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**JANUARY WAS HARD MONTH.**

**Some Market Fishermen Made Only \$15 to \$20 During the Time.**

January was a hard month on the market fleet as a whole, the crews of some not sharing over \$15 to \$20 for the whole 31 days. A few did well, however, the crew of sch. Mary E. Cooney sharing \$92, while the Evelyn L. Thompson's men got over \$100 each for their month's work.

Capt. John Grady of sch. Rex, which came from Boston last night, reports the hardest kind of weather on La Have bank and the Cape Shore. There would be a week and ten days on a stretch when it was impossible to put a dory over the side.

**SALT FISH TRADE IMPROVING.**

**Full Gangs Now Working Whole Time at All the Lofts.**

The salt fish trade, which has been very dull for some time has picked up the past week and is now brisk.

At all the fish firms, full gangs are working whole time and things have taken on a lively air. The men who have been laid off for some weeks are pleased and naturally the firm holders are also tickled.

**Coaster Found Adrift.**

The coaster J. Arthur Lord, a frequent visitor to this port, was towed into Vineyard Haven Monday night by the revenue cutter Acushnet, which found her drifting around helplessly off Nantucket in the recent gale, with both anchors gone and badly iced up.

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**Today's Receipts.**

- Sch. Hope, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Rex, via Boston.
- Sch. Julietta, shore.
- Sch. Georgianna, shore.
- Sch. Valentinna, shore.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Mina Swim, shore.
- Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
- Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.
- Sch. Leo, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
- Sch. Little Elsie, shore.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
- Sch. Viking, shore.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, shore.

**Vessels Sailed.**

- Sch. Paragon, halibuting.
- Sch. Dictator, halibuting.
- Sch. Gladiator, halibutning.
- Sch. Romance, haddocking.
- Sch. Valentinna, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary T. Fallon, haddocking.

**Today's Fish Market.**

Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cts.  
 Salt Georges cod, large, \$4; mediums, \$3.00.  
 Bank halibut, 10 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 8 1-2 cts. for gray.  
 Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.  
 Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.  
 Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.  
 Eastern deck headline cod, \$4 for large and \$3 for medium.  
 Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.  
 Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.

**Boston Arrivals.**

- Sch. Emily Cooney, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Mary Edith, 7000 haddock.
- Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 700 cod.
- Sch. James W. Parker, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
- Sch. Louise R. Silva, 14,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 400 hake, 1500 pollock.
- Sch. Mand F. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Aspinet, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Buema, 15,000 haddock, 100 cod.
- Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6000 haddock, 400 cod, 1000 hake.

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- Sch. Hortense, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Galatea, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock.
- Sch. Washakie, 8500 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 pollock.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Seacomet, 15,000 haddock, 200 cod, 1500 hake.
- Sch. Pontiac, 8000 haddock, 400 cod.
- Sch. Manomet, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake, 2000 pollock.
- Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$7.50; market cod, \$4.50 to \$5; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$4 to \$5.

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**FISHING ARRIVALS SCARCE.**

**Only One Offshore Trip at This Port Since Last Wednesday.**

When a large port like Gloucester cannot spare up more than one fishing arrival from off shore in a whole week it is certainly pretty dull music in the fish line, yet that has been the actual situation here since a week ago Wednesday.

Beside the one lone off shore craft to make the port there has been beside one vessel from Boston, with a handful of fresh cod to split and four shore boats with a few fish which they boxed and shipped to Boston on their own account.

Half a dozen of the market boats, with two off shores and the steam trawler Spray are all that have arrived at Boston since last report. The off shores have small fares and what the boats have amounts to but little. The Spray had a good fare and will come out all right.

With every promise of a good fish day today, the whole market fleet went out last night and is on the ground this morning ready to make the most of a good chance to set.

**FROZEN HERRING CARGOES.**

**Several Vessels at Beeton Reported Discharged.**

Sch. Ralph L. Hall will go to Boston with her cargo of frozen herring, Capt. Frank H. Hall having sold the frozen fares to the Boston Merring Co. It is understood that the vessel will have the next turn at taking out.

Sch. Hiram Lowell, it is reported, will take her frozen herring to New York.

Sch. Oriole has taken out half of her load of frozen herring at Boston. The British schs. Eliza L. Maxner and Earl V. B. are all out, but the Lunenburg schs. Chintzala and Junkata have not opened their cargoes yet. Trade is reported good.

**Lost Trawl Gear.**

Some of the boats suffered severely in loss of gear, on account of the set made off here on Tuesday.

Sch. Mina Swim was caught with the most of hers out and it breezed up so hard the dories could not get to her. She went out yesterday to have a look for it and found only one buoy, the rest being lost.

The Stranger was in a similar fix and only got a little back, about five tubs in all.

Sch. Margaret Dillon lost 14 tubs and was lucky to get back as much as she did.

**Spray Had Good Trip, Despite Ice.**

The steam trawler Spray came up to T wharf, Boston, yesterday, the worst load up craft that has entered Boston harbor this winter.

Capt. Green reported several days of zero weather, and while on Georges the ice made so rapidly as to interfere with the working of the otter trawl.

The Spray had a good paying trip, 55,000 pounds of fresh fish.

**Sch. Regina Spoken.**

Capt. Green of the steam trawler Spray which arrived at Boston yesterday reports speaking sch. Regina on Georges recently and supplied her with provisions. She had been out three weeks, had had hard weather and taken but few fish.

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**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. James W. Parker came from Boston last night to have a new mainmast stepped, to replace the one recently carried away.

Sch. Richard dropped in from Boston yesterday afternoon and anchored off Pavilion beach while her skipper came ashore to ship a cook.

Sch. James W. Parker will step her mainmast at Burnham's shears.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask is on the Rocky Neck railways.

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- Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston.
- Sch. Richard, via Boston.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.

**Vessels Sailed.**

- Schs. Richard, Rose Standish, Frances P. Mesquita, Genesta, Hope, Sylvia M. Nunan, Leo, Stranger, Ramona, Belbina, P. Demongoes, Walter P. Goulart, Ida S. Brooks, Emily Cooney, Rita A. Viator, Viking, Margaret Dillon, Ida M. Silva, Flora J. Sears, and Edith Silveira, haddocking.

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**Boston.**

- Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Matchless, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Valentinna, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Lillian, 2200 cod.
- Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 20,000 haddock.
- Steamer Spray, 48,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Azorean, 2000 cod.
- Haddock, \$2 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$4.50.

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**GREAT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.**

**January Fish Receipts Show Marked Improvement.**

Although the month of January just passed, has been an exceptionally dull one as far as the arrival of fish fares at this port is concerned, still it was a vast improvement over January of 1902 and also a little better than the initial month of 1907.

The following comparative table shows the relative catch of the leading kinds of fish:

	1909.	1908.
	Pounds.	Pounds.
Salt cod	238,200	123,200
Fresh cod	357,000	55,000
Haddock	334,300	221,700
Hake	15,400	14,800
Cusk	32,400	10,800
Pollock	69,800	10,900
Halibut	157,700	92,400
Flitch halibut	4,685	2,300
Total	1,209,485	531,100
	Bbls.	Bbls.
Salt herring	5,448	11,840
Frozen herring	15,785	23,770
	Qtls.	Qtls.
Cured fish	1,900	2,000

The total of ground fish for January of 1907 was 1,181,545 pounds, also 26,895 barrels of salt herring and 15,345 barrels of frozen herring.

**Frozen Herring Cargoes.**

The Boston Fish Bureau reports the following Lunenburg, N. S., vessels on the way to Boston with frozen herring, from Connaigre Bay, Fortune Bay, N. F.:

Sch. Arginia, 275,000 pounds; sch. Lila B. Hirtle, 350,000 pounds. These are the two crafts chartered by Capt. Solomon Jacobs of this port.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. William H. Rider is on Parkhurst's railways.