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PRaises THE FRENCH HOSPITAL SHIP.

Services Are Bestowed Freely on Fishermen of All Nationalities.

Capt. J. Henry Larkin of sch. Onato, recently returned from a short salt cod trip to Quero bank, speaks in terms of highest commendation of the humane work of the French Hospital ship, which cruises over that fishing ground all summer, rendering medical and surgical aid to sick or injured fishermen.

Although the craft comes from France and is distinctively a French enterprise, yet the good work of its corps of physicians is not confined to the men of the French fleet, for, like a Good Samaritan, the craft plies about among the fleets of all the nations sending fishing crafts there and dispenses aid freely, alike to all.

Capt. Larkin had the misfortune to have his craft penned in a harbor for three weeks by the ice while others of the fleet were out and at work on the fishing grounds so that when he did get out on the grounds it was necessary to make every moment count and not lose a day, in order that a fare might be secured.

Just when the craft was on her best fishing and things were going well, one of the crew injured his hand severely with a hook and the wound got so bad that Capt. Larkin saw that he would have to go to land for medical assistance for the man. This meant the loss of four or five days and would have a serious bearing on the catch of the trip, but there was seemingly no alternative and the skipper made ready to go in and land the man, when the French Hospital ship hove in sight.

Capt. Larkin had often heard of her good offices and so hailed her and she came close at hand. The captain put out a dory and took his injured man on board. The doctors took charge and soon dressed the wound and the man was enabled to go back on board and as the ship was in the vicinity several days, was able to go on board several times after and each time the French doctors treated and dressed his wounded hand which got well rapidly under their skillful care.

Capt. Larkin appreciated very much the kindness of these doctors, for beside relieving his man of much pain, it also was the means of not breaking up his trip. He wished to make a money settlement for their professional services but the doctors would not listen to it and refused to take a cent.

It is understood that the work of the craft is made possible by subscriptions. The commander of the craft showed Capt. Larkin several testimonials from Gloucester skippers who had had sick and injured men treated and cared for on board and he willingly added his to the list. Capt. Larkin says that the good work of this craft in a season on the banks cannot be over estimated. Spiritual as well as medicinal aid is freely given and no patient is asked his nationality or creed.

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LEAVES NEWFOUNDLAND.

Gov. MacGregor Promoted to Important Post in Africa.

Leaving behind him thousands of friends, who accorded him a magnificent demonstration as he sailed for England, Wednesday night, Sir William MacGregor, said to have been the most popular governor Newfoundland ever had, has relinquished his office as chief executive, and will be succeeded by Sir Ralph Champneys Williams, who will arrive in St. John's August 15. Sir William has been governor of the colony for half a dozen years, during which period he was called upon to deal with the complicated fisheries dispute with the United States, soon to be arbitrated at The Hague, with the deadlock in the government, which grew out of the down fall of the Bond government, and with other critical situations. The new governor has been in charge of the Windward Islands. Sir William MacGregor has been promoted to an important post in Africa.

CAPE SHORE MACKEREL SEASON OVER.

Netters Are Landing Fine Fares at Newport.

Thus far 47 sail of the Cape Shore seining fleet have arrived home, bringing 9585 barrels of salt mackerel and 9729 barrels of fresh mackerel. There are 14 more of the fleet yet to arrive. Last year at this time the Cape Shore fleet had landed 13,775 barrels of salt mackerel and 6930 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Since last report seven of the Cape Shore seining fleet have arrived with fares of from 105 to 400 barrels each, sch. Esperanto, Capt. Charles Maguire, being on deck as usual with the latter fine catch of salt fish. The skippers report that the Cape Shore season is all over and they are undoubtedly correct. Some 13 sail of the fleet yet remain to arrive, and it is known that most of them have small catches.

The crafts yet to arrive are schs. Lena and Maud, Arabia, Georgianna Patrician, Mildred V. Nunan, Speculator and Judique, the two latter being on their second trips. Hattie A. Heckman, Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Annie Greenlaw, Natalie J. Nelson, Cynthia, Rex, and Morning Star.

The netters still continue to do fairly well out south and the mackerel out there show signs of bunching up as yesterday two of the seiners landed small schools at Newport and this morning sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons is there with 2500 fish in count.

The market on fresh mackerel is good and salt Cape Shores are strong with last sales offered as a starter on the outside trips in today.

Steamer A. B. Nickerson seined 2500 mackerel off Race Point Thursday afternoon and landed at Provincetown.

Mackerel are being taken at Isaac's Harbor, N. S., scarce at Pubnico, none at Gabarus, fair at Alberton, F. E. I.

The Cape Shore mackerel catch of fresh and salt, of the New England fleet, to date, and for the past two years to date is as follows:

| | Fresh. | Salt. |
|------|-------------|--------------|
| 1909 | 9,729 bbls. | 9,985 bbls. |
| 1908 | 6,930 bbls. | 13,775 bbls. |
| 1907 | 2,004 bbls. | 10,818 bbls. |

The catch of fresh mackerel to date, of the New England fleet and for the past five years to date is as follows:

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| 1909 | 29,301 barrels. |
| 1908 | 26,321 barrels. |
| 1907 | 29,299 barrels. |
| 1906 | 22,120 barrels. |
| 1905 | 31,998 barrels. |
| 1904 | 38,044 barrels. |

The Nova Scotia catch of salt mackerel on the Cape Shore is estimated at 12,000 barrels.

Seiners Here From Cape Shore.

Sch. Clintonia, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Olga, 105 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 148 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Avalon, 265 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Electric Flash, 240 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Esperanto, 400 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Aloha, 170 bbls. salt mackerel.

Seiners at Newport.

Sch. Ingomar, 2500 fresh mackerel.
Netters at Newport.
Sch. C. A. Dolliver, 1200 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie, 275 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Sabinc, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Reliance, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Reliance, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Gracie Freeman, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Olive E., 200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Jennie E., 300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mildred Florence, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 1200 fresh mackerel.

Fares Sold.

The fares of schs. Clintonia, Avalon and Esperanto sold to William H. Jordan & Co. The fare of sch. Aloha sold to Cunningham & Thompson Co. The fare of sch. Olga sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

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THE FOREIGN BORN OF THIS CITY.

Interesting Statistics Compiled in a Study of Local Conditions.

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Rev. Charles M. Southgate, secretary of the Baptist Bible Society has made a study of the populations of this and other cities, to ascertain information relative to their classification.

He finds that of the population of 26,011 in this city, 17,455, or 66 2-3 per cent. are native born, and 8,556 or 33 1-3 per cent. are foreign born.

Of the parents of those present native residents, 10,070 or 38.6 were native born, and of grandparents, 8,212 or 31.5 per cent. native born, while of the foreign born, 15,941 or 61 per cent. of the parents were foreign born, and of the grandparents, 17,799, or 68.5 per cent. were foreign born.

The nativity of the foreign born population is as follows:

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|------------------------|-------|
| Finland | 4,076 |
| Ireland | 1,687 |
| Nova Scotia | 5,675 |
| Portuguese | 1,836 |
| Sweden | 1,077 |
| Norway | 316 |
| Denmark | 198 |
| England | 853 |
| Canada | 262 |
| Newfoundland | 829 |
| New Brunswick | 113 |
| Prince Edward's Island | 466 |
| Scotland | 401 |
| Russia | 158 |
| Germany | 205 |
| Italy | 252 |
| Greece | 17 |
| Holland | 44 |

Since those figures were compiled there has been a large influx of Greeks, to this city, which will swell the total credited to that country, and then there are Assyrians, Japs, and representatives of other nations, in very small numbers. For the size of the place, Gloucester certainly can compare with any city in the world, upon the cosmopolitan character of its population.

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Nova Scotia Fishing Notes.

The Pubnico sch. Geneva May, has been bought in Wood Harbor for the fishing business. Capt. Lewis Mood will command her.

Capt. McKay, of Roseway, has engaged the sch. Maggie Bell, of Clark's Harbor for the purpose of seining pollock. He took charge last week with a crew from the former place.

Sch. Stranger, Capt. W. H. Swim, Barrington Passage, is making a record at Cape Shore fishing. In two days last week she took 3200 pounds cod, notwithstanding the reported scarcity.

Canadian fishing vessels will not have to pay either top or side wharfage at federal wharves. Under existing laws and regulations, while fresh fish are exempt from wharfage, cured fish, salt, etc., are liable for top wharfage and all fishing vessels are liable for side wharfage. The minister of marine holds that there should be free use of the wharves for fishing purposes, and an order in council to this effect has been made. Should a fishing vessel engage in the carrying trade, wharfage will be charged.

Captain LeBlanc, commander of the sealing schooner Village Belle, which arrived in Halifax on Saturday from the South Atlantic ocean, reports that on Saturday, when about 100 miles off that port, he ran into thousands of lobster traps and other fishing gear which was drifting about in great masses. This is undoubtedly the lobster gear that was carried away in the fierce gale that swept the Nova Scotia coast several weeks ago and broke loose thousands of dollars worth of gear causing great loss to the fishermen along the Nova Scotia and Cape Breton coast.

Conferring on Fisheries Treaty.

Sir Robert Morris, premier of Newfoundland, is at the summer home of British Ambassador Bryce on the Maine coast, conferring with that official regarding the fisheries agreement soon to come before the Hague. Sir Robert expects to sail from New York next week to attend the colonial conference at London.

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Bait.

A. L. Smith wires that he has 200 barrels of large herring in the Nahant traps.

Jackson Williams wires that there are plenty of squid at Provincetown.

JAPAN'S FISHERIES.

Phenomenal Increase Made During the Past Ten Years.

Dr. Hugh M. Smith of the Bureau of Fisheries and one of the leading world authorities on fish has the following to say on the remarkable increase in the value of the Japanese fisheries.

"The commercial fisheries of Japan in the past 10 years have shown a remarkable increase. If the upward tendency continues at the same rate, another 10 years will see the Japanese fisheries exceeding in value, as they have long done in persons employed, those of any other country. The following official figures show the yield of these fisheries during each of the 10 years beginning in 1898:

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|------|--------------|
| 1898 | \$17,489,183 |
| 1899 | 20,134,776 |
| 1900 | 22,837,915 |
| 1901 | 21,723,687 |
| 1902 | 22,617,249 |
| 1903 | 21,072,801 |
| 1904 | 21,946,392 |
| 1905 | 25,130,813 |
| 1906 | 27,336,922 |
| 1907 | 31,428,608 |

"This advance of 80 per cent. in 10 years is probably not paralleled in the modern fishery history of any other nation, and the striking increase in the last few years is a good index of the industrial growth of the country. There is every reason to believe that the new fishing privileges and fishing grounds secured through the Treaty of Portsmouth will conduce to a further marked development, especially in the fisheries for cod, salmon and herring, the last being the most valuable of the water products of the Sunrise Kingdom. Other species that contribute most largely to the income of the Japanese fishermen are sardines, anchovies, bonito, yellowtail, mackerel, tunny, squid and seaweeds."

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Cecil H. Low of this port, which was at Portland Thursday, had 6000 pounds of halibut.

Sch. Aspinet was at Portland Thursday with 30,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Harvard was at Canso, N. S., Wednesday.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton, has shifted over from salt trawling and has fitted for salt bank dory handling. She will sail today.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines will sail on her second salt bank trawling trip today. There are 150 American and French fishing vessels at St. Pierre, Miquelon, baiting with caplin.

Sch. Loren B. Snow was at Digby, N. S., recently with 14,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Vesta is fitting for swordfish at Boston. She is on the railways there now to fix her propeller.

Capt. William Rideout has fitted out sch. Teresa and Alice for market fishing once more.

Fishing Notes From Various Places.

The Alaskan Indians are adept at catching halibut, using hooks of their own manufacture; made of bone or wood.

Hugh Potts, of Orange, Tex., espied a big alligator swimming on the river just below Frisco a few days ago. Potts did some cowboy stunts with a lariat and soon had the saurian on dry land, where he was divested of his hide.

At Punta Gorda, Fla., the fishing season is about practically closed. Nearly all the fishermen have broken up their camps and have returned to the city from down the bay to await the opening of the fall fishing season on August 15. From now until that date about all the fish brought in will be caught with hook and line. Hardly enough will be brought in, dealers say, to supply the local demand and the call for small shipments.

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SEVEN SEINERS, ONE BANK TRIP.

All the Fishing Arrivals at This Port Today.

Seven seiners from the Cape Shore and one salt fisherman comprise the arrivals here this morning. Some of the seiners have good trips, others small, all as told in our mackerel column. The salt banking sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James Goodwin, which came poking in this morning, has been expected, notwithstanding that she was late in getting away in the spring.

In fact, Capt. Goodwin was the last of the salt trawl bank codfishing fleet to leave here, and was quite a ways behind the craft ahead of him. But he brought the goods just the same. It's expected of him and every body would have wondered if he hadn't, because he always has a trip when he comes. They didn't expect him to do it so quickly, but he is here, the fifth vessel of the fleet home, and with one of the largest fares. He hails his catch for 300,000 pounds of salt cod and about everybody knows he has what he hails for, and more. The trip must be a fine one, practically the whole of it being taken on Quero bank, he being too late at the start for the Peak, and giving the Cape North grounds the go-by.

The trip of the Goodwin, outside of the Cape Shore seiners, is the sum total of arrivals early this morning.

The arrivals at this port in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Clintonia, Cape Shore, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Olga, Cape Shore, 105 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Cape Shore, 148 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Avalon, Cape Shore, 265 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Electric Flash, Cape Shore, 240 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, via Boston.

Sch. Esperanto, Cape Shore, 400 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Quero Bank, salt trawl banking, 300,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Aloha, Cape Shore, 170 bbls. salt mackerel.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Priscilla, swordfishing.

Sch. Rebecca, Rips.

Sch. Diana, seining.

Sch. Muriel, seining.

Sch. George Parker, seining.

Sch. William H. Rider, Georges.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, salt banking.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines, salt banking.

Sch. Harmony, seining.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

Sch. Grayling, seining.

Sch. Arkona, dory handling.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.40 per cwt. for large; \$3.10 for mediums.

Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.

Bank halibut, 9c per pound for white and 7c per pound for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large handline Georges cod, \$3.62½ per cwt.; medium do., \$3.12½; snappers, \$1.75.

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.30 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.

Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.40; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Fresh mackerel, 17 cents each.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$10.50 per bbl.; fresh mackerel, 14 cts. each.

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ARE MACKEREL STILL OUT SOUTH?

Report of Large Schools 150 Miles Southwest of Block Island.

Cape Shore Catch Will be 3000 Barrels Behind Last Year.

Is there a big body of mackerel still to the southward? This is the question which many mackerel men here have been asking themselves since hearing the report of Capt. Patrick Murphy of sch. Emily Cooney.

Capt. Murphy has been out to the southward while the bulk of the fleet has been to the Cape Shore, but schooling fish have been very scarce out that way. He has sailed all over the lot, from the back side of Long Island clear up to the Rips and out around the South Shoal lightship, but seen little of an encouraging nature.

The fresh fish which the Cooney brought in was a small school, about 3000 in count, taken Friday within two miles of the South Shoal lightship. There were very few fish showing and what there were were in small schools. Sch. Dauntless came over from Block Island way and went up on the Rips.

Capt. Murphy reports that last Tuesday he was off Block Island, when he fell in with a three masted coaster, salt laden, from Turk's island. The captain of the coaster, who used to be in command of a down east fishing vessel, reported to Capt. Murphy that in all his going to sea he never saw so many mackerel as a day or two before, 150 miles south southwest of Block Island. School after school were seen, all going northeast. For 50 miles the vessel sailed through them and then it came night. The day after seeing the mackerel, the vessels ran into great banks of porgies, which were inside of the mackerel. The captain of the coaster said that it was easy to tell the difference between the schools of porgies and the schools of mackerel.

More of the Cape Shore Fleet Arrive.

Since last report quite a number of the Cape Shore fleet have arrived, some with few fish and others with fair catches. Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. George G. Hamor, has 340 barrels of salt mackerel, which is doing remarkably well, when it is considered at Liverpool, N. S., at the opening of that the craft was high and dry ashore the season and then later lost her rudder iron and had to be towed to port and went on the ways at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., for repairs, all of which took time, when a day counted for lot. Capt. Hamor says that he certainly did have a streak of it and was pleased to think that he had secured a fair catch under the circumstance. He had only four days on the fish.

With only five of the Cape Shore fleet yet to arrive and some of these known to have no fish, the catch of the fleet thus far has been 10,864 barrels of salt mackerel, practically 3000 barrels behind the salt Cape Shore catch of last year.

The boat Minnie, one of the back of the cape netters, took 38 large mackerel in her nets in Ipswich bay this morning. This is the first catch of the season in that locality.

Mackerel Sales.

Sch. Emily Cooney arrived here yesterday with 2000 fresh mackerel, taken between the Rips and South Shoal lightship, which were sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. at 18 cents each.

The fare of sch. Fannie E. Prescott and sch. Electric Flash sold to Fred Bradley at \$10.50 per barrel.

Sch. Shenendoah, Capt. James C. Gannon, arrived at Newport Saturday night with 50 barrels fresh mackerel.

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TWO FISHERMEN AT BOSTON.

One Has Swordfish and the Other Rips Codfish.

It does not take long to tell the Boston fish story today. One vessel from the Rips with fresh cod and one swordfisherman—that's all.

The arrivals in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 800 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. George H. Lube, 30 swordfish.

Haddock, \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.75; market cod, \$2; swordfish, 15 cts. per lb.