessary to set up a stay to take the place of the spring stay, so that sail could be carried to get along with.

Coming down to the news of squid, Capt. McEachern says that when he left the Grand Bank, there were some squid there and was what any fisherman would call "a good sign of squid" on the bank.

Coming up to the Middle Ground, he spoke the dory handliners T. M. Nicholson, Lizzie Griffin and Gladstone, all of whom wished to be reported, with about 50,000 pounds each of salt cod. The skippers of these vessels reported squid there, in fact they were jigging lots of them.

Then on Brown's Bank, Capt. McEachern boarded the Nova Scotia sch. Ben Bolt and the night before, her captain told him he had jigged 100 bushels of squid. On Georges sch. Maggie and May spoke sch. Arthur D. Story, Capt. William Sloane, one of the handline fleet, and Capt. Sloane told Capt. McEachern that there was a good sign of squid there.

No one but a captain or fishermen can adequately realize what a plentiful supply of squid on the bank means. Squid is the king of all codfish bait, and to get a good supply right on the bank, without having to go to land, means a great deal, both in saving of time and expense as well as the good fortune to secure the best kind of fish-catching material.

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### GROSSLY INADEQUATE.

#### Says Fish and Game Commission of T Wharf Facilities.

#### Says Fishing Industry Is in Rather Unsatisfactory State.

In regard to the question of the combination of the various fishing industries of Boston and Massachusetts in a "fisheries trust," about which much was published a few months ago, the Massachusetts fish and game commission, in its annual report, has the following to say:

"All sorts of rumors concerning a proposed fisheries trust have been current during the autumn months. A similar project failed a few years ago. There can be little question that the fishing industry is today in a rather unsatisfactory condition—unsatisfactory to the public, on account of high prices and often unsanitary methods of handling the fish between the water and the consumer; unsatisfactory to the fishermen, because all species of fish which come to hook cannot be profitably disposed of in the market; unsatisfactory to the owners of vessels, because vessel property is frequently not a paying investment, as compared with other properties, in these days of prosperity on land; unsatisfactory to the wholesalers, for the reason that expenses multiply.

"Even the most casual observer of conditions at T wharf could not fail to notice that the facilities for handling fresh fish are grossly inadequate for rapid, economical and even sanitary handling of the enormous quantities which may come to market. That the work is as well done as it is today speaks volumes for the ability, knowledge and energy of the wholesalers at T wharf. A heavy catch at the present day causes low prices only on account of lack of proper facilities for distributing the product. A combination might secure better organization whereby better prices could be paid to the fishermen, with better goods at lower prices to the consumers and greater profits to the dealer.

"There should follow a more scientific handling of the catch, and thus a more careful husbanding of nature's bounty, particularly through the more even distribution of the demands upon certain species of food fishes. It is suicidal to relentlessly pursue certain species, such as the mackerel, both as young and as mature fish, and at the same time neglect to assist the mackerel by reducing by every known device the enemies (dogfish and other sharks) which specially prey upon schools of fish, as well as causing great damage to the gear of the fishermen.

"Increased attention should be given also to the relative economic values of fish. Too frequently we commit the biologic blunder of using the wrong fish for fertilizer, thus destroying fish which naturally serve as food for more valuable species, and neglecting the predatory species, which prey upon those fish which bring the best prices in the markets."

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"Have you heard from the Bay of Fundy lately?"

Sch. Romance has her seine badly torn. The fares of schs. Colonial and Lizzie M. Stanley were sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company at the same rate as other previous sales of yesterday, which figures out about \$13.47 per barrel.

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#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Gov. Russell, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Romance, Georges, 88 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Hortense, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary A. Gleason, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, via Boston, 290 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh cusk, 6000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Gladys and Sabra, Rips, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. James A. Garfield, Rips, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Georges, 240 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Pinta, Georges, 170 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, Georges, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Niagara, Georges, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.

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#### Boston.

- Sch. Ramona, 28,000 cod.
- Sch. Fish Hawk, 38,000 cod.
- Sch. Arbitrator, 13,000 haddock, 37,000 cod.
- Sch. Catherine D. Eng, 114 swordfish.
- Sch. Emily Sears, 98 swordfish.
- Sch. Buema, 10,000 haddock, 48,000 cod, 6000 pollock.
- Sch. Fanny Reed, 55 swordfish.
- Steamer Spray, 22,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Philip P. Manta, 5000 haddock, 43,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.
- Sch. Lear C., 49 swordfish.
- Sch. Priscilla, 98 swordfish.
- Sch. Hockomock, 85 swordfish.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1500 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. On Time, 20 swordfish.
- Sch. Yankee, 87 swordfish.
- Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 10,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
- Sch. Genesta, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
- Sch. Quonnapowitt, 16,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.
- Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.40; pollock, 65 cts.; swordfish, 4 to 4 1-2 cts. per lb.

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#### FISH FIGURES.

#### Statistics of Industry of Marblehead and Nahant.

According to the annual report of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission, Marblehead had 35 lobster fishermen last year with 37 boats of a value of \$2714; 1523 traps valued at \$1731.25, and the catch of lobsters of 51,664, valued at \$12,518.54. Of the number caught 658 were egg bearing lobsters. Nahant had seven fishermen, with 10 boats, valued at \$750; 415 traps valued at \$530, and the catch of lobsters was 9217, valued at \$9217. Of the total catch 117 only were egg bearing lobsters.

Nahant fishermen caught 81,620 mackerel, 300 bluefish, 734,250 sea herring and the total value of the catch for the season was \$11,585.90, with an investment of about \$6000 in equipment. The total value of the lobster catch in Massachusetts waters last year was \$96,014.17, while the number of men engaged was 335; of boats 489, valued at \$50,447; of pots 17,952, valued at \$22,920.

#### Winter Codfishing in the Pacific.

An experiment to be tried by cod fishers in Behring Sea is attracting widespread attention. Plans are perfected and preparations are under way for the establishment of a cod-fishing station at Bristol Bay, Alaska, for a Seattle fishing company. This company proposes to try experiments with winter fishing in Behring Sea. Bristol Bay, the site of the new station, is located directly north of the Alaskan peninsula in the Behring sea.

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#### JIBED JUST IN TIME.

#### Big Steamer Just Grazed Sch. Veda McKown on Georges.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman Ross, had the closest kind of a shave a few nights ago, and nothing but the quickest kind of work with the wheel prevented another ocean horror.

The schooner was coming this way from the seining ground and was about off the Pollock Rip lightship, just before daylight, when a steamer was heard approaching in the fog. A sharp lookout was kept and all hands called to be ready for any emergency.

Soon the prow of a big black steamer shot out of the fog bearing right down for the vessel which was running before the wind. She evidently did not see the vessel, and to hold on meant to be cut down with all the attendant horrors of collision.

Capt. Ross decided quickly to take no chances and waste no time, so he gave the wheel a quick wind, jibing the craft over and letting her come to, just as the steamer rushed by but a few feet from her main boom.

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#### Lunenburg Bankers Doing Well.

A large number of fishing schooners have returned to Lunenburg, N. S., within the past several days. The catchers of cod and number of vessels and firms follow: W. C. Smith Co., 8 vessels, 5,225 qtls.; Adams & Nickle, 4 vessels, 3,350 qtls.; Atlantic Fish Companies, 3 vessels, 2,600 qtls.; Zwicker & Co., 4 vessels, 2,800 qtls. Other vessels which have returned number four with 1,550 qtls.

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#### WITH SALT MACKEREL.

#### Five Vessels Arrive from Georges Bank Today.

#### Captains Report Not Many Salt Mackerel Afloat.

Five of the seining fleet arrived from Georges this morning. They have no fresh fish, but fair catches of salt mackerel. Sch. Marguerite Haskins has 240 barrels, sch. Slade Gorton 150 barrels, sch. Pinta 170 barrels, sch. Colonial 218 barrels and sch. Romance 88 barrels.

They report few fish being taken of late and feel that the fleet has not as much salt mackerel on board as it has been credited with. Sch. Annie Greenlaw, with a few over 200 barrels, they say, has the most of any vessel out there. A few others have somewhere handy to 200 barrels, but the great majority of the vessels have less than 100 barrels, a few being around the 150 barrel mark.

One or two of the vessels have taken a cruise over to the southeast part of Georges, but found nothing there yet.

One or two of the vessels have also gone off from the fleet and not returned, and shrewd guessers place them down around the Lurcher lightship, looking for the Bay of Fundy schools. It is a fact that eight out of ten seining skippers believe there will be fish in the Bay of Fundy this season and their first question one coming ashore is,