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Boston.

Sch. Actor, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Tecunseh, 1700 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Mary Haskins, 15,000 pollock.
Haddock and cod, \$4.50 per cwt.; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1.10.

Sept. 21.

CAPE SHORE STRIKE.

Meant Great Deal to Nova Scotia Mackerel Catchers.

Fish Schooled Off Shore but No Seines Were Ready.

In speaking of the recent strike of mackerel on the Cape Shore, the Halifax Chronicle of Friday says:
"No large hauls of mackerel Wednesday have been reported. The fish were schooling in immense quantities outside Halifax harbor, but did not appear to go inshore, while the purse seines were not out. About two hundred small craft were in the vicinity of Portuguese shoal during the day, the fishermen being busy "jigging" fish. Some of the men got 150 and 800. A well known Western shoreman, who was off the harbor Wednesday, said he never saw so many mackerel schooling.
The patience of the fishermen at Peggy's Cove has been abundantly rewarded. Early Tuesday morning mackerel struck in great schools. At sundown some three hundred barrels were secured in two traps and schools are seen on every hand. Other traps have been set and other big hauls are looked for. The fish taken today are of a very fine order and were purchased on the spot by Isaac and Oswald Dauphinee at 5 cents each. At 4 p. m. their gasoline auxiliary left for Halifax with 10,000 of the fish on board and at 6 o'clock the steamer "Duffern" arrived to take another cargo.
"The fish will be landed in Halifax and probably on their way to Boston before this letter appears in print. The catch represents about \$3000 cash left in this place and a large number of the fishermen share therein. It is three years since mackerel in schools have been taken here and as the season has been a very dull one the people are naturally highly pleased. The catch represented two schools taken in two traps and not a fish escaped.
At Haggitt's Cove one man took 100 barrels in his trap and sold the lot for \$1000. Several hundred barrels were also taken at Terrance Bay and fair hauls at Dover, Pollet Cove, by the boats.
Mackerel are scarce at Mahon and Magdalen islands.
Mackerel are taking the hook fair at Igonish.

Sept. 21.

Big Trip.

Sch. Richard, Capt. Donald McCoish, arrived yesterday from Western bank, with a big fare, 120,000 pounds of fresh cod and 40,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. McCoish has made a big record for large trips since taking command of the Richard.

Sept. 21.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Vera, Quero Bank, 35,000 lbs. salt cod, 35,000 lbs. fresh cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Richard, Western Bank, 120,000 lbs. fresh cod, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Almeida, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Oregon, Bacallieu Bank, 80,000 lbs. flitched halibut, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. George E. Lane, Rips, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Sch. Livelihood, Swan's Island, Me., 1000 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Annie F. Kimball, Southwest Harbor, Me., 900 qtls. cure fish.
Sch. Eddie A. Minot, shore, salt herring. Boats, 400 bbls. fresh herring.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.; gutted 70 cents.
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25; snapper \$2.
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
Bank halibut 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.
Flitched halibut, 7 1-4 cents per lb.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
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Boston.

Sch. Hope, 6300 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Valentinna, 9000 pollock, 1 swordfish.
Sch. Moanam, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 6000 cod.
Sch. Mettacommet, 22,000 pollock.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 6000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake, 1 swordfish.
Sch. Leo, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 18,000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 13,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 4000 haddock, 6,000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Massasoit, 400 haddock, 600 cod, 6000 hake, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Pauline, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. James and Esther, 18,000 cod.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 18,000 pollock.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 4600 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 6500 haddock, 2000 cod, 14,000 hake.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1.30; swordfish, 14 ct. per lb.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Harmony was at Halifax on Friday for shelter.
Sch. Toronto, from Sandy Point, Bay of St. George, N. F., was at Halifax with 826 barrels of salt herring and 755 quintals of cured cod.

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WITH HAM FOR BAIT.

Record Catch of Smelt Made in Boston Harbor Yesterday.

Wharfinger William Nason at T wharf, Boston, made a big catch of smelts yesterday under strange circumstances, which, he says, proves that his theory that ham is good bait is true. He took George Crocker and Thomas Donohue with him to the smelting grounds off Governor's island, and for some time they fished with shrimp for bait without catching anything. Wharfinger Nason was eating a ham sandwich, and put a piece of the ham on his hooks, and immediately began to haul in fish, taking 100 dozen before his bait gave out.

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Another Flichter Home.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Albert Flygore, arrived home yesterday from Bacallieu bank with 80,000 pounds of flitched halibut and 60,000 pounds of salt cod. There are now but three of the flitched halibut fleet to arrive, schs. Arbutus, S. P. Willard and Essex.

Dory Handline Cod Sale.

The fare of dory handline salt cod of sch. Elector sold to Cunningham & Thompson at \$3.75 per hundred weight for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Sept. 22.

DEAD HERRING.

Game Warden Wixon Gives Opinion as to Cause of Recent Trouble.

Thinks It Due Principally to Chasing by Larger Fish.

William W. Nixon, who is a warden connected with the state fish and game commission, has given out a statement as a result of his investigations of the conditions along the North Shore, particularly as to the causes for the recent invasions of hundreds of dead herring, or what are better known as "spurling." Mr. Nixon was especially deputed by Dr. Field of the state board to investigate the complaints made all along the North Shore as to the dead herring and to ascertain and report just where the fault lay.

In his statement, Mr. Nixon attributed the cause for some of the dead herring to the so-called "torchers," but said it would be unfair to ascribe to them the wholesale slaughter. It would be a physical impossibility for them to kill such heaps of herrings; a small army of dory fishermen couldn't do it. It is true that the torch fishermen have been very numerous all along the shore for the past few weeks, and it is also true that they have been taking their catch into Gloucester and the price there has gone down to a dollar a barrel, so small a return, that some of these power boat torchers have thrown their herring overboard because they could not get their price for them and would not sell at the rate offered until the fish spoiled.

The real reason, however, for the trouble, Mr. Nixon states, is due to the pollock.

Pollock are now running very plentiful all along shore just now and are growing rapidly. Awhile back it was the hake. In August, one could go out in a dory off Swampscoot and catch any amount of hake at any time. But now the hake have practically gone and it is the pollock that is driving in the herring up the harbor and into the rivers. A pollock has been known to follow herring away up on shore in its eagerness to get its natural food. He is a much bigger fish than the hake, when fully grown, and when we consider that a pollock will grow from four to five pounds to eight or ten pounds in weight, we can imagine what havoc he can create among the herring.

This trouble from dead herring is likely to occur at any time now along the North Shore and it has got to be expected and to be met by the local authorities. Other cities and towns along the North Shore are only having a repetition of what occurred earlier, while the hake were running at Salem and at Beverly. Salem went to Boston and asked for money from the board to aid in ridding that city of the nuisance caused by the dead fish, but the commission had none. They also applied from down there to the Boston board of health, since the torch fishermen came out from Boston to take the fish along their shore, and at that time it was assumed that the fishermen were to blame for the great accumulation of decaying fish. But no fishermen ever killed or could kill so many herring as were found down there. Boston had not any money and neither had the state board of health for any such purpose, so they got no satisfaction, and Lynn with its neighboring towns will have to take care of the nuisance just as Salem and Beverly did rake up the fish and bury the herring, paying whatever expense there is out of its own funds.

A great many people, said Mr. Nixon, thought that this slaughter in the water was due to some poisonous substance contained in the water due to sewerage or other matter, but Mr. Nixon believed that did not have any effect whatever, otherwise, the other fish such as pollock and hake would have been found along with the herring.

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JULY FISH RECEIPTS.

Comparative Amounts Received at This Port and Boston.

According to the monthly report of the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Labor, 5,677,854 pounds of fresh fish, valued at \$102,772, including 1,795,770 pounds cod valued at \$34,846, 462,573 pounds haddock valued at \$5056, 797,396 pounds cusk valued at \$18,157. 1,128,324 pounds hake valued at \$9146, 660,549 pounds pollock valued at \$5157, 358,592 pounds halibut valued at \$16,090, 389,540 pounds mackerel valued at \$18,306, 90,200 pounds bluebacks valued at \$922, 5800

pounds shad valued at \$66, 8750 pounds whiting or silver hake valued at \$26, and 4,284,330 pounds of salt fish, including 3,630,641 pounds cod valued at \$124,424, 143,632 pounds haddock valued at \$2156, 42,092 pounds cusk valued at \$1061, 20,939 pounds hake valued at \$314, 165,799 pounds pollock valued at \$2486, 16,227 pounds halibut valued at \$1152, 265,000 pounds mackerel valued at \$12,774, a grand total of 9,962,184 pounds, valued at \$247,159, were landed at this port.

For the same month, 9,851,185 pounds fresh fish valued at \$316,076, including 3,848,400 pounds cod valued at \$84,022, 2,201,300 pounds haddock valued at \$54,092, 10,200 pounds cusk valued at \$199, 690,600 pounds hake valued at \$9010, 468,900 pounds pollock valued at \$6963, 10,000 pounds halibut valued at \$776, 1,836,185 pounds mackerel valued at \$103,271, and 785,690 pounds swordfish valued at \$57,745, and 32,600 pounds of salt mackerel, valued at \$1932, a grand total of 9,883,785 pounds, valued at \$318,008, were landed at Boston.

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GOOD NEWS OF NORTH BAY.

Seiners Have from 50 to 120 Barrels of Mackerel.

SCH. VICTOR LEADS THE VAN.

Captains Reports Good Prospects with Fair Weather.

The Times is able, thanks to its correspondents, to give today, the exact state of fishing of the mackerel fisheries in the North Bay.

A letter dated at Souris, P. E. I., on Friday last gives the catches up to last Monday of the 13 vessels in the bay, as follows:

- Sch. Lena and Maud, 104 barrels.
- Sch. Madonna, 62 barrels.
- Sch. Pinta, 52 barrels.
- Sch. Oriole, 50 barrels.
- Sch. Diana, 70 barrels.
- Sch. Electric Flash, 40 barrels.
- Sch. Patrician, 40 barrels.
- Sch. Priscilla Smith, 36 barrels.
- Sch. Hattie M. Graham, 25 barrels.
- Sch. Victor, 88 barrels.
- Sch. Parthia, 35 barrels.
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 40 barrel.
- Sch. George Parker, 61 barrels.

The same letter states that the vessels are making their headquarters at Souris, P. E. I. There are a few large schools, but the most of the fish are raised in the bait and caught by setting around.

The fish caught are very fat, averaging 170 to 195 to the salted barrel, with some large fish weighing as high as five pounds each. None of the vessels have taken out Canadian licenses. The crews are all in good health and no casualties are reported and all appear to be in good cheer, expecting a fair catch.

On Friday, the fleet which had been out since Monday night, returned to port the following total catches were reported:

- Sch. George Parker, 120 barrels.
- Sch. Madonna, 70 barrels.
- Sch. Oriole, 50 barrels.
- Sch. Parthia, 55 barrels.
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 63 barrels.
- Sch. Hattie M. Graham, 39 barrels.
- Sch. Victor, 117 barrels.
- Sch. Electric Flash, 60 barrels.
- Sch. Pinta, 55 barrels.
- Sch. Diana, 100 barrels.
- Sch. Patrician, 65 barrels.

Most of the fish have been caught from 10 to 15 miles south east of East Point, with some catches 15 miles north east of East Point.

Another letter dated, as was the one above, at Souris on September 18, says that two weeks ago the weather was bad. The past week some of the vessels had done fairly well, schs. Victor being high line with 117 barrels and sch. Lena and Maud next with 100 barrels.

The fish are very fat and white and of the best quality that the writer ever saw in North Bay. They went about 200 count to the salted barrel. About one-third were large and very fat. The writer thought the prospects were very good, with any kind of decent weather for getting a good trip.

Some schools had been taken but most of the fish had been caught by heaving bait and "setting around," when hauls of from 10 to 20 barrels would be made. The captains had no doubt that with fair weather they would do pretty well.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. James and Esther, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Marjorie Turner, LeHave Bank, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boats, 400 bbls. fresh herring.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.
- Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.
- Sloop Ignatius Enos, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

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Boston.

- Sch. Matiana, 10,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, 12,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Jessie Costa, 15,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
- Sch. Minerva, 12,000 pollock.
- Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 25,000 hake.
- Sch. Yankee, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Teresa and Alice, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake.
- Sch. Sheffeyld, 14,000 pollock.
- Sch. Genesta, 10,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Gov. Russell, 4000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 12,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
- Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.80.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, one of the salt bank dory handline fleet of this port, was at Louisburg, C. B., on Saturday. Capt Devine reported that he needed 70,000 pounds to complete a full fare.

Sept. 23

BIG SEASON'S WORK.

Catch of Lunenburg, N. S., Salt Bankers Largest for Years.

The Lunenburg, N. S., salt banking season of 1908 is now about over, and will be of interest to read of the unparalleled success of the Grand Bank fishing fleet of that country.

In 1907 there were 109 vessels engaged in this industry, and the catch was 123,625 quintals.

In 1908 there were 110 vessels, with a catch of 138,180 quintals.

Average catch per vessel in 1907 was 1134 quintals. Increase per vessel of 32 quintals.

The amount landed this season is the largest for years, and the fishing industry should certainly be a prospering one for the year 1908.

The number of vessels in the fishing fleet have been decreasing for the past few years, as it was found impossible to get crews to man them, but now the number is at a standstill, and it is expected there will be an increase in the incoming year.

HERO MEDAL AWARD.

Takes Place Thursday Evening at Fishermen's Institute.

Interesting and Entertaining Programme Is Arranged.

More than usual interest is manifested in the gathering at the Gloucester Fishermen's Institute on Thursday evening, to which the general public is cordially invited, and at which occasion the first presentation of the Livingston Hero Medal for Gloucester fishermen will be made, the award and presentation in this first instance, both being made by the donor of the medal, Mrs. Charles Carroll Livingston of New York, a summer guest for many seasons at Hawthorne Inn.

In connection with the presentation a fine literary and musical programme has been arranged as follows:

- Piano Solo.....Roy W. Wanson
- Opening Remarks.....
- President Charles F. Wanson
- Presentation of Livingston Hero Medal..
- Mrs. Charles Carroll Livingston
- Solo.....David McD. Martin
- Address.....Rev. Wm. H. Rider, D. D.
- Solo.....Mrs. George H. Newell
- Address.....Gen. Reed
- Solo.....David McD. Martin
- Address.....Rev. Charles H. Williams, Ph. D.

It is understood that Mrs. Livingston has not yet made public the name of the fisherman to whom the medal will be awarded this year.

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Sharks Plenty in South Channel.

The vessels which went to the channel on their last trip found sharks more numerous than ever before. Some of the vessels suffered considerable loss of gear, and had their trawls of fish spoiled by the rapacious monsters, while others that fished almost in the same place found that while the sharks were bold and venturesome, they did not touch their fish, but seemed to be looking for more toothsome food.

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Had Good Trip.

The salt bank dory handliner Valkyrie, Capt. Winslow, arrived yesterday afternoon from Quero bank, with a good fare, about 300,000 pounds of salt cod.

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Boston.

- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 18,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
- Sch. Dictator, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 12,000 hake.
- Sch. Rob Roy, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 8000 hake.
- Sch. Onato, 35,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 20,000 hake.
- Sch. Robert and Arthur, 18,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
- Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 20,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
- Sch. Terra Nova, 15,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 10,000 hake.