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Portland Arrivals.

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

- Sch. Marion E. Turner, 50,000 pounds pollock. Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 7000 pounds. Sch. Albert D. Willard, 6000 pounds. Sch. Eva and Mildred, 7000 pounds. Sch. Kate L. Palmer, 4000 pounds. Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 30,000 pounds. Sch. Fanny Reed, 6000 pounds. Sloop Highland Belle, 2000 pounds. Steamer Elthier was at Portland Wednesday with 10,000 pounds of fresh fish among which was a 200 pound halibut.

Fishermen Not Drowned.

There is no truth in the report published in the United States that upward of 1400 Russian fishermen had been drowned by the overturning of a huge iceberg near Riga, on which they had taken refuge. According to Riga advices 87 fishermen did land on a floe, but they were all removed without fatality. They were forced by heavy weather to take refuge on floating ice on April 4. They were carried out to sea for some distance, but rescuing parties brought them all back.

Provincetown Notes.

The Anacortes American says: "Word has been received from Capt. Angus Matheson, who last year had charge of the Fanny Dutard, and who is now in charge of a boat for the Wharff company of Provincetown, that he feels very lonely for his Anacortes friends. The captain goes to the Grand Banks this year for the Wharff company, which is one of the oldest companies on the Atlantic coast and for whom he worked prior to coming to the Pacific coast some years ago."

Dogfish as Food.

In England and Wales the dogfish is used as a staple article of food and commands a comparatively good price. It has been demonstrated here in this country that the dogfish is good and nutritious food, but the name seems to make people shy of it, and the fisherman finds no market for it save in some few places where it is used as a fertilizer.

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MACKEREL SEASON BACKWARD.

Seventeen Trips, 1100 Barrels, Landed at this Time Last Year. Fleet May Strike Fish During Coming Dark Nights.

The advance guard of the southern mackerel seining fleet has now been gone from here over four weeks and still no fares have been landed as yet. Last season, to date, the vessels of the fleet had scored 17 trips and landed about 1100 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Last season things started with a rush and did not wind up very well, so there is hopes that things will yet work out all right this spring, although it is tedious and anxious waiting for news that the fleet has "struck the fish."

Things have not worked very well for the fleet thus far. The "darks" have not come right, and it is known that unusually bad weather has prevailed, almost without let up, ever since the vessels got out there.

There is yet lots of time between now and May 15 or 20 to do some "big business" and as the "darks" are now coming right, everybody is hoping, and it is not out of the way to add, praying, that news of catches may soon come to hand.

Thus far 37 of the southern fleet have sailed as follows:

- Schs. Electric Flash, Monarch, Arthur James, Patrician, George Parker, Indiana, Dauntless, Esperanto, Mary E. Harty, Grayling, Aloha, Ralph L. Hall, Pinta, B. A. Smith, Squanto, Diana, Ingomar, Marguerite Haskins, Speculator, Constellation, Oriole, Avalon, Arcadia, Effie M. Prior, Saladin, Hattie A. Heckman, Priscilla Smith, Clintonia, Judique, Harmony, Victor, Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Veda M. McKown, Hattie M. Graham, Romance, Lucania, Lena and Maud.

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Among those here now ready to go or will get ready soon are schs. Cynthia, Natalie J. Nelson, Rex, Arabia, Lizzie M. Stanley, Olga, Slade Gorton, Moonam, Muriel, Rob Roy, Shenandoah, Nellie Dixon, Annie Greenlaw.

The catch of mackerel out south, to date, for the past few years was as follows:

- 1908—About 1100 barrels. 1907—Two arrivals with 70 barrels. 1906—Two arrivals with 40 barrels. 1905—One arrival with 30 barrels. 1904—Nine arrivals with 855 barrels. 1903—Eight arrivals with 296 barrels. 1902—16 arrivals with 1551 barrels. 1901—Nine arrivals with 1318 barrels.

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NOVA SCOTIA ACTS OFFICIALLY.

Wants International Conference on Prohibition of Steam Trawler. Legislator Graphically Depicts Injury to Fishery Interests.

It now looks as though Nova Scotia, through its House of Assembly would be the first to officially take steps toward the abolition of steam trawling on the banks of the North Atlantic. An international conference is arrived at by the Provincial solous and it is understood that the United States government will also be asked to co-operate in this matter which is of most vital importance to her fisheries.

Startling predictions that trouble would follow if measures were not taken to stop the operation of steam trawlers on Nova Scotia coasts were made by M. H. Nickerson, M. P., in the House of Assembly Tuesday. He moved a resolution of which he had given notice some time before that the Provincial government should memorialize the Dominion government to take steps for the holding of an international conference on the matter.

In a very effective speech Mr. Nickerson claimed that his method of fishing was ruining the fisheries. A very large proportion of the fish so taken were unfit for use, he claimed and many fry also are caught. If something is not done about the matter soon there may be very serious trouble about it, Mr. Nickerson declared, and he told of an instance that happened last year when a Lunenburg banker fired on a trawler that was destroying the schooner's trawls.

Mr. Mader, who seconded the motion, suggested that these craft be prohibited from coaling in Canadian ports. Then they would be unable to keep the sea.

Says Trawlers Are Injurious.

In moving the resolution Mr. Nickerson claimed that this method of fishing was a very destructive one for more fish were spoiled by the steam trawlers than were caught. The fish were all scraped together in a big net and dragged to the surface stones and shells were scraped in with the fish and the tremendous weight of the fish in this net crushed much of the fish so that they were utterly useless. Great quantities of fry were also scraped up in the drags. On the first trip of the Wren, now fishing off that coast, she brought in 37 tons of fish. Thirty tons of this was spoiled.

He traced the growth of this method of fishing which originated in Hull, Grimsby and Aberdeen. They now operated from Iceland to Morocco and he feared an even greater invasion of these waters than at present. There was an application for franchises and other rights now before the legislature from an Aberdeen concern which proposed to establish in Dartmouth. This was looked on with alarm.

Wants International Action.

The Federal government had forbidden the use of these trawls within the three-mile limit. He wanted this House to join in an appeal to the Federal government to set in motion the forces of diplomacy through the Imperial government that an international conference might be called to consider this whole matter. That there was urgent need of this conference Mr. Nickerson emphatically asserted. These trawlers were operating on the banks and by their methods were depriving many schooners of their catches. On

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one occasion last year a Lunenburg schooner, mounting a small swivel, fired on a trawler that was damaging the hand trawls.

Mr. Nickerson pointed out the loss

which would result if this method of fishing was allowed to continue, and suggested that a regulation be passed, forbidding trawlers to land their catch in Canadian ports. A man at the present time who catches lobsters outside of the three-mile limit when they are not in season can be prosecuted for having them in his possession, said Mr. Nickerson, and why shouldn't the same argument apply to this destructive method of fishing.

Mr. Mader, of Lunenburg, seconded the resolution and gave statistics showing the value of the fishing industry to the province and the amounts invested in it in Lunenburg.

Many Vessels Engaged.

Within that county there are 137 vessels engaged in this industry. Of these, 120 are from 70 to 100 tons burden and nearly all of them are over 90 tons. \$240,000 is spent for fitting this fleet out each year and of this amount about one-third is spent in Halifax. As the life of a banking schooner is only about 12 years, vessels must be laid down each year to keep the fleet at its present standard, which means another outlay of nearly \$100,000.

The revenue from the fisheries is more than that from coal mining each year, said Mr. Mader, and he did not think it would be asking too much to have the Dominion government pass an order forbidding these trawlers to coal in Canadian ports. That would do much to stop their operations. Premier Murray moved the adjournment of the debate.

LARGEST TRAWLER AFLOAT.

French Craft Will Be Employed In Newfoundland Fishing.

The Syreh has the following description of the steam trawler Canada, recently launched at Boulogne, France:

"The second largest trawler built this year by Messrs. Cochrane & Sons for Bolongne was launched recently from their shipbuilding yard at Selby, the Canada by name. She is described as the largest trawler afloat, and in fact is five feet longer than the sister ship, the Notre Dame des Dunes. Her principal dimensions are 156 feet long, 26 feet broad, 15 feet deep, moulded, and she will be fitted with powerful triple expansion engines by Messrs. Amos & Smith, of Hull, having cylinders 15 in., 25 in., and 42 in., by 27 in., with a large boiler 15 by 10 and 130 lbs. pressure.

"She has been specially constructed for the Newfoundland fishery, having large trawl winches to contain 1000 fathoms of warp on each drum. She has also steam windlass, electric light throughout, insulated fish rooms, and in every respect has been fitted in the most up-to-date manner for deep-sea fishing. Messrs. Wayles, Dove & Co.'s well known bitumastic enamel has been applied to the bottom of fore and aft ballast tanks, cabins, engine and boiler spacings, bunkers, fish rooms, feed tank, forecabin, store rooms and plates. We understand that Messrs. Cochrane & Sons have in hand a similar vessel for Portuguese owners. Mons. J. Huret is probably the owner of the Canada. He has a number of trawlers engaged in the Bank fishery."

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FIRST MENHADEN CATCH

The first menhaden catches of the season was made at Beaufort, N. C., last week, when the auxiliary schooners Agnew, Capt. Richard Mason and Dewey, Capt. Harry Parkins, arrived with big loads of the small fish, locally known as "shad," or "fat-backs." The fish are cooked and pressed for the oil, and the dried remains are ground up for fertilizer called "scrap."

TANNED FISH SKIN.

Many will be surprised to learn that codfish skin can be tanned, and that this has been done in Newfoundland. The skin is very pretty, showing the same scaly outline as on the living fish, only the color is a light brown. It is suitable for book-binding or shoe-lining, and is another method of treating fish products in Newfoundland.

# ANACORTES COD FLEET.

## Four Vessels Will Carry 73 Dories and 174 Men.

The four vessels of the "Gloucester of the Pacific," Anacortes, Washington, salt codfishing fleet will, all together carry 73 dories and 134 men. The cooks of these crafts will have to bake 20,100 loaves of bread to supply these men on their five months trip. The fleet is made up as follows:

Sch. Joseph Russ, . . . 21 dories, 36 men  
Sch. Alice, . . . . . 20 dories, 36 men  
Sch. Fanny Dutard, . . 16 dories, 35 men  
Sch. Harriet G., . . . 16 dories, 27 men

Total . . . . . 73 dories 134 men

Here is what the Anacortes American tells of the fitting way of the fleet, the personnel of its officers and the methods employed in the North Pacific ocean:

"At the big plant of the Robinson Fisheries Co. active preparations for the five months' sojourn in Bering sea are under way and have been driving along at a rapid but altogether systematic pace for the last week. The schooner Joseph Russ sailed last Saturday with 21 dories and 36 men, including Capt. Charles Foss, his fifth year with the Russ, First Mate Sam Osborn and Second Mate Oscar Olson.

"On Monday the sister ship of the Russ, the schooner Alice, sailed from the Robinson Fisheries Co.'s dock for Bering sea, carrying 20 dories and 36 men, including Capt. Malcolm McPhie, First Mate John McPhie, son of the captain, and Second Mate F. Thorburn.

"Capt. McPhie is a noteworthy character who has been identified with Pacific codfishing ever since its infancy. He came around the Horn on J. A. Matherson's schooner Lizzie Colby in 1890-91 and was master of that pioneer codfishing vessel for a number of years in the prolific northern seas. He is credited with an intimate knowledge of every part of the extensive Bering sea fishing grounds.

"His last previous trip was made with the sch. Alice in 1907, when he shipped a crew of green young men and brought back the largest catch ever landed

by that vessel. He has already engaged most of his crew for this season and 15 of his men, practically all vigorous young men, arrived from Seattle yesterday morning, while the captain and his son, First Mate John McPhie, arrived last night.

"The southern edge of the codfish banks is at Dublin bay, about 1,600 miles from Anacortes. The Robinson schooners make this trip in from 10 to 15 days, speed being as varying as the winds that furnish the motive power. Upon arrival there the vessels are anchored in from 15 to 35 fathoms (90 to 210 feet) of water and the men are at once sent out with the fishing dories, which often go as far as 10 and sometimes 15 miles from the schooner to fish. Sometimes the men in these dories find that it would be perilous to return to their schooner, so they stay over night aboard some hospitable neighboring vessel.

"Anchorage is a matter of serious concern in the north. The anchor on the Alice weighs over 1,600 pounds and that on the Russ 1,490 pounds. Each vessel has a manila anchor cable, a huge 12-inch rope 300 fathoms (1,800 feet) in length. The favorite Bering sea codfishing grounds extend northerly from Dublin bay to Bristol bay, a distance of about 300 miles.

"Matheson's vessels, the Fanny Dutard and the brig Harriet G., are now at pier 7, Seattle, and are expected to sail April 12.

"The dimensions of the four Anacortes codfishing schooners are as follows:

	Gross tons.	Lgth.	Beam.
"Joseph Russ . . . .	247	124.	30.
"Alice . . . . .	232	115.	31.3
"Dutard . . . . .	265	126.5	31.
"Harriet G. . . . .	252	130.2	28.

### Outfitting a Codfish Vessel.

"It costs the Robinson Fisheries Co. approximately \$30,000 for a season's catch of the two schooners. About half of this is pay for the men and the rest provisions and supplies. The Russ takes 235 tons of salt and the Alice 210 tons. Last year the salt cost \$10 per ton; this year it was laid down at the Robinson dock by the schooner Marhoffer, 600 tons of it, at a net cost of a shade under \$5 per ton.

"All the provisions for the two big schooners are locally available except beef—there is no beef on the Sound at present—and the supply of beef is promised for Saturday of this week. It may not, however, arrive before Sunday. In that event both vessels will sail on Monday.

"Provisioning a codfish schooner for a five months' cruise is no small matter. Among the important items required by each of the vessels, for instance, are the following:

- "Flour, 25 barrels, 90 sacks.
- "Beef, 14 barrels.
- "Shoulders, 3 barrels.
- "Fat pork, 1 barrel.
- "Butter, 1,000 pounds.
- "Sugar, 1½ tons, 29 sacks.
- "Potatoes, 5 tons.
- "Rolled oats, 400 pounds.
- "Corn meal, 150 pounds.
- "Condensed milk, 18 cases.
- "Ham, 500 pounds.
- "Bacon, 400 pounds.
- "Pilot bread, 500 pounds.
- "Lard, 600 pounds.
- "Coffee, 350 pounds.
- "Tea, 150 pounds.

"Besides these staples there are innumerable other supplies for thearder, including all kinds of canned and pounds of canned mince meat, two cases of clams, chocolate and other delicacies. Only the highest grade of these articles is bought. Each vessel has four kinds of flour for the mess—white bread, whole wheat, graham and rye. Each man averages a loaf of bread per day and the cooks for the four Anacortes vessels have to bake 134 loaves of bread per day for approximately 150 days, or a total of 20,100 loaves of bread for the season's outing.

"The packing house of the Robinson Fisheries Co., the largest and best equipped on the Pacific coast, still has 110 tons of last year's catch of codfish on hand to be worked up to supply orders now on hand."

## WANT CUT IN SALT FISH DUTY.

### New York Houses Trying to Secure Reduction.

Notwithstanding that the Payne tariff bill passed the House yesterday, New York, Boston and Philadelphia wholesale concerns are trying to secure a reduction in the salt fish schedules and have asked for a hearing before the committee on ways and means.

A petition from more than 25 wholesale houses was sent to the committee yesterday, and also to the finance committee of the Senate, stating that the Payne tariff bill provides for no reduction in the salt fish schedules and asking that such a reduction be made.

The resolutions declare that the present duties impose a hardship on numbers of the poorest among the population of this country and quite generally in Porto Rico, which is included within the scope of the domestic tariff. A material reduction of the duty on fish stuffs is requested and a hearing asked for a committee representing New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other cities.

The fishing interest here has been aware for some time that certain interests were to attempt to bring about a reduction in the fish tariff schedule. This attempt, naturally, will be strongly opposed by the fishing interest here and should the petitioners succeed in their efforts to secure a hearing, Gloucester's side of the case will surely be strongly presented.

As it is now, the only hope of the petitioners is to hold the bill up in the Senate and there make an attempt to amend it according to their desires. Should such an amendment be offered it would be sure to meet with a most determined opposition led by Senator Lodge who has facts and figures of fishery laws and tariff at his fingers ends.

### Digby, N. S., Fishing Notes.

Capt. Archibald Publicover, of Dublin Shore, will command the steam trawler Wren out of Halifax in the fishing business this season.

Capt. Joseph E. Snow, of Digby, is going to the Magdalens about the middle of April in W. Parnell O'Hara for a load of herring for curing in his smoke house.

Sch. Wilfred L. Snow, now at Syda & Cousins' wharf, is fitting out for trawling. She will be commanded by Capt. Harry Ross.

Sch. Emerald at Syda & Cousins wharf, is fitting out for handling. It is reported she will be in charge of Capt. B. W. Cousins.

It is reported that a new fishing vessel will be built to replace the wrecked sch. J. W. Cousins, and that about 50 shares have already been taken by a Digby syndicate.

Schs. Isma, Capt. Hicks, and Marguerite, Capt. Payson, are ready to sail from Westport the first chance for Campbello, where they will load dry fish for the Halifax market.

Sch. Effie M. Morrissey, formerly of this port which has been laid up at Yarmouth all winter, is now being fitted up for fishing by Capt. Ansel Snow.

### Lobsters Thriving.

A Victoria, B. C., paper says that the Indians of Sooke report that the lobsters imported to the coast last year are alive and thriving and that the nucleus of a good colony is being established at a number of the bays between here and Race Rocks. This information has been obtained by E. G. Taylor, fishery inspector, who came up to the city after spending several days in Sooke harbor dredging for specimens of this latest addition to the marine life of the coast. About 800 of these lobsters were brought to the coast last year by the department of the marine and fisheries, this being the first attempt to propagate them in western waters.

## FISH RECEIPTS DURING MARCH.

### Amount Landed Much Less Than Same Month Last Year.

The receipts of fish at this port for the month of March show a big falling off from the same month of the preceding year, indeed the amount of fish landed is less than half that of the record of the same month last season, being 1,792,215 pounds against 3,792,800 pounds for March of 1908.

Hard weather on the fishing grounds has had much to do with this state of affairs, when last season March was comparatively open. This year fares at Boston were about all taken up by the shipping trade, while last March the fares from off shore were so numerous and so large that a large quantity came to this port to split, thus accounting in a large measure for the shortage in the receipts here for the March just passed.

Salt cod show a falling off of but very little, while in fresh cod, the difference in favor of last season is about half a million pounds. On haddock, the variance is still more noticeable, for while this year about 550,000 pounds were landed here in March, the March of 1908 produced over 2,000,000 pounds. Hake, cusk and pollock are about the same as last March and halibut shows a falling off of about one good trip, 40,000 pounds. The receipts of this fish would have been even larger than last year had not a great many trips usually brought here been landed instead at Boston.

The following table shows the number of pounds landed here during the months of March in 1909, 1908 and 1907.

Salt cod . . . .	199,300	226,300	90,800
Fresh cod . . .	683,300	1,131,900	1,454,200
Haddock . . .	558,900	2,048,100	1,089,000
Hake . . . . .	2,000	3,000	18,800
Cusk . . . . .	23,200	27,000	22,900
Pollock . . . .	14,800	12,700	2,100
Halibut . . . .	305,600	343,800	189,200
Flitched halibut . . . . .	5,115		

Total . . . . . 1,792,215 3,792,800 2,867,000  
Total fish receipts from January 1 to April 1:

	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
	1909.	1908.	1907.
Ground fish	4,156,410	5,466,710	5,408,925
Cured fish,	6,000	7,100	900

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**Today's Receipts.**

Steamer Quartette, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Mildred Robinson, salt shackling.  
Sch. W. E. Morrissey, dory handling.  
Sch. Tecumseh, Boston.  
Sch. Mettacomet, haddock.  
Sch. Mary DeCoste, haddock.  
Sch. Arabia, south seining.  
Sch. Cynthia, south seining.  
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, south seining.  
Sch. Buena, haddock.  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddock.  
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddock.  
Sch. Elector, dory handling fishing.  
Sch. Elector Cooney, pollock.  
Sch. Alcina, Rip fishing, the first of the season.

**Today's Fish Market.**

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.  
Bank halibut, 8 1-2 and 6 cts. per lb. for white and 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.  
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. Wagner is fitting sch. Harvard for salt bank dory handling.  
Schs. Elector and Elmer E. Gray are taking salt from the steamer.  
Capt. James Hayes will start in Monday to fit out sch. Admiral Dewey for fitted halibuting. Some others of this "far north" fleet are figuring on getting to work about April 15.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan was at Portland Thursday for bait.  
Schs. Rebecca, Alcina, Appomattox and E. C. Hussey of the Rips fleet are all fitted and ready to sail.  
Capt. Leslie Blade will fit sch. Mary A. Gleason for Rips fishing.  
The new sch. Mary DeCosta sailed on her maiden trip, market fishing, this morning and the new market fisherman Alice is all ready to sail.  
Quite a fleet of off shore vessels took advantage of the off shore wind and sailed today. Schs. Arabia, Natalie J. Nelson and Cynthia went to swell the total of the southern seining fleet.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Capt. Charles Forbes, is here from Boston this morning to fit for south seining.  
Sch. Titania was at Shelburne, N. S., Wednesday.

**Harbor Notes.**

Schs. Etta Mildred and Galatea are on the Rocky Neck railways.  
Sch. Rex is on Burnham's railways.  
Schs. Raymah and Emily Sears are on Parkhurst's railways.

**Boston.**

Sch. Georgianna, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Marion, 3000 cod.  
Sch. F. D. Brown, 1800 cod.  
Sch. Nettie, 1500 haddock.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 4500 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 cusk.  
Sch. Pontiac, 8000 haddock, 600 cod.  
Sch. Tecumseh, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Freedom, 700 cod.  
Sch. Mary Emerson, 1400 cod.  
Sch. Emerald, 3000 haddock, 200 cod.  
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; cusk, 75c.

**Mackerel Imports.**

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the catch of 1908 are 42,895 barrels against 24,451 barrels of the catch of 1907 at this time last year.

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**Norwegian Fishery.**

Strohmeier & Arpe say:  
"The latest report from the Norwegian fishing stations dated March 17, shows that of this year's catch of cod-fish, 1,300,000 more fish have been made into round stockfish than last season. If this continues, prices for stockfish ought to be more reasonable this coming season. Since the opening of the fishing, the prices for fresh fish have advanced somewhat, but are still below last year's average. There are 5070 vessels engaged in the codfishing in Norway against 5045 last season."

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**FISH RECEIPTS VERY LIGHT.**

Few Market Boats at Boston Secured Good Prices.

There is hardly enough fish at T wharf, today, to make a good sized chowder for a fish skinner's outing, and prices are good, haddock bringing \$2.25 to \$2.50, large cod \$4 to \$4.50 and markets \$2 to \$2.25.

There are 11 boats there, most of them little fellows with from 700 to 3000 pounds each. Of the four market boats, sch. Tecumseh is high with 11,500 pounds.

The only arrival at this port today is the little steamer Quartette with 25,000 pounds of fresh pollock.

It is blowing heavily outside today and all the shore boats are coming back for harbor.

The crew of the market fishing sch. Washakie are certainly in luck. They had to come in Wednesday and leave all their trawls out. Yesterday they went out and found every buoy and hook, something remarkable after such a heavy gale as was that of Wednesday night.

**TWO SALT CARGOES DELAYED.**

Steamer Alice Bound for This Port and Steamer Unimak for Halifax.

The steamer Alicia bound here from Trapani, with a cargo of salt for Gordon-Pew Fisheries Co., is now 30 days out and her arrival is expected hourly. Only once before has a salt steamer, bound here, made so long a passage.

The Norwegian steamer Unimak, Capt. Olsen, bound for Halifax, is making a long voyage from Trapani. She left that place on the 12th of March, and is 29 days out. There is no anxiety as to her safety, as the Danish steamer which arrived at Halifax Monday night from Iviza, and which practically ran over the same course reported very heavy weather.

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**Lunenburg, N. S., Fishing Notes.**

Sch. Carrie L. Hirtle, Capt. Hirtle, a new schooner hauled the wharf, is being rigged at Eisenhauer's wharf. Capt. Hirtle will sail for the banks shortly. The schooner is classed as one of the finest vessels in the fleet.

The Earl Grey, Mattawa and Palatia have sailed for the spring fishing trip.

Capt. Thomas Backman will have a new schooner built in Smith & Rhuland's yard.

Smith & Rhuland launched a fine schooner from their yard last week. She is for Capt. George Winters and will make a splendid addition to the fishing fleet.

Schs. Henry L. Montague and Aquadilla have sailed for the banks.

The new LaHave schooner Edith Marguerite, Capt. Freemar Himmelman, was towed here Saturday, and is now fitting at Zwicker & Co.'s for the banks fishing.

Smith & Rhuland expect to launch a new schooner for Capt. William Cook on the 15th inst.

Sch. Lila B. Hirtle, Geldert, sailed Monday for Porto Rico, with a cargo of lumber and fish.

Zwicker & Co.'s schs. Karmoe, Ritcey, cleared Monday for Porto Rico. Her cargo is lumber and fish.

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**THREE FARES AT THIS PORT.**

Sch. Tacoma Reports Boisterous Weather During the Entire Trip.

At this port this morning are three arrivals, two Georges handline cod-fishermen with small fares and sch. Tacoma, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson, from Grand Bank, with 20,000 pounds of halibut.

Capt. Nickerson reports seeing schs. Monitor and Niagara on the southern edge. The weather throughout the trip had been bad, far worse than has been reported to the westward, and the Wednesday night and Thursday northwester here was felt with unusual severity there, from the northeast, the Tacoma breaking adrift. Capt. Nickerson says although no ice had been reported on the southern edge there must be a lot to the northward of this fishing spot, as he never before, on a single trip, saw so many steamers come along the southern part of the bank and right over the fishing ground.

The passage home was a hard one, head and heavy winds all the way, and as Capt. Nickerson expressed it, the vessel was upside down about all the way.

Sch. Arthur D. Story from Georges has but 10,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Thalia from the same kind of fishing, has 15,000 pounds, showing that the handliners are finding fish scarce.

The market boats had a good fish day off here yesterday and one of the boats that had to come in this morning reported that they were setting this morning again. Since then, however, it has breezed up and don't look as though it would be much of a fish day.

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**NEWFOUNDLAND COD FOR CHINA**

The St. John's, N. F., "Trade Review," says: "Apropos of the Board of Trade, and as a slight evidence of the possibilities of pushing our fish products into new markets, there is a movement on foot in this city to send some of our dried codfish to far-away China. The project at first seems far-fetched and difficult of realization, but in this age of telegraphs and steam, and the closer trade relations between the most distant points of the earth's surface, nothing is impossible to commercial enterprise. China is taking to west-ern ways recently, and there is room for a good deal of dry fish amongst 400,000,000 of people, if we can only get at them."

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**NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTION.**

For the second time within six months a general election campaign has been thrust upon the electors of Newfoundland, Governor MacGregor, finding it impossible to end the deadlock in the Legislature, has issued a proclamation dissolving that body and ordering a new election throughout the colony on Saturday, May 8.

April 12.

**FAIR FISH RECEIPTS.**

Trawler and Eighteen Market Boats at Boston.

Eighteen of the market boats and the steam trawler Spray make up the quota of fishing arrivals at T wharf today, the latter with a fine fare, 110,000 pounds of cod and haddock, the largest fare she has had for a long time.

Most of the market boats fished yesterday, and some got pretty nice sets, and went to market. Sch. Athena with 24,000 pounds, was high. Sch. Washakie had 20,000 pounds, sch. Seaconnet, 14,000 pounds, sch. Sylvia M. Nunan 16,000 pounds, sch. Elva L. Spurling 14,000 pounds, sch. Mary E. Sinnett 11,000 pounds and sch. Valentinna 11,000 pounds.

Prices are pretty good, haddock bringing \$2.15 to \$3, large cod \$4 and market cod \$3.

April 12.

**NOW AT WOOD'S HOLE.**

Sch. Grampus Will Sail from There for Fortress Monroe.

After a very rough passage the fish commission sch. Grampus arrived at Wood's Hole, Friday morning, bound south on her mackerel research cruise.

The craft sailed from here late Wednesday afternoon and caught the full force of the northwester, the heaviest blow of the season, that night and next morning.

The craft had a fine chance as far as the Pollock Rip, and then it certainly did blow and she was anchored Thursday morning, getting underway again at 12.30, with a fair tide, and got as far as the Cross Rip and had to anchor again. Early Friday morning she got under way and went into Wood's Hole for supplies awaiting her there. From there she will probably go to Fortress Monroe.

April 12.

**Went Ashore in Gale.**

During last Thursday's gale the fishing sloop Columbia of this port, went ashore at Kittery, Me., piling up on the flats, and the sloop Mystic Belle; Capt. Thomas Crawley, also of this port, also dragged ashore, while the sloop Quartette had her mainsail blown away. The crafts will be floated all right.

**Portland Arrivals.**

The following vessels were at Portland Friday with fresh fish fares:  
Steamer Elthier, 8000 pounds.  
Sch. Aspinet, 1500 pounds.  
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 4000 pounds.  
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, in for bait.  
Sloop St. Paul, 3000 pounds.

April 12.

**Harbor Notes.**

Schs. Henry M. Stanley and Parthia are on the Rocky Neck railways.  
Schs. Admiral Dewey and Yakima are on Parkhurst's railways.  
Schs. Tacoma and Georgianna are on Burnham's railways.  
The disabled steamer Calvin Austin, bound for Boston, to repair, went up by here this forenoon, in tow of two tugboats.