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## Provincetown Fishing Notes.

The fishermen are anxiously awaiting the arrival of sand eels for bait, but at present no indications of their coming have been seen.

Capt. Joseph Manta is lamenting the fact that 300 barrels of clam bait purchased by him for the Portugal Grand Bank fleet, went down with steamer Horatio Hall, recently sunk in collision off Cape Cod. No insurance.

E. E. Days, the gasoline boat expert, fell overboard from a gasoline boat last Tuesday, and the boat, still under full power, kept on eastward, passed under railroad wharf, and finally stopped at L. Piget's wharf. Another dory, coming in from the fishing grounds, was in danger of being run down by a runaway boat. The occupant wildly waved his arms and yelled, "Keep off! Keep off!" but of no avail, and he finally realized he was the one who would be obliged to get out of the way, which he did by a narrow margin.

## New Portland Schooner.

The new fishing schooner which has been building at the yard of W. J. Adams & Co., East Boothbay, was expected to be launched today. The new craft will be one of the finest of the Portland fishing fleet, which has not had many additions of late. She measures 70 feet in length, 20 feet beam, with 8 1-2 feet depth of hold, and will be equipped with a 25-horse power gasoline engine. She is owned by J. W. Trefethen & Co., and others of Portland and will be commanded by Capt. John Doggett, the well known skipper of the sch. Bernie and Bessie.

## Salt Shipment.

The Norwegian steamer Michael Ontchonkoff, with 3500 tons of salt, consigned to Fred Bradley, sailed from Iviza, March 12, for this port.

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## Today's Receipts.

Sch. Rex, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Boston, 48,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Georgianna, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Olga, Georges, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Squanto, via Boston.  
Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges, 5000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Massasoit, shore.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.  
Sch. Leo, shore.  
Sch. Matiana, shore.  
Sch. Florida, shore.  
Sch. Reliance, shore.  
Sch. Little Fannie, shore.  
Sch. Fish Hawk, shore.  
Sch. Julietta, shore.  
Sch. Dorothy, shore.  
Sch. Galatea, shore.  
Sch. Valentina, shore.

## 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. Senator Saulsbury, which landed 12,000 pounds of halibut at Portland Thursday, had also 5000 pounds of salt cod, which she will bring to this port.  
Sch. John R. Bradley was at Halifax, N. S., yesterday.  
Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney will fit sch. John Hays Hammond for fresh halibuting.  
Capt. John Robbins will fit sch. Metamora for single dory fishing.  
Capt. Fred Le Blanc is fitting sch. J. J. Flaherty for a salt bank dory handline trip.

## PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

## Arrived Today.

Sch. Vera B. Roberts, Boston for Parrsboro, N. S.  
Sch. Teresa D. Baker.  
Sch. Augustus Welt.

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## Boston.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Georgianna, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Eva Avina, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 cusk.  
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 cusk.  
Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.25; cusk, 90 cts.; hake, \$1 to \$2.50.

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LIGHT FARES  
AT T WHARF.But Boston Fresh Fish Prices  
Are Ruling Low.

Thirty-one fishing vessels, mostly shore and market boats are facing a low market at T wharf this morning. There are only three off shores and one halibuter there, the rest being the small fry, most of the latter with undersized fares, so the total amount for the dealers is small for a Monday opening, but nevertheless prices do not have the expected first of the week bright look.

The highliner there is sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, with 80,000 pounds, half cod and half haddock. Sch. Robert and Arthur, Capt. Julius Anderson, has 49,000 pounds, about all cod and sch. Harmony, Capt. Freeman Mason, has 60,000 pounds, nearly all haddock.

The little fellows from over Plymouth way and off here have from 1000 to 4000 pounds, showing that they are not finding much fishing, while the market boat trips run from 4000 to 18,000 pounds, sch. Mertis H. Perry leading with the latter amount. From the Provincetown down back of Cape Cod fleet is sch. Jessie Costa with 31,000 pounds.

Haddock are bringing \$1.50 to \$2.75, the former quotation being for off shore fish. Large cod are \$2 to \$2.75 with little demand for off shores, and markets at \$1.50. Hake is dull at \$1.50 and cusk slow at \$1 to \$1.50.

Some of the small boats have struck some cusk off here, but will have to bring what few they have down here, or keep them aboard till they make another market. It is expected that some of the off shore cod will come here to split.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Horace Wilde has taken command of sch. Corona and is getting the craft ready. He has not yet decided whether to go haddocking or on a fresh and salt shack trip.

Capt. Alden Geel started in today to fit sch. Tattler for dory handlining.

Capt. William Wharton is here to fit sch. Claudia for trawl salt banking.

Capt. Daniel Ryder is here to fit sch. Elector for dory handlining.

Capt. Angus Hines will fit sch. Annie M. Parker for dory handlining this week.

Capt. Thomas Benham came yesterday and will get right to work fitting out sch. Maxine Elliott for dory handlining.

Sch. Massachusetts of this port was at Portland this morning with a fare of 20,000 pounds of halibut, but did not sell her trip and will come either to this port or Boston.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream of this port, Capt. Frank H. Stream, is at Boston today with 25,000 pounds of halibut.

## Portland Arrivals.

The steamer Elthier was the only fish arrival at Portland, Friday, and she had a fare of 5000 pounds which was sold to the local dealers. This supply was caught by the new method of steam seining and the members of the crew are making creditable records. The steamer arrives at Portland about every other day and the catches are never less than 5000 pounds. This results in the crew averaging a good month's pay, and it is probable that if a larger steamer is secured it will be much more profitable.

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## MORE HALIBUT FARES.

Two More of Capt. Jerome McDonald's  
Fleet Arrive.

Capt. Jerome McDonald, who has four vessels all engaged in halibuting, is right in luck lately and everybody is congratulating him on the reward he is now getting for keeping his crafts at that line of business. Last week he had two of them, schs. Monitor and Gladiator, in with fine fares and yesterday the other two came along, also with good trips.

One of them, sch. Preceptor, Capt. Fred Upshell, has been out a couple of days over three weeks and has 35,000 pounds of fish, this being her reward from dashing off for the fishing ground in the heavy northwester of three weeks ago last Friday.

The other, sch. Senator, Capt. George Marr, hails for 28,000 pounds and has been gone less than four weeks. Both crafts fished on the Sable Island ground and had good weather, the wind being so light after they made their last set, that they were a whole week getting home.

They reported seeing no other vessels of the halibut fleet. Yesterday afternoon the Preceptor hoisted her sails and went to Boston to take out her fare, while the Senator remained here and sold her trip this morning to the New England Fish Company at 8 1-2 cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pounds for gray.

This is a drop from last sales, of 1 1-2 cents per pound on white and one cent on the gray, but at this both craft will make good stocks.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, came in Saturday afternoon, and sch. Mina Swim, Capt. Amoro, came in yesterday, both from Georges handlining. Like sch. Hattie L. Trask which arrived the latter part of last week, they have been gone some time and struck up against hard weather and also found fish scarce. They each have small trips.

## T WHARF FISH BUSINESS.

Suggestion That It Be Transferred to  
New Location.

The Metropolitan Improvement Commission of Boston in its recent report discussing the water front of Boston, states its belief that the fish business will soon be removed from T wharf and suggests what it believes to be an ideal location.

## The report says:

"The removal of the wholesale fish market from T wharf and its vicinity to another portion of the water front in a comparatively near future is unavoidable for the reason that it has outgrown its present accommodations and has no room to expand. The harbor and land commission has strongly advocated the concentration of the fishing interest, one of the most valuable features of Boston's trade, at a convenient point near the extension of Summer street to the L-street bridge, on the inner basin of the plate.

"This would be an excellent location not far from the market and nearer and more convenient to the open sea than the present location at T wharf."

## Southern Mackerel Fleet.

Quite a number of the southern seining fleet will get away today, among those calculating on going are sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus E. Morgan, sch. Oriole, Capt. Peter Tobin, sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, and sch. Avalon, Capt. Ambrose Fleet.

Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling will be here from Pensacola, Florida, to fit sch. Clintonia for south seining.

Capt. Benjamin McGray started in today to fit sch. Marguerite Haskins for south seining.

Sch. Ingomar is being fitted for south seining today and Capt. Wallace Parsons is expected here tomorrow or Wednesday.

Capt. John McInnis is fitting sch. Aloha today and will soon be ready to sail south.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., of Boston, has been hauled out of winter haddocking and will come down here today to fit for south seining. Capt. William Firth will command her.

Capt. James McLean is here to fit sch. Diana for south seining and will get to work without delay.

Capt. Hugh Quinlan will fit sch. Moccanam for mackerel seining after another haddock trip or two.

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## Provincial Fishermen Arrive.

Quite a lot of men arrived here yesterday from the Provinces, coming over on the Yarmouth boat to Boston. During the past week quite a number have also arrived, and not for a long time has there been so many fishermen and good fishermen too, at this port, looking for "sights" to go fishing.

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# NO CHANGE IN FISH TARIFF.

## Payne Bill Consequently Pleases Local Fish Dealers.

Copies of the Payne bill, so called, for a new and revised tariff, now before Congress from the committee on ways and means, were received in this city Saturday by several of our leading firm holders and vessel owners.

A perusal of it showed that no changes have been made in the existing fish schedules, all of which is naturally pleasing to this community. Some few months ago an attempt was made in some directions, outside of Gloucester, to have some changes made, particularly in regard to foreign mackerel and herring, but it came to naught.

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### Made Good Haul of Pollock.

The pollock seining season has opened. One vessel sailed last week and on Saturday afternoon the gasoline steamer Bryda F., Capt. Richard Marchant, went out. The latter craft was right in luck, for she returned this morning with a fine catch, the first of the season, 25,000 pounds of pollock, which she will dress and run to the Boston market. The fish were taken right off here.

Several of the Annisquam fleet of big gasoline craft are now fitting out for this pollock seining fishery.

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### No Changes in Fish Prices.

The fisheries committee of the Board of Trade met at the rooms this morning, but made no changes in the present prices of fish.

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### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Georges, 6000 lbs. salt cod, 3500 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Mina Swim, Georges, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Preceptor, Sable Island Bank, 35,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Senator, Sable Island Bank, 28,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Emma F. Chase, Jonesport, Me., smoked herring and salted clam bait.  
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 25,000 lbs. fresh pollock.  
Sch. Belbina, P. Domingoes, shore.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Emerald, shore.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.  
Sch. Mina Swim, Georges, 12,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Washakie, haddocking.  
Sch. Massasoit, haddocking.  
Sch. Elizabeth M. Nunan, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.  
Sch. Victor and Eihan, haddocking.  
Sch. Minerva, haddocking.  
Sch. Dorothy, haddocking.  
Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.  
Sch. Matiana, haddocking.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.  
Sch. Hortense, haddocking.  
Sch. Stranger, haddocking.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, haddocking.  
Sch. Valentina, haddocking.  
Sch. Seaconnet, haddocking.  
Sch. Manomet, haddocking.  
Sch. Galatea, haddocking.  
Sch. Leo, haddocking.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary Edith, haddocking.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.  
Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.  
Sch. Preceptor, Boston.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.  
Sch. Yankee, haddocking.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.  
Sch. Oriole, south seining.  
Sch. Avalon, south seining.  
Sch. Constellation, south seining.  
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, south seining.  
Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, haddocking.  
Sch. Monitor, halibuting.  
Sch. Kineo, halibuting.  
Sch. James W. Parker, haddocking.  
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### PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

#### Arrived Today.

Br. sch. Romeo, St. John, N. B., for Salem.  
Sch. M. L. Wetherell, Boston for Ipswich.  
Sch. Charlie and Willie.  
Sch. Mary E. Olyss.

#### Boston.

Sch. Diana, 3200 cod.  
Sch. John M. Keen, 3500 haddock, 2200 cod, 1000 cusk.  
Sch. Romance, 40,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.  
Sch. Tecumseh, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 2000 cod.  
Sch. On Time, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Sarah, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Gracie, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Nettie, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Marion, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Seaconnet, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 20,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.  
Sch. Rena A. Percy, 7000 haddock, 100 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Harmony, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake, 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 8000 haddock, 200 cod.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 11,000 haddock, 38,000 cod.  
Sch. Hope, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Athena, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Preceptor, 35,000 halibut.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod.  
Sch. Reliance, 1300 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Stranger, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Annie and Jenine, 2000 haddock, 12,000 cod.  
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50; hake, \$1.50; cusk, \$1 to \$1.50.

### Cured Herring Shipment.

Sch. Emma F. Chase is at this port this morning from Jonesport, Me., with 9500 boxes of smoked scaled herring and 30 tons of cutting herring for George Perkins & Son and 210 barrels of salted clam bait for dory handliners, for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

### Georges Cod Sale.

The fare of Georges handline cod-fish of sch. Mina Swim sold to George Perkins & Son.

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### New Schooner Launched.

The handsome new sch. Mary De Costa was launched at high water yesterday from the yard of John Bishop, the builder, at Vincent street. The craft went off in fine shape her initial dip being witnessed by a large number of people, including many from Boston. The vessel will be commanded by Capt. Joseph Silveira and is owned by him and Boston parties. She will engage in market fishing.

The schooner will have her spars stepped today at Burnham's shears.

The new craft recently bought by Capt. Frank Cahoon of Cape Cod of Arthur D. Story of Essex, is about completed and nearly ready for launching, but will not be put over until April 10 as Capt. Cahoon does not want the craft until the latter part of the month.

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## HIGHER STANDARD FOR FISH.

### Vessel Owners and Skippers Making Effort to Improve Quality.

### Urge Co-operation of Fishermen in Caring for Catches.

The Board of Trade, vessel owners and shippers of fish of this port are making a determined effort to maintain a high standard of quality in the fish brought here and bought and handled, and to that end have asked the skippers and crews of vessels to take the best possible care of their catches and to co-operate with them to the end that Gloucester's great product may continue to be known as "the best there is."

The idea is to have the fish dressed, iced, or salted in the most careful manner and marketed in good order, and this done, the desired end will be attained.

The following circular letter has been sent to the captains or managing owners of all the vessels engaged in summer trawling and drifting, and fairly sets forth just what is desired and what the leading concerns believe should be done.

Gloucester, Mass., March 19, 1909.

Dear Sir:—At a recent meeting of the buyers and shippers of fish, it was decided that if Gloucester is to hold her position as the largest fishing port, the quality of our goods must not only be maintained, but improved, and with this end in view, it was suggested that we ask the co-operation of captains and crews of the fishing fleet.

You are well aware that during the summer months fish require extra attention and unless they get proper care on the vessels they will not comply with the regulations. We beg therefore to call your attention to the following suggestions for the proper care of fish, viz:—

All fish that are salted on the vessels should be dressed while new or before they become suncooked, which in summer is sometimes the case, and plenty of clean water used to remove all blood stains, and then plenty of salt to insure that whiteness that is so necessary, and to prevent all taint, which so often occurs from light salted fish. On fresh fish, only the second baiting on long trips should be iced and even then the utmost care must be used to have the fish gilled and properly cleaned before icing, as no others will find a market in Gloucester in future.

The shippers who know what the trade require are agreed, that large shack trips landed during the summer months are getting to be a great injury to the business, and unless these fish are landed in first class condition they will be rejected by the buyer, and in no case will fresh fish be bought where a vessel has made two baitings, unless all fish caught on the first baiting are salted.

The requirements of the Pure Food law are such that poor or inferior fish cannot be marketed at any price, and the coming year will see this law more strictly enforced than ever before.

It becomes necessary then for our own protection as well as for the best interests of the business to strictly enforce the above rules, and trust you will take due care and govern yourself accordingly.

Cunningham & Thompson,  
Davis Bros.,  
Gloucester Salt Fish Co.,  
Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.,  
Wm. H. Jordan & Co.,  
J. G. Daggett Dept.,  
Lane & Smith,  
Wm. F. Moore & Co.,  
P. J. O'Brien & Co.,  
George Perkins & Son,  
Sylvanus Smith & Co., Inc.

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### Western Halibut.

Quite a bunch of western halibut is due to arrive at Boston and New York this week, the amount being set at about 200,000 pounds. One steamer was in out there last week with a big trip, 150,000 pounds.

There is still quite a lot of Pacific halibut in the freezers at Boston and New York, but evidently it has not interfered with the eastern fish much this season, as can be seen by the fine prices the American and New England companies have been paying for the trips landed at this port and at Boston.