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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.

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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-ling.
Sch. Paragon, halibuting.
Sch. Electric Flash, south seining.

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.

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.

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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.

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FRESH FISH MORE PLENTIFUL.

Some Good Off Shore Trips at Boston Today.

The T wharf fish dealers got hold of some fine, large fares yesterday after they had about finished up on the fleet which was at the wharf when the bell rung, for during the forenoon and afternoon some of the big fellows got in from Georges, bringing cod and haddock in goodly amount.

The dealers held up the price of haddock in good shape paying them the opening off shore price of \$2.75, but the increased receipts of codfish caused them to make a drop to \$3 for large and \$2 for market cod. On these prices, all the craft which reached the pier after the bell rung will make good stocks.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, was the headliner with 80,000 pounds, the largest trip at the wharf for quite a while. In her fare was 35,000 pounds of codfish, so she stands to stock in the neighborhood of \$2000.

The other good fares were sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, with 65,000 pounds, 45,000 of which were codfish; sch. Robert and Arthur, Capt. Julius Anderson, 53,000 pounds, 39,000 of which were cod; sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, Capt. Michael Powers, 50,000 pounds, mostly haddock, sch. Susan and Mary, Capt. Joseph Spinney, 50,000 pounds; and the steam trawler Spray, Capt. Green, with 39,000 pounds, about all haddock.

This morning sch. Gertrude, Capt. James Vanamberg, is there with 46,000 pounds and sch. Arabia, Capt. William Doyle, with 50,000 pounds. The Phillips had held over from yesterday, and with the Gertrude sold her haddock for \$2.90 per hundred weight and got yesterday's cod prices.

Sch. Arabia reached the wharf after the bell rung and had not sold when the Times' Boston report was received.

The fares of most of these vessels shows that the cod school has struck on Georges and the dealers are looking for some big trips next week.

Set Trawls Despite Gale.

Many of the fish dealers at T wharf, Boston, wondered yesterday at the number of market boats in with trips, knowing full well that the day before had been stormy, rainy and very foggy.

The fishermen on the banks, however, took chances with the fog, and made a set of the trawls, knowing that the market would be good yesterday in anticipation of today, and the calls from dealers outside the city. They did not have much success, but what they got paid them will.

Still No Fishing Arrivals Here.

Chalk up another zero in the fishing arrival line, for this morning again found the harbor bare of vessels in with trips. It is getting a little monotonous for the longshoremen and those who scan the bulletin board at the Board of Trade, but it cannot be helped. It is a case now of "all going out and nothing coming in," but those going out will come back, and with fish too. Still only two trips in seven days is pretty tough, when you come to think of it.

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THE GEORGES HANDLINE FLEET.

Once Leading Fishing Industry Dwindled to Small Size.

The Georges handline codfishing fleet, once the largest of all the fishing fleets sailing from this port, has dwindled until now, in winter time, its numbers can easily be counted on the fingers of one's two hands. In the spring, however, it receives a few recruits and this spring is a little larger than usual of recent years.

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Forty years ago this fleet numbered nearly 300 sail of vessels, but has steadily declined, owing to the introduction of trawling, drifting and seining, and the opening up of new grounds and other branches of fisheries. During the last 10 years it has been but a remnant of its former self, although, considered with its half-brother, the Rips or drift fleet it mounts to the respectable proportions of over 75 sails.

The new grounds, new lines of fishing and the aforesaid "half-brother" have, however, about done for the old stand by, but it gamely holds on, a lone link connecting the old with the new in Gloucester's fishing history.

The fleet this spring comprises 17 sail, as follows, and when summer comes, even a few of these will desert the ranks for other lines:

Sch. William H. Rider, Capt. Nels Larson.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Capt. William Gould.

Sch. Ella G. King, Capt. Ben Johnson.

Sch. Cecil H. Low, Capt. William Sheave.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Capt. William Sloan.

Sch. Senator, Capt. Thomas Allen.

Sch. Mina Swin, Capt. Adolph Crawford.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Capt. Manuel Carlz.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Capt. Andrew Goweneau.

Sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams.

Sch. Titania, Capt. Patrick Vale.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Capt. Owen Whitten.

Sch. Marsala, Capt. Martin Christiansen.

Sch. Thalia, Capt. Stillman Hipson.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, Capt. William Morrisey.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Monarch, south seining.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, haddocking.

Sch. Matiana, haddocking.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, haddocking.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddocking.

Sch. Athena, haddocking.

Sch. Massasoit, haddocking.

Sch. Rose Standish, haddocking.

Sch. Emerald, haddocking.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, haddocking.

Br. sch. Coronation, Boston.

Sch. Orinoco, salt banking.

Sailed Yesterday Afternoon.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, sailed south mackerel seining yesterday afternoon, leaving Chisholm's wharf about 1 o'clock. She is the second of the fleet to sail.

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.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Fred Morrissey, bound on a salt cod fishing trip, arrived at Halifax on Tuesday for a supply of bait.

Schs. Lucinda I. Lowell and Tatler are taking salt from steamer Mariner.

Schs. Saladin and Claudia are on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall is on Burnham's railways.

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Boston.

Sch. Cynthia, 20,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Arabia, 25,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Gertrude, 36,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Susan and Mary, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Mattakesett, 2500 haddock, 1,500 cod.

Steamer Spray, 36,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Lucania, 40,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. On Time, 3000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 14,000 haddock, 39,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.90 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3; market cod, \$2.

Portland Arrivals.

The following vessels were at Portland Wednesday with fares of fresh fish:

Steamer Gladys, 3000 pounds.

Sloop Crusader, 2000 pounds.

Sloop Minerva, 3000 pounds.

Sch. Fannie Reed, 3000 pounds.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 9000 pounds.

Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 6000 pounds.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, 7000 pounds.

Sch. Fannie Hayden, 4000 pounds.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 3000 pounds.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 15,000 pounds.

Sch. Angie B. Watson, 12,000 pounds.

Sch. Marjie Turner, 3500 pounds.

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CLAM FARMING ON DIX ISLAND.

How Foster and His Boys Developed Industry.

As long ago as 1880, when Archie Foster and his wife were left as custodians of the Dix Island Granite Company's property, Archie took his twin boys, Donald and Duncan, to the reach of gravel flats parting Dix island from Hewitt's island and taught them how to dig clams for the Rockland market.

The area of water was almost entirely landlocked, and had been made very shallow from the dumping of many loads of stone chips and dust from the sheds occupied by the stonecutters who had been working there since 1858, when the Treasury building at Washington, D. C., was quarried out and hammered into shape on the island.

As the boys dug large and fat clams for sale, their father taught them to save all the small clams they found and preserve them among seaweed shallows until they had a number of barrels on hand. Then, with himself and a pair of goats that he was keeping on the island to furnish milk for his family, Archie helped in pulling a small plow through the wet gravel at low tide, while Duncan followed behind in the furrow, dropping baby clams at intervals of six inches apart. Later on the plow was reversed and Archie and his goats hauled it back, covering the young clams from sight and permitting them to shift for themselves until they were big enough to dig and sell.

Clam Flats Became Famous.

The Foster clam farm became locally famous among the farmers and fishermen who lived on the islands and mainland nearby. As the clams were embayed by rough headlands of granite on nearly every side, the winter storms did not disturb the crop in any way. Because the soil in which the clams were planted was composed of sharp and newly-made granite chips, no strolling fishermen ever thought of digging there, and though animal life upon which clams subsist was not abundant, the training school for future clam chowders prospered finely.

It was found that a young clam with a hard shell the size of a red-oak acorn would grow to four inches in length and become fat and bulgy at the end of three years from planting out, while some of them became aldermanic monsters, almost five inches long and three inches in transverse diameter, in four years.

The Foster profits from clam culture were never very great, and he did not keep accurate cash accounts for any one year. He believes, however,