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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Sadie A. Kimball, Dix island, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish. Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Le Have Bank, 175,000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Monitor, via Boston, 4000 lbs. salt cod. Sch. Richard, Georges, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Moonam, via Boston, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Stranger, via Boston. Sch. Hockomock, via Boston. Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston. Sch. Washakie, shore. Sch. John M. Keen, shore. Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore. Sch. Edith Silveira, shore. Sch. Hope, shore. Sch. Mettacommet, shore. Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore. Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore. Sch. Rose Standish, shore. Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arcadia, south seining. Sch. Indiana, south seining. Sch. George Parker, south seining. Sch. Carrie C., Georges. Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, pollock seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00. Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents 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. Round pollock, 50 cts. per cwt. Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Georgie Campbell was at Shelburne, N. S., Monday and cleared. Sch. Olive F. Hutchins sailed today on a pollock seining trip. Sch. Veda M. McKown is on Burnham's railways. Sch. Pinta is on Parkhurst's railways. Sch. Arabia is on the Rocky Neck railways.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sch. Nile, Boston for Rockland. Sch. Frank Belano, Calias, lumber for L. B. Nauss & Sons. Sch. Eben Parsons, Boston for Ipswich. Sch. Reporter, Boston for Ipswich. Sch. John J. Perry, Boston for Rockland. Sch. Johanna Durgain, Boston for Rockland.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, 1000 haddock, 70,000 cod. Sch. Mary Edith, 4000 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Rena A. Percy, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake. Sch. Louise R. Silva, 25,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock. Sch. Hortense, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Catherine G. Burke, 25,000 haddock, 45,000 cod. Sch. Squanto, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod. Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake. Sch. Annie M. Perry, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 7000 pollock. Sch. Viking, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Maud F. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2500 haddock, 200 cod. Sch. Little Fannie, 200 haddock, 2500 cod. Sch. Flavilla. Sch. Manomet, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake. Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake. Sch. Hobo, 3000 cod. Sch. Massasoit, 1500 haddock, 3000 cod. Sch. Dorothy, 6500 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 cusk. Sch. Motor, 2500 haddock, 600 cod. Sch. Aspinet, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Scud, 1000 cod. Sch. Little Belt, 2300 cod. Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 7000 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Valentinna, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 800 cod. Sch. Matchless, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 15,000 haddock, 35,000 cod. Sch. Matiana, 2000 haddock, 600 cod, 4000 pollock. Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 14,000 haddock. Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake. Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 3500 haddock, 1800 cod, 10,000 hake. Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 14,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 hake. Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 700 cod, 6000 hake, 300 cusk. Sch. Emily Sears, 3000 haddock. Sch. Julietta, 4500 haddock, 1500 cod. Sch. Pontiac, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock. Sch. Emelia Enos, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 pollock. Sch. Juniata, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. N. A. Rowe. Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 11,000 cod. Sch. M. Madeleine, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod. Sch. Gov. Russell, 13,000 haddock, 4000 cod. Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod. Sch. Florida, 3500 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 2000 cod. Sch. On Time, 2000 cod. Sch. Sylvester. Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod. Sch. James W. Parker, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

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Sch. Josie and Phebe, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 40,000 hake, 4000 cusk. Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod. Sch. Yakima, 20,000 haddock, 45,000 cod. Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 50,000 haddock, 40,000 cod. Sch. Slade Gorton, 30,000 haddock, 40,000 cod. Sch. John J. Fallon, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod. Sch. Arthur Binney, 55,000 haddock, 10,000 cod. Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod. Sch. Mary C. Santos, 41,000 haddock, 3000 cod. Sch. Mooween, 40,000 halibut. Sch. Arbitrator, 19,000 haddock, 4000 cod. Sch. Nokomis, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock. Sch. Freedom, 1500 cod. Sch. Marguerite, 2500 cod. Haddock, \$1 to \$2, per cwt.; new off shore haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$1.50 to \$2; market cod, \$1.50; hake, \$2 to \$2.25; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$3. Several off shore fares unsold, very few off shore cod sold at \$1.50 and \$1.75; much of off shore cod will probably go to Gloucester.

Portland Arrivals.

The following vessels were at Portland with fresh fish fares: Sch. Angie B. Watson, 8000 pounds. Sch. Etta B., 3000 pounds. Sch. Eva and Mildred, 9000 pounds. Sch. Maud S., 7000 pounds. Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 9000 pounds. Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 7000 pounds. Sch. Fanny Hayden, 3000 pounds. Sch. Lochinvar, 18,000 pounds. Sloop Bennie, 1500 pounds. Sloop St. Paul, 1500 pounds.

NO CHANGE IN PRICES.

Board of Trade Fisheries Committee Discussed Handling Short Trips.

The shippers committee met last evening and wound up all the affairs connected with the Pure Food work it has been engaged upon during the past three years.

The board of directors will meet tomorrow forenoon at 9.30 o'clock. The increased attendance at the rooms both day and evening shows that the business people are appreciating the new quarters.

At a recent meeting of the fisheries committee no changes were made in the present prices, one additional quotation being added, round pollock being set at 50 cents per hundred weight. The committee also considered at length the very important matter of handling shack trips the coming season and will probably have an announcement to make later in regard to the same.

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New Knockabout Sold.

The new knockabout schooner recently built by Arthur D. Story at his yard in Essex and rigged and fitted at this port has been sold to Capt. Albert Watson and Fred Robinson of Boston. The craft has been named Alice, and will engage in the market fishery under command of Capt. Edward Russell.

ARRIVALS SCARCE.

But Fresh Fish Market is Well Supplied.

Six more of the off shore haddock fleet are at T wharf, Boston, today, all from Georges, with fares of from 45,000 to 85,000 pounds of cod and haddock. Besides these craft their are five of the market fleet there with only small catches.

The dealers have all the fish they want today, however, as besides these trips, they have also six off shore and 18 shore fares that did not sell yesterday because they could not get any where near the wharf.

The off shore vessels have from 20,000 to 48,000 pounds of cod and this is far from the big lot of this kind of fish that the dealers have been expecting. Really, as a whole, the off shore fleet has not raised such havoc with the cod school as it did last year.

All the skippers say that the fishing on Georges is very spotty and far from satisfactory.

Prices this morning are low and off shore cod are going slow. Haddock are \$1.25 to \$2.60, large cod \$1.50 to \$2.25 and markets \$1 to \$1.75.

The off shore crafts there and their fares are as follows: sch. Onato, Capt. Henry Larkin, 84,000 pounds; sch. Regina, Capt. Shea, 75,000 pounds; sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, Capt. Atwood, 63,000 pounds; sch. Ramona, 50,000 pounds; sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Thomas Downey, 55,000 pounds; sch. Tartar, Capt. Thomas Somers, 45,000 pounds; sch. Rex, Capt. John Grady, 60,000 pounds.

At this port this morning is sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Horace Wilde, from Georges, with 70,000 pounds of fresh fish, also the following craft which came down from Boston yesterday afternoon bringing their codfish to split; sch. James W. Parker, 25,000 pounds; sch. Catherine G. Burke, 40,000 pounds; sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman 45,000 pounds and sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 70,000 pounds. This latter fare was caught in two days and a half, the vessel being out only six days.

First of Pollock Seining Fleet.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, one of the gasoline auxiliary powered market boats is going after pollock with a seine and is now at the wharf of Cunningham & Thompson fitting out. She is the first of the fleet to get ready this spring for pollock seining.

Last spring and for a few springs before, several of our large vessels and a goodly number of the small ones engaged in this fishery, their scope of work ranging from the Bay of Fundy to the Rips. Previous to last season many of them did quite well indeed, but last spring was considerable of a frost, taking everything full and by, and not much has been heard thus far about any vessels taking up the fishery this season.

On Sunday morning, however, the market haddockers fishing off Thachers island ran into school after school of spring pollock. The waters seemed to be alive with them. This probably started the skipper of the Hutchins to come down here as soon as he got his fish out in Boston, slat his dories and trawl gear ashore, and make ready to "wallop the pollock."

As pollock are a good price in the Boston market and shore fishing generally is very dull by reason of the scarcity of fish, it may be that other crafts will soon follow the lead of the Hutchins. One thing is sure, as soon as the schools move up into Ipswich bay, a lot of little shore boats and steamers will be after them up off the smooth sand of Plum Island.

Lobster Fishery 53 Years Ago.

In the back room of the West End Market at Provincetown, there hangs a clipping, concerning the lobster fishery, cut from an autumn number of the Provincetown Banner of 1856. The fishery article, written by the late John Atwood, states that in the year named, 16 sloops, averaging 49 tons, were employed carrying lobsters from Provincetown to New London, New Haven and New York, the total number so conveyed being 320,000, while other boats carried 12,000 to Boston, making a total catch of 332,000 lobsters by the fishermen of Provincetown in that one year. In 1854, the writer stated, that the town catch was 300,000, while 400,000 were taken here in 1855. The average price during 1856 was two and one-half cents per lobster.

FIRST MACKEREL AT NEW YORK.

Single Fish Received Today
from New Point, Virginia.



Now the mackerel season can be said to be really and truly open, for the first one of the season has arrived at New York.

A dispatch to the Times from Wilson & Barry of Fulton Market, states that the first mackerel of the season was received by them this morning.

The fish was a large medium and was caught at New Point, Virginia. This is the first one heard of this season.

FOOD BOXES FOR DORIES.

Crew of Sch. Tattler Will Be Supplied with Conveniences.

Isalah Gosbee, the well known cook of the big dory handling sch. Tattler, has been at work on a job which will mean a lot of comfort and convenience for the members of the crew who will go in the craft this season.

Mr. Gosbee has just completed 24 boxes of goodly size, one for each dory. These boxes are very strongly made and neatly painted. They are waterproof and are arranged to hold a goodly supply of food, also lines, etc.

They will certainly be very handy for the men, and the idea of something in which to carry food in dories is a most humane one.

Activity in Coastwise Shipping.

Considerable activity is noted in the coastwise shipping business, and it begins to look as if all the large coal carriers will go into commission again as many have been chartered the past few days. While vessel rates are still low, more coal orders are offering than have been on the market for a long time, and it is hoped that better times are coming this spring for shipping, and that the vessels will be able to get better rates. It is expected that ice freights for the medium sized vessels will be plentiful this season, and a number of schooners have already been engaged in that trade from Maine ports. The failure of the ice crop on the Hudson river will benefit Maine to a great extent as the large cities on the Atlantic coast will be compelled to use Maine ice and this will make business for this class of vessels.

Herring Plentiful at Newfoundland.

At Bay of Islands, N. F., the herring fishing continues excellent at Middle Arm. The fishermen are doing splendidly. The Brakes, father and son, have secured 400 barrels to date, with good prospects of further success as the season advances. Messrs. Cox and Ballam have also secured large catches. In fact few of the fishermen engaged at this place the past week have reported poor success. The quantity of herring at the Arms has surprised the natives. It is in excess of anything previously reported. The Arm is literally swarming with fish. Those fishermen from the mainland who abandoned the fishery at the island this winter, now regret their hasty action in the light of recent events. It is reported that the herring caught are of good size and excellent quality.

To Improve Canadian Fisheries.

A movement designed to bring about an improvement in the condition of the Canadian-Atlantic fisheries has been started by the Halifax board of trade. The fisheries committee of the board is in communication with the standing committee on fisheries of the Canadian parliament, and is urging a re-arrangement of the fisheries department. Under the proposed plan the department would be placed under a deputy minister separate from the marine department, and a commissioner would be appointed to make a thorough investigation of the Atlantic fisheries with a view to inaugurating a progressive educational policy in that connection.

Petition Against Beam Trawling.

A petition drawn up by the Canso, N. S., station of the Fishermen's Union, is being widely circulated and signed. It urges the prompt and careful consideration of the necessity of totally prohibiting the system of fishing known as beam trawling. That in order to make this prohibition effective, negotiations should be entered into with the government of the United States, and an agreement arrived at, whereby no vessel, whatever its nationality, engaged in this system, shall be allowed the use of any Canadian or American port, save under stress of weather.

Will Pay Part Freight.

The Canadian Ministers of Marine Fisheries has renewed the arrangement with the express companies, which his department had last year by which reduced rates were given to fish shipments from the Maritime Provinces consigned to the Western Provinces, and especially to Ontario, by the government paying one-third of the express rates. The government's actions is conceived in the interests both of the fishermen of the sea-coast, and of the consumers of the interior.

Find Their Feeding Ground.

Whitefish fry hatched in the United States hatchery at Kingston, N. Y., when liberated, almost invariably expatriate themselves immediately by swimming to their natural feeding grounds along the northern shore of Lake Ontario.

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Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Catherine G. Burke, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. John Hays Hammond, Georges, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
Sch. Florida, shore.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Athena, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Dauntless, south seining.
Sch. Esperanto, south seining.
Sch. Mary E. Harty, south seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents 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.
Round pollock, 50 cts. per cwt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. George E. Heckman reports speaking schs. Ella G. King, Titania, Marsala and Arthur D. Story on Georges recently.
Capt. Joseph Smith is fitting sch. Grayling for south seining.
Capt. William Firth will now command sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., of Boston.
Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis is fitting for south seining.
Capt. Ambrose Fleet is fitting sch. Avalon for a southern seining trip.
Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, will begin to fit out Monday for a salt bank dory handline trip.
The Fish Commission sch. Grampus will haul over to Burnham's pier tomorrow night to make ready for her mackerel research cruise.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Steamer Seven Brothers, Plymouth.
Sch. H. S. Boynton, Boston for Rockland.
Sloop Albert Baldwin, Rockport for Boston.
Sch. Newell B. Hawes, Boston for pswich.
Sch. F. A. Smith, Boston to load salt.

Boston.

Sch. Onato, 52,000 haddock, 32,000 cod.
Sch. Regina, 40,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
Sch. Fannie B. Atwood, 28,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
Sch. Dixie, 2000 cod.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ramona, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 7000 haddock, 48,000 cod.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 4000 haddock, 4200 cod.
Sch. Tartar, 25,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 9000 cod.
Sch. Rex, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Phillip P. Manta, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.50 to \$2.25; market cod, \$1.00 to \$1.75.

Portland Arrivals.

The following vessels with fresh fish were at Portland Tuesday:

Steamer Elthier, 3000 pounds.
Sch. Albert W. Black, 12,000 pounds.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 3000 pounds.
Sch. Kate L. Palmer, 12,000 pounds.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 4000 pounds.
Sch. Wesley W. Sinnett, 3000 pounds.
Sloop Hobson.
Sloop Laconia.
Sloop Crusade.
Sloop Leslie and Lola, 1500 pounds.

Had Emergency Rudder.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, Capt. Jethro Nickerson, arrived at Boston yesterday, fitted with an emergency rudder, her regular rudder having been carried away by a heavy sea.

The accident happened on Georges a week ago Wednesday, the sea being very rough at the time and the wind heavy. About a half hour after midnight a heavy wave hit the vessel and tore the rudder completely off.

Next morning Capt. Nickerson and his crew went to work and fashioned a steering piece out of plank and cable and with this were able to steer the craft safely to port.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. John McKay, stocked \$4385 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$106.84.

Sch. Moanam, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked \$3019 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$75.50. This gives Capt. McDonald a stock of \$9600 since January 1.

Harbor Notes.

The steamer Seven Brothers which has been engaged in cod egg collecting work, is at this port preparatory to going to her home port, Newport, R. I. The season there is over as most of the bobber fleet has given it up over that way.

Sch. James P. Foster, Jr., of Provincetown is on the Rocky Neck railways.

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The Gloucester halibuters at present seem to be having a run of luck such as has not come their way for some years. The reports of fine catches, coupled with the good prices, causes many of the old chaps to prick up and say, "Well, that reminds me of so and so's trip in the Laughing Molly in the early 70s." May this good work in the halibut line continue, so that the year may be one that will actually rank with those big ones of years gone by.

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Sealing Fleet Has Luck.

The sealing fleet which left St. John's, N. F., March 10, on its annual cruise has been successful. A wireless message today from the steamer Florizal, the "flagship" of the fleet, states that her crew has captured 30,000 seals and the steamer Engle 20,000. The other vessels, with four exceptions, report fair catches. The steamers Terra Nova, Aurora, Ringer and Algerine had poor luck.

Red Fish Plentiful.

The vessels at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, had a large quantity of bream or "red fish," in addition to their cod and haddock.

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New England fared pretty well, they say, in the new tariff schedule. As the existing fish duties were not changed Gloucester isn't doing any kicking over the bill, thank you.