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PROVINCIAL FISH NEWS.

Another lobster commission is talked of at Ottawa. The enquiry now set afoot cannot be too searching.

Increased attention will be given to smelt fishing next season, as last year's catch proved to be a very paying business.

H. E. Baker, the well known lobster packer of Cape Breton, has sold out his extensive interests there and gone into business in New York.

The Cape Breton canners are offering \$2.50 per cwt. for lobsters this year. Last season the price was \$3.75. The foreign market for canned lobsters is still weak and large stocks remain unsold.

The Magdalen Islands Development Co., spent over \$200,000 in equipment and trying to make their business go. The Montreal directors had reckoned on buying mackerel at \$5.00 a barrel and selling at \$30.

The factories inspector for Nova Scotia, whose office was created by act of the legislature two years ago, makes his first report this season. He appears to have left out the lobster factories, which, as a rule, employ considerable child labor.

A Coast Guard correspondent declares that the greedy habit of canning midget lobsters has tended to depress prices abroad more than anything else. He says the scrappy meat has caused the stomachs of consumers to turn. There is doubtless something in this.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Cynthia, via Boston, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Eugenia, Georges, 18,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Phillip P. Manta, Provincetown.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Washakie, haddocking.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.

Sch. Leo, haddocking.

Sch. Stranger, haddocking.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Phillip P. Manta, haddocking.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, haddocking.

Sch. Speculator, south seining.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Georges halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

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

Bank halibut, 8 1/2 cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pound 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. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, one of the fresh halibut fleet of this port, was at Shelburne, N. S., with her main boom broken, and will get a new stick at Halifax.

Capt. William Corkum is fitting sch. Romance for south mackerel seining.

Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling is here from Pensacola, Florida, after a successful red snapper season, and will now fit sch. Clintonia for south mackerel seining.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, will begin to fit for south seining tomorrow.

Sch. Winnifred is fixing up at Boston and will engage in haddocking with a new skipper and crew.

Sch. Nellie Dixon will make one more trip haddocking, after which Capt. James Ellis will fit her for south mackerel seining.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, came from Boston yesterday afternoon, bringing 7000 pounds of fresh cod to split. Capt. Thomas will now fit the craft for south seining.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunsky, of this port, was at Portland Monday with 10,000 pounds of halibut, and 30,000 pounds of fresh fish on board. She stocked \$1225 on what she landed, took more bait, and returned Tuesday to Brown's Bank. Capt. Dunsky reports the gale of last Thursday as very severe, but the craft suffered no damage.

Sch. George H. Lube, with 2500 pounds of fresh fish, and sch. Elthier with 1500 pounds were at Portland on Monday. Schs. Albert D. Willard and Etta B. were also there.

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Boston.

Sch. Mary Edith, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Valentina, 8000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 4000 cod.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 600 cusk.

Sch. Rose Standish, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 50,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Emily Sears, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 7500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 2400 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 25,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 4000 cusk, 2000 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 20,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Klondike.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 60,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 2000 cod.

Sch. Diana, 6500 cod.

Sch. Gracie, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.80 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; cusk, \$1.50.

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Mackerel Late in Showing.

Three Trips had Been Landed at This Date Last Year.

Southern Fleet Meeting With Unfavorable Weather.

The mackerel schools out south are late in showing this season, and the seiners are having an unusually large amount of bad weather. Thus far this spring not a school has been sighted, while last year, to date, four fares had been landed, three at Fortress Monroe and one at New York.

Many of the fleet have been in at Fortress Monroe for harbor, and all have made the same report, "bad weather in plenty and no fish seen." Last Friday several of them were in there, and again Monday another bunch sought shelter from the heavy wind.

Yesterday schs. Dauntless, Oriole, Grayling and Ralph L. Hall put in at Fortress Monroe, a severe northwester prevailing outside. All reported having not seen a school yet. All hands were well.

The first fare of mackerel last season was landed at Fortress Monroe, March 30, by sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs. The trip consisted of 1300 fresh mackerel, which were shipped to New York. They were caught 40 miles southeast of Cape Henry, went 140 pounds to 100 fish in count, and sold for 30 cents apiece.

The second trip last season was landed by sch. Dauntless, Capt. John Matheson, which arrived at Fortress Monroe, March 31, with 10 barrels of fresh mackerel, which were shipped to Boston.

On April 1, 1908, sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham, arrived at Fortress Monroe, with 55 barrels of fresh mackerel, and on the same day sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, arrived at Fulton Market, New York, with the first trip of the season for that port, having 100 barrels of mediums and large fresh mackerel, about 7000 fish in count.

In 1907 the first fare of the season was landed by Capt. Solomon Jacobs, who arrived at Fortress Monroe March 25, with 3500 fresh mackerel.

The first trip landed in New York in 1907 was landed by sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, that craft arriving at Fulton Market April 14 with a good fare.

The following seiners have sailed thus far this season:

Schs. Electric Flash, Monarch, Arthur James, Patrician, George Parker, Indiana, Dauntless, Esperanto, Mary E. Hart, Grayling, Aloha, Ralph L. Hall, Arcadia, Oriole, Constellation, Avalon, Pinta, Benjamin A. Smith, Squanto, Diana, Ingomar, Marguerite Haskins and Speculator.

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Beside these craft which have already sailed, schs. Effie M. Prior, Hattie A. Heckman and Saladin are slated to sail today.

Among the craft now getting ready for the southern seining voyage are schs. Lucania, Cynthia, Priscilla Smith, Natalie J. Nelson, Tartar, Judique, Harmony, Hattie M. Grafiam, Lizzie M. Stanley, Veda M. McKown, Victor, Romance, Arabia, Shenandoah and Clintonia. In addition to these, sch. Morning Star will now probably begin to get ready, and sch. Conqueror, which arrived at Boston today, is expected to come here tomorrow, and shift over to seining.

Capt. Jacobs Takes Temperature.

It now looks as though Capt. Solomon Jacobs, who sailed Saturday night in sch. Benjamin Smith, has as good a chance as any who went early of getting a dip at the first school, and thus keep up his record of the last two seasons of landing the first fare.

Capt. Jacobs is probably now off the coast of Virginia, some 50 or 75 miles broad off between Capes Henry and Hatteras, near the vicinity of Broad island. He pursues his mackerel hunt in a very scientific way.

Few skippers have taken the trouble to test the temperature of the water when the first mackerel are caught. Capt. Jacobs has always done this, and believes that this matter governs the movements of the fish. He has never caught mackerel in water the temperature of which was below 44, and therefore no matter how favorable the "sign," such as the presence of sea geese and mackerel gannets, he never stops until the water has reached the required temperature.

There are eight weeks ahead of the fleet, in which to secure fares, and should fair weather prevail it is hoped that some good stocks will be made.

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Canadian Dogfish Reduction Plants.

A return was presented to the Canadian Parliament Saturday by Hon. L. P. Brodeur showing the work of the dogfish reduction plants in Nova Scotia. The quantity of dogfish treated at Canso during the past four years was 5280 tons, and at Shippegan 981 tons. In 1907-08, there was realized for the product (fish scrap and oil) \$15,976, which does not equal the cost of operation. The plant at Clark's Harbor cost for construction \$36,062, and the cost of operation last year was \$631. No figures are given as to the quantity of dogfish treated.

Drift Ice at Cape Breton.

The heavy drift ice from the North has put in its appearance along the Cape Breton coast. Vast fields of ice extend off L'ardoise and Isle Madame, but as yet there has been none in the bay. This is very early for the "big ice" and some claim presages an early spring. As a sequence to the ice of the coast, raw, ice weather prevails. There are three steamers in the ice field and it will doubtless prevent the S. S. Margaret coming in to St. Peters.

Alewife Rights Sold.

For the second time in the history of Falmouth alewife fishing rights were sold at auction recently, and this year brought \$340. Shadrach F. Swift of Sagamore, representing the Gloucester Fishing Company, was the purchaser.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Twelve of the fourteen vessels which fitted out for bluefishing have already gotten under way from Fulton Market, New York. Other vessels will sail from other points.

The Anacortes salt codfishing fleet, schs. Alice, Joseph Russ, Fanny Dutard and Harriet G. are getting ready to fit out for their long trips to Alaskan waters and will sail about the middle of April.

Fulton Fish Market needs some blue fish, heavy consignments of shad and some fresh mackerel, in order to enliven things. Frozen fish does not appear to have appealed strongly to the fish eating public during the present Lenten season.

For the purpose of increasing the patrol of the halibut fishing grounds in Hecate Straits, the British Columbia Salvage Co.'s steamer William Juliffe has been chartered by the Department of Marine and Fisheries and will assist the fishery protection cruiser Kestrel in patrolling the northern fishing grounds this summer.

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SCH. HIRAM LOWELL FLOATED.

Came Off Rocks Easily After Coal Cargo Was Lightered.

The Bucksport sch. Hiram Lowell, ashore since the gale of last Thursday on Quinnepeg rocks, in the harbor of New London, Conn., was hauled off at 2.50 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Lowell was towed up the harbor with lighter Capt. Jack alongside, by tug Harriet. She was put in shallow water to await the decision of the owner as to where repairs will be made.

The Lowell was practically an easy proposition for the T. A. Scott Co. to handle. She is a two-master of deep draught and was fast on the rocks. The last of the coal was taken from the hold yesterday morning and when the tide was coming in yesterday afternoon the tug pulled on her. The vessel came off over the rocks without a great deal of effort being made.

In the bottom of the schooner is a good sized hole, which was made by striking the rocks. Had not the weather interfered, the wreckers think they would have been able to get the Lowell off sooner.

Robinson Fisheries Co.'s Fleet.

After being on the King & Wing ways all winter the Robinson Fisheries Co.'s schooner Alice arrived at Anacortes, Wash., on Monday evening and was followed Wednesday evening by her sister ship, sch. Joseph Russ. Both are now at the Robinson dock getting ready for the trip to Bering Sea and began this morning taking on their supplies of salt in sacks, the Alice taking on 200 tons and the Russ 235 tons.

This salt arrived from San Francisco late Monday night on board the steam schooner J. Marhoffer, which came in to port at 11.15 Monday night with 600 tons of salt for the Robinson Fisheries Co. The salt comes in sacks, 100 pounds to the sack.

Preparations for the northern trip are also under way at J. A. Matheson's plant, and it is expected that sch. Fanny Dutard and brig Harriet G. will sail about April 12.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Claudia was at Liverpool, N. S., Wednesday, and cleared.

Schs. Catherine and Ellen, Tattler, Dictator and Cecil H. Low were at Shelburne, N. S., and cleared.

Sch. Blanche was at Halifax, N. S., on Monday for bait.

Sch. Arginia, which took out her cargo of frozen herring at Boston, arrived at Halifax Monday.

The Lunenburg banker Clintonia was at Halifax Monday.

The British sch. Burreigh arrived at Halifax, N. S., Monday, from St. John's, N. E., with 3800 quintals of cured fish.

Sch. William A. Morse of Provincetown is on Burnham's railways to repair the damage caused by going ashore at her home port during last Thursday's gale.

Sch. Parthia will engage in salt bank dory handling under command of Capt. Nelson Thorburn.

It is now reported that sch. Nellie Dixon will not go another trip, but that Capt. James Ellis will bring her here, and fit right away for south seining.

Sch. Arabia is fitting for south seining under command of Capt. Lyman Wilde.

Capt. William Goodwin will now fit sch. Thomas Brundage for Rips fishing.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.**Arrived Today.**

Sch. Andrew Peters, Boston for Rockland.

Barges Shamokin and Strafford, in tow of tug Paoli, South Amboy for Boston.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Ada K. Damon is having a new foremast stepped at the Rocky Neck shears.

Sch. Robert and Arthur is having a new mainmast stepped at Burnham's shears.

Sch. E. C. Hussey is on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Priscilla Smith is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Norton and William A. Morse are on Burnham's railways.

Made Quick Trip.

Capt. Charles O'Neal of sch. Valentina made the record for a short trip and a successful one this week. He left T wharf last Monday night, and ran down off Thacher's island, and was back early yesterday morning with 10,000 pounds of fish, 9000 pounds of which were haddock.

STRUCK A GOOD MARKET.**Boston Fish Dealers Eager for Shore Fish.**

The fishing vessels at T wharf, Boston, today are revelling in another good market. There were 24 on hand when the bell rang this morning, all being market boats with one exception, sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin with 110,000 pounds of fresh fish, one of the largest fares of the whole season.

In addition, sch. Conqueror has 2000 pounds of halibut, for which she received 11 cents per pound, and thus added materially to the big stock she seems sure to get.

Of the boats the leaders are sch. Emily Cooney, 10,000 pounds, Little Fannie, 10,000 pounds, Dorothy, 17,000 pounds, Helen B. Thomas, 10,000 pounds, Ida S. Brooks, 11,000 pounds, Athena, 13,000 pounds and George E. Lane, Jr., 12,000 pounds. The rest have from 2000 to 9000 pounds.

Some of the smaller boats, there today, and fishing out of here, evidently struck some fine fishing along shore, as sch. Little Fannie has 10,000 pounds, sch. Reliance, 6200 pounds, sch. Julietta, 7500 pounds and sch. Dixie, 5400 pounds.

Off shore haddock brought \$2.75 and shore goods \$3.25, large cod ranged from \$4 to \$5 and market cod from \$3 to \$4.

Boston.

Sch. Mystery, 50,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 4500 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 8500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Nettie, 4500 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Little Fannie, 10,000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 400 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Julietta, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Two Sisters.

Sch. Reliance, 6000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Dorothy, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Conqueror, 60,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 10,000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Emerald, 2000 haddock.

Sch. Pete, 1500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 cusk.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 6000 haddock, 200 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Tecumseh, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 6700 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Athena, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; cusk, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50; halibut, 11c per lb.

Portland Arrivals.

The fishing steamer Elthier was in Tuesday with a good catch, landing 6000 pounds of cod and 4000 pounds of haddock. She also found 35 lobsters in her nets. Outside of the Elthier the only fish received Tuesday were from the small boats. Most of the fleet are still at the wharves owing to continued rough weather outside.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Morning Star, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, via Boston.

Sch. Railroad, Maine port, salted clams for bait.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, shore.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Leo, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, haddocking.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, haddocking.

Sch. Gossip, salt shacking.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, south seining.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, south seining.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges.

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

Bank halibut, 8½ cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pound 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.

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LOW PRICES RULE MARKET.**Some Fine Trips of Fish at Boston This Morning.**

A fleet of 27 shore boats is at T wharf this morning and some of the crafts have pretty good trips, especially sch. Buema which has been on an off shore trip to Georges and has 34,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock.

Some of the boats have evidently struck fine fishing while others were not so successful. Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson has 23,000 pounds, sch. Belbina P. Domingoes 17,000 pounds, sch. Edith Silveira 10,000 pounds, sch. Pontiac 12,000 pounds, sch. Thomas J. Carroll 12,000 pounds, sch. Aspinet 13,000 pounds, sch. Sylvia M. Nunan 12,000 pounds, sch. Minerva 15,000 pounds, sch. Stranger 11,000 pounds, sch. Florida 17,000 pounds and sch. Mary T. Fallon 12,000 pounds.

Others of the fleet have from 2000 to 9000 pounds.

Prices are not very good as new haddock are quoted only at \$2 and \$2.50, large cod are bringing \$4 to \$5 and market cod \$2 to \$3.

Two of the big Italian power boats, Scotia and Pedre Eterno, of the T wharf fleet are now marketing their catches through the Fishing Exchange.

The captains of the off shore vessels at T wharf on Wednesday all reported very bad weather on the banks last week.

On the Yarmouth steamer at Boston yesterday there were 423 crates of live lobsters and two boxes of green eastern salmon. The salmon season on the Penobscot river opened yesterday, and the Boston dealers hope to have green salmon from there within a day or two.

The scallop season closed yesterday, and there will be no more fresh scallops until next fall. There are still salted scallops in the stores, and some of the hotels and largest restaurants have supplied themselves in anticipation of the closing of the season.

Alewives are beginning to come in larger quantities, and yesterday morning 30 barrels were received, coming from Connecticut, New Bedford and Vineyard Haven and Hyannis.

QUICK COASTING TRIP.

Cargo of Granite Unloaded from sch.

Ervin J. Luce in Three Hours.
Capt. Paschal of the little two-masted sch. Ervin J. Luce, of Rockport, engaged in the granite-carrying trade from Cape Ann to Boston, is the holder of a record that will require some hustling on the part of others to equal. On a recent trip from Lanesville, the vessel arrived at Boston, had unloaded 215 tons of granite and sailed on a return trip in three hours' time. Some of the blocks of granite weighed from five to 10 tons.