April 1.

THE SEINERS HAVE BEGUN OPERATIONS.

The Gloucester seining fleet, the vessels of which have been sailing for the past two weeks, have begun operations off the Hatteras Shoals and already two fares have been taken into Fortress Monroe and shipped by fast freight to New York.

True the trips have been small, but they show that the fish are there and are not late and that the season is not backward, all of which is most cheering intelligence here. One of these fares was medium fish, which the experienced ones like to see come along first, as they claim it is a much better sign of a goodly body of fish than if the big fellows showed up in the van.

Nothing braces people up in Gloucester like the news of the arrival of mackerel fares out south. It acts as a regular tonic and well it may, for while codfish is the staple catch, yet mackerel is the cream of the fisheries. In no line is money for men and owners made so quickly, when there are fish going, as in mackerel, and for that reason everybody has the mackerel fever almost as soon as spring opens and do not get over it until well in the fall.

A big mackerel year means much to Gloucester. Let us hope that these two fares, small though they may be, are but the forerunners of many, many big trips to come and that the 1908 season may be one long to be remembered.

April 1.

BIG FARE.

Sch. Monitor, from Grand Bank, Has 48,000 Pounds Halibut.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. John McKay, arrived yesterday afternoon from Grand Bank, with the finest halibut trip of the season, 48,000 pounds of these fine fish, all new, and 15,000 pounds of salt codfish.

The Monitor has only been gone a short while and her fare has been taken within two weeks. Capt. McKay reports seeing no vessels of the fleet on the bank.

The fare sold to the New England Fish Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray, so the trip will net a big financial return and owner and crew will profit accordingly.

April 1.

THE GRAMPUS FITTING OUT.

Will Now Go On Lobster Collecting Cruise to the Maine Coast.

The United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus, which has been laid up here this winter, after undergoing extensive alterations and having gasoline auxiliary power installed at Boothbay Harbor, is now fitting out for one of her usual lobster collecting cruises on the Maine coast, under command of Capt. Gustav F. O. Hanson. There are at present 13,000 seed lobsters impounded at the Boothbay Harbor station pound.

During the past winter, Capt. Hanson and his crew have been on the steamer Ocean View, collecting cod eggs for the Ten Pound Island hatchery, and have had a good season.

April 1.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Onato, via Boston, 500,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ella G. King, Georges, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 2200 lbs. halibut.

Todays Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, $2 to $3 per hundred weight.

Splitting prices, large fresh cod, $2 per cwt.; medium do., $1.50; haddock, $1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, $1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

April 1.

Boston.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1200 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 3000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1500 cod.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2500 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 1500 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Tecumseh, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 35,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Flavilla, 4000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3000 haddock, 7500 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Galatea, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Thistle, 1700 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 cod.

Sch. Klondike, 1700 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Pearl, 1500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Uncle Sam, 1500 haddock.

Sch. Matakeeset, 9500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 11,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 60,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Haddock, $3 to $4.25 per cwt.; large cod, $3 to $5.50; market cod, $2 to $2.75; cusk, $2.25.

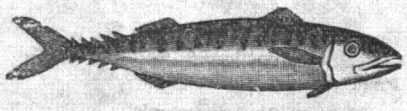
April 2.

SCH. INGOMAR GETS THERE.

Capt. Parsons First at New York with 100 Bbls.

FIRST THERE LAST YEAR ALSO.

Sch. George Parker at Fortress Monroe with 55 Barrels.



News of the arrival of two fine mackerel fares reached this city last evening and was received with pleasure by all interested.

A special to the Times from New York reports the arrival at Fulton Market, New York, at 5 o'clock, of sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, with 100 barrels of large and medium fresh mackerel.

Another special despatch to the Times was received last evening announced the arrival at Fortress Monroe of sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph Graham, with 55 barrels of large and medium fresh mackerel. The fish were shipped by express to George T. Moon, Fulton Market, New York.

Another despatch to the Times says that sch. Ingomar had about 7000 mackerrel in count, the fish being about the same size as those shipped from Fortress Monroe by sch. A. M. Nicholson.

Sch. Ingomar is the first vessel to reach New York this season with a fare of fresh mackerel and thus, beside winning this coveted honor, Capt. Wallace Parsons captures the purse of $100 offered by the Fulton Market dealers for the skipper of the first vessel to reach there this season with a mackerel trip.

The first trip at New York last year arrived on April 14, and then, as now, it was sch. Ingomar, Capt. Parsons, which captured the honor, and so for two years in succession has captured the Fulton market honor, and landed the first fare there this year 13 days ahead of last year's record. Sch. Ingomar's first trip last season comprised 17,000 medium mackerel, which sold at 18 and 20 cents each and 3000 large mackerel which sold at 40 and 50 cents each.

A later despatch states that sch. Ingomar got her fish where sch. A. M. Nicholson took the first small school of the season, 40 miles southeast of Cape Henry.

April 2.

Capt. Parsons of sch. Ingomar got his trip in short order, as he did not sail from here until March 23.

Capt. Sparks of the steam yacht Machigonne, which arrived at Boston yesterday from Florida, reported passing a large school of mackerel four miles west southwest of Frying Pan shoals, and another big school was seen 60 miles north three-quarters east of Diamond shoal. He sighted a fleet of 11 mackerel fishermen anchored northeast of Hatteras light.

There was a crowd of wholesale dealers and commission men waiting at T wharf yesterday morning for the arrival of the first fresh caught mackerel of the year. Just after 7 o'clock the wagon with the mackerel drove up to the wharf. There was a rush to see who got the fish.

The quantity in the wagon was rather a disappointment, as there were only 10 packages. The dealers had been led to expect large mackerel, but those in the barrels were only medium size, weighing from 1 1-4 to 1 1-2 pounds each. The fish were soon taken to the dealers who had ordered them. At 8.30 there was not one of the mackerel in sight.

Capt. George E. Heckman will now fit sch. Slade Gorton for south seining.

April 2

LARGE ONES 50 CTS.

Fresh Medium Mackerel of Dauntless' Trip Brought 30 Cents.

A special to the Times states that the medium mackerel of the fare of sch. Dauntless brought 30 cents each. In the fare were a few bloaters which brought 50 cents apiece.

April 2.

GOOD STOCK.

Sch. Monitor Gets Over $3700 on Quick Halibut Trip.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. John McKay, stocked $3734.39 as the result of her recent quick halibut trip, the crew making the fine share of $89.61. The craft weighed off 46,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt cod.

April 2.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh cod, 3000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Pauline, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 26,000 lbs. salt cod, 700 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Todays Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, $2 to $3 per hundred weight.

Splitting prices, large fresh cod, $2 per cwt.; medium do., $1.50; haddock, $1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, $1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Mildred Robinson.

Sch. Lochinvar, 10,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Dixie, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 8000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 11,000 haddock.

Sch. Harmony, 42,000 haddock, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 17,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Regina, 33,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Mettacomet, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 60,000 haddock, 55,000 cod.

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

Sch. Emily Sears, 15,000 haddock.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Frances V. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Julietta, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.

Haddock, $2.50 to $3 per cwt.; large cod, $3.50 to $4; market cod, $2.50 to $3.50; hake, $2.75 to $5; cusk, $2.

April 2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Miranda and Henry M. Stanley are on the Rocky Neck ways.

Sch. Harvard is on Parkhurst's ways.

Schs. Monitor and Effie M. Prior are on Burnham's ways.

Sch. Annie M. Parker cleared from Shelburne, N. S., Monday.

April 3.

RATTLING GOOD RACE.

Sch. F. P. Mesquito Kept Big Flyer Regina Very Busy.

Latter Reached Dock Ahead but Carried Away Her Bowsprit.

A race home from Georges between schs. Regina, Capt. "Jere" Shea and sch. Francis P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph Mesquita, in which sch. Regina lost her bowsprit, but won the race, was talked over by captains and others at T wharf, Boston, yesterday morning.

The vessels are not rivals by any means, as sch. Regina is one of the largest vessels of the fleet, being 120 feet over all, while the Mesquita is 90 feet over all, and while the Regina needs a strong wind to get her best speed, the Mesquita goes fastest in a light wind. This did not deter Capt. Mesquita from sending out a challenge to the Regina, however.

The challenge was given last Tuesday evening in jest, but the race was kept up in earnest after it started. About 6 o'clock Capt. Mesquita, having taken on 15,000 pounds of haddock, cod and other ground fish, got ready to leave Georges, where he and Capt. Shea had been fishing eastward of the big shoal.

When the Mesquita started she lay east of the Regina, and as his vessel passed Capt. Shea, Capt. Mesquita hailed him and with a laugh invited him to run up for Boston. Capt. Shea had two dories out, but he called back that he would be in Boston before the Mesquita. As there was a light wind things seemed to favor the latter.

Capt. Shea lost no time in getting ready and at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning Capt. Mesquita sighted the Regina making after him about four miles astern. With daylight the wind began to freshen, and soon a good gale from the northeast was blowing. This was what Capt. Shea wanted, and by 10 o'clock, he was abreast of the Mesquita. The latter was deep in the water, and the seas were washing over her deck.

Capt. Shea's larger vessel was lighter and making fast time, and the hailed the Mesquita, and told her captain that he would tell the people in Boston that he was on his way in. The boast came too soon, for just then, the huge bowsprit of the Regina was broken, short off at the knightheads by a squall that caught the jib. This meant a long delay for her, and Capt. Shea and his men set about clearing away the wreckage.

The Mesquita kept on, but Capt. Mesquita had to take in his jib and lower his foresail and replace the mainsail with a riding sail. He watched the Regina, and when he saw her coming on with sails reefed he hoisted his foresail again to keep his gain.

Once under way again, Capt. Shea cut down the distance between the vessels and passed the Mesquita before Boston harbor was reached and landed at T wharf half an hour before her. He kept his word, but the men on the smaller vessel are not ashamed of being beaten by the clipper of the fleet and still maintain that, given a light wind, they can outsail her.

April 3.

25 CENTS EACH.

For Medium Mackerel at Fulton Market Today.

Fresh medium mackerel at Fulton Market, New York, are bringing 25 cents each from the vessel today.

April 3

ALEWIVES RUNNING.

Two Thousand Taken at Edgartown on Wednesday.

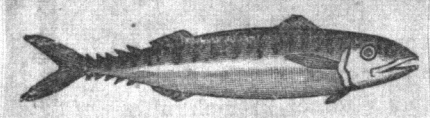
Two thousand alewives were taken at Edgartown on Wednesday. The lot sold at New Bedford at two cents each.

April 3.

THREE MACKEREL FARES.

Schs. Monarch, Arthur James and Avalon In with Trips Today.

Over Forty of the Fleet Have Sailed From Here to Date.



Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, arrived at Fortress Monroe, Va., yesterday afternoon with a fine mackerel fare, 7000 fresh mackerel in number, of large and medium fish. Capt. Vautier reports getting his fare 40 miles east of Cape Henry, which shows that the fish are moving this way, as the previous fares were caught about 40 miles southeast of that same point. The trip was shipped to New York by fast freight.

From the fact that Capt. Vautier did not go to New York with this fine trip, although his craft is a gasoliner, is taken to mean that the prospect must have been good on the ground that he did not like to leave the spot too long, so ran to Fortress Monroe instead and shipped his fish, thus making a chance to get back to the fishing ground with but little delay.

The southern mackerel fleet up to date is unusually large, some 42 vessels having sailed efore this morning.

A special to the Times this noon announces the arrival at Fortress Monroe, this forenoon, of sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, with 30 barrels of large and medium fresh mackerel and sch. Avalon, Capt. Christopher Carrigan, with 30 barrels of fresh mackerel of the same kind.

The mackerel news thus far is of a most encouraging nature.

April 3.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lizize M. Stanley, Brown's Bank, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Corona, south seining.

Sch. Norma, south seining.

Todays Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, $2 to $3 per hundred weight.

Splitting prices, large fresh cod, $2 per cwt.; medium do., $1.50; haddock, $1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, $1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Minerva, 5500 haddock, 500 cod.

Haddock and cod, $4 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Margie Smith landed 5000 pounds of fresh pollock at Rockland a few days ago, selling for $1.25 per hundred weight. The Smith is engaged in pollock seining on the Maine coast and this is the first haul made by the fleet down three.

April 4.

Mackerel Notes.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the 1907 catch are 24,206 barrels against 41,394 barrels of the 1906 catch in 1907.

Up to this date last year, there had been landed but one fare of mackerel, of 30 barrels. This year to date there have been eight trips landed, seven at Fortress Monroe, and one at New York, the total receipts being 362 barrels.

April 4.

Provincial Fishery Notes.

Fifteen vessels belonging to the Mahone Bay, N. S. codfishing fleet are now fitted out and ready to sail for the fishing grounds.

Four vessels have been purchased at Lunenburg, N. S., by Grand Bank, Newfoundland parties, fitted out at the former place and sailed for the fishing grounds.

At Lehave, N. S., there are four three-masted schooners now in the course of construction and nearly ready for launching. There are also three fishing vessels now building at that place, while several are fitting out for the salt cod fishing.

April 4.

STILL THEY COME.

Sch. Clintonia at Fortress Monroe with Small Fare.

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph T. Webber, arrived at Fortress Monroe this afternoon with 24 barrels of fresh mackerel, which were shipped to New York.

April 4.

Good Stock.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Capt. Andrew Gorveneau, stocked $1725 as the result of her recent. Georges handlining trip.

April 4.

DOGFISH BILL PASSED.

Was Supported by Senator Stevens of Committee on Fisheries.

(Special to the Times.)

State House, Boston, April 4—The McIntire dog fish bill was passed to be engrosseed in the senate yesterday, after a short but somewhat spirited debate. It has already passed through all its stages in the house, except that of enactment. It will be enacted in the respective branches on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The bill provides for an investigation of the uses to which dog fish can be put and carries an appropriation of $10,000. Upon it being reached in the orders of the day, Senator Herbert S. Riley of Reading, spoke in opposition to its passage. He said that it was a waste of the state's money, and that the appropriation was far too small to get any adequate return in the destruction of the pest.

Continuing Senator Riley said that he realized it was almost futile for him to oppose the measure, inasmuch as the senator from Essex, Mr. Shaw, was in favor of it. He said further that Senator Shaw was so strong with his colleagues that if he should ask to have a charter for a railroad with the right-of-way paved with gold bricks, he would not be suprised to see it granted almost without dissent.

Senator Elmer A. Stevens of Somerville defended the bill, detailing its purposes and the results which it was hoped would be obtained. He claimed that unless something was done along this line that there would be a scarcity in food fish at certain seasons of the year.

With but one voice in opposition, that of Senator Riley, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

April 4.

BIG PROPOSITION.

Canadians To Have Monster Fish Co. on Pacific Coast.

Capital To Be $1,500,000 and Will Employ 2000 Men.

An Ottawa despatch says that the New England fish company, a concern that has heretofore almost monopolized the deep sea halibut fishing on the Pacific coast, is about to have a powerful Canadian rival. It is styled the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company. With headquarters at Prince Rupert, the Pacific terminal of the G. T. P.

G. H. Collins of Vancouver, the treasurer of the new company, arrived in Ottawa today to consult with the department of marine and fisheries. Commencing as soon as weather conditions permit, the Canadian company will erect the largest plant for cold storage of fish in the world.

The company is capitalized at $1,500,000, and already enough has been subscribed to go ahead with the building of the plant.

Mr. Collins is now visiting New York and Boston to make arrangements with wholesale dealers, and he will also visit England and Germany. He says the plant will have a capacity of 6,000,000 pounds, and that they will ship to all parts of the states, Great Britain, Germany, Australia, China, Japan and Canada, and that the inedible fish, now thrown back into the waters, will instead be converted into fertilizer to sell at $40 per ton.

It is expected a fleet manned by 2000 men will be employed.