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**Western Halibut.**

At Fulton Market, New York, western white halibut during the early part of last week sold at 10 to 11 cents per pound. On Thursday a carload of western white halibut reached the market from Vancouver, B. C., being shipped by the New England Fish Company. There were 50 boxes in all, divided up among ten of the standholders. The price of the fresh stock was 13 to 14 cents per pound.

Four cars of Pacific halibut arrived at Boston yesterday.

**Fishing Sloop Ashore.**

The fishing sloop Bennie of Portland, which went ashore Friday morning on the south side of Long Island, was pulled off late Saturday night by the tug Lottie and May, and has been docked at the marine railway, South Portland, for repairs. An examination of the hull showed that most of the keel was knocked off and that the garboard strakes and some of the planking was damaged. Repairs will be quickly made and she will be in commission again in a few days.

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**Fishing Facts and Fancies.**

The United Salt Fish Salesmen's Association of New York City, was incorporated in Albany, N. Y., last week, by Jacob Seltzman, Morris Drexler, Morris Hoffman, Morris Rudman and Max Siegel, of Brooklyn.

Matthew Ellison, Judge J. C. Pearson, C. H. Shutt and other capitalists of Aberdeen, Wash., are endeavoring to float a company to engage in deep sea fishing. A capital of \$50,000 is proposed for the erection of warehouses and wharves so that the product can be easily handled and shipped in cold storage cars to the eastern market.

The Leidheiser Bros. Fish Co., of Vermillion, O., has been incorporated with a capital of \$25,000. The incorporators are H. J. Schiller, A. K. Weir, Clara Horn, A. Tullan and C. W. Shaw. The Driscoll Fish Company of Vermillion, Ohio, has been incorporated with a capital of \$25,000.

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**Today's Receipts.**

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

**Vessels Sailed.**

No sailings today.

**Today's Fish Market.**

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 11c per lb for white and 8c for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00; snappers, \$1.00.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Capt. Stillman Hipson is fitting sch. Thalia for Georges handling.

The fishing steamer Pet, which has been hauled up at Boothbay harbor some time, came to Portland Monday and will leave for this part soon preparatory to resuming fishing.

Sch. Emerald, Capt. Albert Greenlaw, has had a new mainmast stepped, and is now fitting out for shore trawling.

Sch. Patrician has had a new rudder post put in on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, which took out her cargo of frozen herring, arrived home this morning. She will go on the railways to slick up and then Capt. Norman A. Ross will fit her for south mackerel seining.

Sch. Speculator is on Burnham's railways.

**Boston.**

Sch. Genesta, 3500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Valentinna, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 3500 cod.

Sch. Hockomock.

Sch. Nettie, 1400 cod.

Sch. Reliance, 2500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Marion, 2000 cod.

Sch. Hope, 6000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 1000 haddock, 100 cod.

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Sch. Rena, A. Percy, 3000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Freedom, 2000 cod.

Sch. Juniata, 7500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Cherokee, 4000 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Priscilla, 8000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 3500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Florida, 3500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Numan, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Haddock, \$3.85 to \$3.90 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.25 to \$5.50; market cod, \$4.00; hake, \$4.00 to \$6.00; cusk, \$3.00.

**Portland Arrivals.**

The following additional fresh fish fares were at Portland Monday:

Steamer Elthier, 6000 pounds.

Schs. Gladys, 2000 pounds.

Sch. Maud S., 2500 pounds.

Sch. Crusader, 3000 pounds.

**PROHIBITED NETS.****Bill For Their Use in Barnstable Bay Defeated By Legislature.**

In the house of representatives yesterday the bill to permit the use of nets in Barnstable waters was decisively defeated by a vote of 64 to 19. It was argued that the passing of the bill would be breaking down the policy of the state of protecting the fish in Buzzard's Bay.

Gifford of Westport defended the bill saying it was in the interest of the fishermen of the state and Crocker of Brewster thought the Massachusetts citizens should get the benefit of its own breeding grounds.

Representative Pattison argued that the bill was in the interest of aliens and but an entering wedge to open up the whole bay.

Holman of Attleboro quoted eminent authorities as saying that Buzzards Bay is the greatest breeding ground for fish on the Atlantic seaboard, but the bill would permit the placing of a net across the mouth of the bay. He had petitions, signed by 2774 residents near the bay and by 800 fishermen of New Bedford protesting against the bill.

**Frozen Smelts.**

An unexpected invoice of frozen smelts was received at Boston yesterday morning from the provinces and quickly taken up by the trade. Frozen smelts and frozen mackerel will soon be out of the market, and the stock of ground fish in the cold storage warehouses will be well cut into if the lost ground fish are not soon found, as the demand for fish has increased greatly.

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**Protest Anti-Torching****Bill.****Municipal Council Adopted****Resolution at Special****Meeting.**

A special meeting of the municipal council was held at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a resolution by Alderman Stoddart was unanimously adopted, strongly protesting against the anti torching bill.

The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, a bill has been introduced in the legislature to prohibit or regulate the taking of herring and other fish by means of artificial light in the waters of Salem bay and vicinity

Be it resolved that this board is strongly opposed to the passage of such a bill, believing it would be a great detriment to the fishing industries of this city.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the senator and the representative from this district.

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**ELECTRIC FLASH FIRST SEINER.****Sailed South for Mackerel This Forenoon.**

Sch. Monarch did not get away first for south mackerel seining after all, for this forenoon sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert, spread her white sails and went smoking out of the harbor, the first of the fleet, of which so much is hoped.

Sch. Monarch has been ready for two days, but was first delayed by having to put in a new exhaust pipe for her engine, and yesterday the storm and fog held her at her wharf.

Sch. Electric Flash finished up her fitting and being afloat this morning, while the Monarch was aground in her berth at her wharf, went off with a lead of a few hours, for the sch. Monarch will sail as soon as she floats after dinner.

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**HAD LOCAL CARGO****Massachusetts Aground With Fish for Porto Rico.**

The steamer Massachusetts, owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and bound from Boston to New York, grounded early today near Cedar Tree Neck, Vineyard Sound, while groping her way through the thick fog.

She struck heavily on the rocky bottom and her forward compartment was leaking badly. The weather was calm, however, and the sea smooth, and she was in no immediate danger of going to pieces.

The Massachusetts carried a general cargo of freight and no passengers. The Scott Wrecking Company of New London, Conn., was notified of her position, and immediately dispatched tugs to the assistance of the vessel.

The Massachusetts when she left Tuesday evening had a large consignment of fish, which was shipped from Gloucester and was in transit to Porto Rico.

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**Only Two Trips Here for Six Days.**

"No arrivals" is the story here again this morning, so that two fishing arrivals with fares is the record at this port for the past six days.

This is indeed dull music in the fish line and shows that not only must the fleet off shore be finding fish scarce but that they must also be up against hard weather. True both are generally looked for at this season of the year yet not to such an extent as now appears to be the case. Fishing arrivals are unusually scarce and but for the activity around the wharves in fitting out seiners, salt bankers etc., the harbor would be a pretty dull spot.

Fishermen and owners too are used to these dull spells, however, and expecting them every so often in the run of the year, take them as a matter of course, always looking ahead for the better times, the bigger trips and the more plentiful arrivals they know are sure to come. It takes more than a week with few or no arrivals to jar them. "Dry picking" they call it and let it go at that.

**Shark Attacked a Liner.**

The Orient Royal Mail liner Oroya, which arrived at Plymouth from Australia, reported that in the Red Sea, she collided with a shark 25 feet in length. The shark was impaled on her bows, and the vessel was obliged to go astern in order to release herself. Despite the gaping wound in the creature's side, it rushed fiercely at the liner immediately it was freed, dashing itself against the vessel's side with wide-opened jaws.

# FLEET FINDING FISH SCARCE.

## Few Arrivals at Boston and None at This Port.

T wharf, Boston, has had 22 trips of fresh fish since last report, aggregating 387,000 pounds and will have no trouble in handling them at good prices.

In the number are five of the off shore fleet with fares of from 36,000 to 60,000 pounds. Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, Capt. Martin Guthrie, struck in there yesterday about noon with 30,000 haddock and 30,000 cod and found the dealers ready for her and handing out high prices. The cod counted up big and the wise ones were figuring for Capt. Guthrie to take down a \$2200 stock as the result of hitting the market at the psychological moment with a big fare.

This morning sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, has 58,000 pounds, about half cod, and should chafe the \$1500 market pretty close. Sch. Lillian, Capt. Clarence Malone, with 44,000 pounds and Morning Star, Capt. Freeman Decker with 39,000 pounds are in for good stocks, the latter having 25,000 pounds of cod in his lot. Sch. Quonnapowit has 36,000 pounds, about half hake, so will come out all right.

For the shore boats, three of the Provincetown back of Cape Cod fishing fleet are in with from 14,000 to 20,000 pounds each. They have found fish very scarce, this being their first appearance this week. The other boats have 2000 to 14,000 pounds, the Cape Porpoise craft sch. Sadie M. Nunan having the latter amount.

Old haddock brought \$1.70, new off shores \$2.50 and new shores \$3.75. Cod sold at from \$2 to \$4, hake at \$3.50 right through and pollock and cusk at \$3.

### BLOWING A MARCH GALE.

#### Heavy Wind Bothers Fishermen but Helps Outgoing Craft.

It's a regular March gale down the harbor this morning. It blowed quite a good stick about all night, but at 5 o'clock it came off in heavy squalls which continued for a couple of hours and then settled down for a regular blow. It is an ideal day, however, for vessels bound on off shore trips to get away and many will take advantage of the chance for a dashing run to the fishing grounds.

The stiff northwester precludes all chance of the market boats getting a chance to fish today. It is blowing fresh enough off shore to blow a dory right out of the water and the shore fishermen will have to be content with another lay day. This bothers them, as outside of the wind they could not desire a better day to set and haul.

The heavy northwester besides keeping the shore boats in, sent several of the coasters, which were off Cape Ann when the gale struck, scudding for harbor at this port. All shot up on the Pan Cake ground, dropped sails with a rush, let go their ground tackle and held on all right. Some of them must have had quite an exciting time getting in, particularly those that worked up from the leeward.

### FISH EGGS DISTRIBUTED.

#### Output of Ten Pound Island Hatchery for Last Fiscal Year.

The report of the Bureau of Fisheries on the distribution of fish and fish eggs for the year ending June 30, 1908 shows that 3,000,000 cod eggs, 235,650,000 cod fry, 389,642,000 flat fish fry, 180,932,000 lobster fry and 1011 adult lobsters were among the species distributed.

The output of the Ten Pound island hatchery is given as 3,000,000 cod eggs, 73,995,000 cod fry, 66,454,000 pollock fry, 197,300,000 flat fish fry and 21,425,000 lobster fry.

The Massachusetts state fish commission was allotted 15,000 rainbow trout eggs and 1,475,000 lobster fry.

### Today's Receipts.

- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.
- Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.
- Sch. Julietta, via Boston.
- Sch. Massasoit, shore.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Matiana, shore.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
- Sch. Athena, shore.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
- Sch. Reliance, shore.
- Sch. Lucy May, shore.
- Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.
- Br. sch. Coronation, Lunenburg, N. S., frozen herring, bound for Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Senator Gardner, salt banking.
- Sch. Mabel D. Hines, salt banking.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, haddock-ing.
- Sch. Paragon, halibuting.
- Sch. Electric Flash, south seining.

### Today's Fish Market.

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- Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.
- Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.
- Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
- Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00; snappers, \$1.00.
- Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
- Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Arkona, bound on a salt codfish trip, arrived at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury was at Shelburne, N. S., a few days ago with 4000 pounds of halibut on board. Sch. Arthur Binney was also there with 30,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Capt. James Bowie is in command of sch. Niagara in the fresh halibut fishery.

The salt bankers Orinoco, Blanche and Ella M. Goodwin are taking salt today from the steamer Mariner.

Schs. Lottie G. Merchant and Grayling are on the Rocky Neck railways.

Schs. Diana and Carrie C. are on Burnham's railways.

Schs. Dauntless and Catherine D. Enos are on Parkhurst's railways.

### Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Lillian, 30,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3500 hake.
- Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Buema, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 30,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 7000 haddock.
- Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
- Sch. Arbitrator, 7000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Sarah, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Quonnapowit, 14,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 16,000 hake, 3000 cusk.
- Sch. Galatea, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Jessie Costa, 6000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 pollock.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carröll, 2500 haddock, 5000 cod, 500 pollock.
- Sch. Morning Star, 14,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
- Sch. Minerva, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 300 halibut.
- Sch. John M. Keen, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 cusk.
- Sch. Mary C. Santos, 11,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Pontiac, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Hockomock, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Haddock, \$1.70 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$3.50; cusk, \$3; pollock, \$3.

### Portland Arrivals.

- The following vessels were at Portland Tuesday with fresh fish fares: Steamer Elthier.
- Sch. Lochinvar, 12,000 pounds.
- Sch. Kate L. Palmer, 12,000 pounds.
- Sloop Minerva, 4000 pounds.
- Sloop Laconia, 3000 pounds.
- Sloop Hazel B., 2000 pounds.
- Sloop Hobson, 2000 pounds.
- Sloop Sapolio, 2000 pounds.

### PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

#### Arrived Today.

- Sch. Eugenia Border, Stonington for New York.
- Sch. Eva B. Hall, Rockport for Bedloe's Island, N. Y.
- Sch. Sullivan Sawin, Wiscasset for New York.
- Sch. Catawamteak, Rockport, Maine for New York.
- Sch. Annie A. Booth, Boston for St. John's, N. B.
- Br. sch. Alaska, St. John, N. B. for New York.

#### Herring Craft Sought Shelter.

The Br. sch. Coronation, of Lunenburg, N. S., bound to Boston, from her home port, with a cargo of frozen herring which is sold to the Boston Herring Co., got caught off here in the gale last night and put in here for shelter, anchoring on the Pan Cake ground. She will proceed when the wind moderates.

#### Crew Shared \$43.29.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Charles Colson, stocked \$1747.04 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$43.29.

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# FISH RECEIPTS DURING JANUARY

## Amounts and Value Landed at This Port and Boston.

According to the figures of the United States Fish Commission, 377 fares, aggregating 4,934,419 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$132,116 and 1,555,184 pounds salt fish valued at \$34,739, a total of 6,489,603 pounds valued at \$166,854, were landed at this port during the month of January, and 287 fares, aggregating 5,357,000 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$137,277, were landed at Boston for the same month.

The receipts at the different ports were as follows:

Gloucester.		
	Pounds	Value
Fresh Cod	359,373	\$5,982
Salt Cod	247,641	9,137
Fresh Cusk	30,395	478
Salt Cusk	1,950	49
Fresh Haddock	327,680	6,120
Salt Haddock	6,957	104
Fresh Hake	10,585	89
Salt Hake	4,747	72
Fresh Pollock	22,820	196
Salt Pollock	43,860	659
Fresh Halibut	158,316	15,798
Salt Halibut	4,635	328
Frozen Herring	4,027,250	103,453
Salt Herring	1,245,344	24,389

  

Boston.		
	Pounds	Value
Fresh Cod	1,211,700	\$31,170
Fresh Cusk	121,900	2,265
Fresh Haddock	3,294,600	84,561
Fresh Hake	376,000	7,611
Fresh Pollock	183,700	4,450
Fresh Halibut	69,500	7,220

#### Large Halibut.

Sch. Minerva, one of the market boats at Boston yesterday, brought in with her fare a halibut which tipped the beam to 300 pounds. It was caught on the shore grounds off Highland light and is said to be the largest ever hauled up on that well known fishing spot.

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#### Had Rough Trip.

Sch. Susan and Mary, Capt. Joseph Spinney, at T wharf yesterday, had a rough time since she went out two weeks ago. She ran into a gale on leaving port during which a big sea broke on board, raking the decks and carrying overboard most of the gurry kids. A furious gale hit the schooner while she was on the fishing grounds, breaking the foregaff and tearing the jib.