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MACKEREL AND SALT COD HERE.

Today's Fish Receipts Very Satisfactory.

A most satisfactory day in the fishing receipt line is this, July 19, here, for several good solid trips are in, the great staple, salt cod, figuring most prominently. Three mackerel catches have also come to port and though their catches are not as large as could be desired yet they are better than none at all.

The salt trawl banker John R. Bradley, which has won fame as an Arctic exploration craft, is now back at her prosaic calling, has a good trip of salt cod, as has also the salt bank dory handliner Lottie G. Merchant, whose narrow escape from being run down in a gale and being sent to bottom with all hands was told in Saturday's Times. The dory handliner Meteor is also in with a snug catch.

The Rippers, five in number, all have good catches, indeed some of them could be termed better than good. Sch. James and Esther has one of the largest fresh cod catches of the season in this line of fishing, while schs. Jubilee, Olympia, Good Luck and Gertrude each have fine salted cod fares, all going to swell the fine staple total.

Four of the gasoline pollockers came in yesterday, with catches aggregating 35,000 pounds.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean, of the seining fleet, came home yesterday to fit for a salt mackerel trip to the North Bay, sch. Emily Cooney came home from the Rips with a small fresh mackerel fare, sch. Harmony has a fare of both fresh and salt mackerel, and sch. Squanto, with fresh ones, came in yesterday and this morning took a towboat and went to Boston, where she is owned.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Fred Upshell, is in from a fresh halibut trip to the far away Bacallieu bank. Capt. Upshell reports fish very scarce on this summer fishing ground, and he had hard work to drill up a 25,000 pound trip.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Olympia, Rips, 55,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Good Luck, Rips, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Gertrude, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. James and Esther, Rips, 45,000 lbs. fresh cod.
 Sch. Meteor, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 180,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. John R. Bradley, Quero Bank, salt trawl banking, 230,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Quero Bank, dory handling, 250,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Preceptor, Bacallieu Bank, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 6000 lbs. flitched halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Harmony, Rips, 3000 large fresh mackerel, 52 bbls. large salt mackerel, 15 bbls. salt bullseyes.
 Sch. Emily Cooney, Rips, 1500 large fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Squanto, Rips, 6000 large fresh mackerel, (went to Boston).
 Sch. Diana, seining.
 Steamer Alice, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
 Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 13,000 lbs. pollock.
 Steamer Bessie A., shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
 Steamer Marchant, shore, 2500 lbs. pollock.
 Sch. Jubilee, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Almeida, via Boston.
 Sch. Queen of the Sea, shore.
 Steamer John B. Simmons, porgy fishing.

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SCHOOL OF LARGE POLLOCK.

Fish Landed at Boston Today of Unusual Size.

T wharf, Boston, has a lot of fish today, the 23 market fishermen leaving from 20,000 to 65,000 pounds each, cod and pollock predominating, some of the crafts having as high as 30,000 pounds of the latter fish.

These pollock are the largest the fishermen say, they ever caught, and the dealers say they are the largest ever landed at the wharf. The fish, most of them, go over 25 pounds and many reached the enormous weight of 45 pounds.

With such a good bunch of fish in, a low market was expected, but for Monday it was quite low, because of trade dullness. The dealers will handle what they can, although, outside of haddock the market price is just about the going splitting prices.

Beside the ground fish there were nine swordfishermen in, each one with a fine fare, indeed the total for the nine trips was 700 fish, one of the largest single day's receipts in this line ever at the dock. Considering the continuous big receipts of "swords" since the season opened there is little chance to kick on the price.

The Klondike trip at the dock today is sch. Victor, with 11,000 mackerel. These fish are worth 21 and 21½ cents each, a fancy figure indeed, and Capt. McFarland will fare well, as will Capt. Welch of sch. Lucania, there with 5000 large fresh mackerel.

Some of the market boats may bring some of their cod and pollock here to split.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 30,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 1000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 5000 cusk, 3000 pollock.
 Sch. Richard, 8000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 16,000 pollock.
 Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 9000 haddock, 47,000 cod.
 Sch. John J. Fallon.
 Sch. Mary Edith, 10,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
 Sch. Appomattox, 23,000 cod.
 Sch. Alcina, 18,000 cod.
 Sch. Morning Star, 3200 cod, 3000 pollock.
 Sch. Eva Avina, 3200 cod, 3000 pollock.
 Sch. Clara G. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 5 swordfish, 600 halibut.
 Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Valentinna, 89 swordfish.
 Sch. Lochinvar, 76 swordfish.
 Sch. On Time, 43 swordfish.
 Sch. Robert C. Harris, 60 swordfish.
 Sch. Rita A. Viator, 92 swordfish.
 Steamer Spray, 33,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.
 Sch. Victor, 11,000 large fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Lucania, 5000 large fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Sylvia M. Numan, 2000 cod, 60,000 hake, 3000 cusk.
 Sch. Mary C. Santos, 6000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 15,000 pollock.
 Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 9000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 30,000 pollock.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 hake.
 Sch. Arbitrator, 4000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.
 Sch. Matiana, 18,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
 Sch. Fany Hayden, 86 swordfish.
 Sch. Fanny Hayden, 86 swordfish.
 Sch. Motor, 104 swordfish.
 Sch. Margaret Dillon, 78 swordfish.
 Sch. Matchless.
 Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 2000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
 Sch. Edith Silveira, 12,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3500 hake, 1000 pollock.
 Sch. Buema, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
 Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.10; market cod, \$1.50; pollock, 50c to 60c; swordfish, 6c to 6½c per lb.; large fresh mackerel, 21 to 21½c each; fresh medium mackerel, 16c each.

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 fresh western cod, large \$2, market \$1.65; haddock 65c and 67½c.
 Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.
 Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.

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Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.12½ per cwt. for large and \$2.87½ for medium.

Fresh halibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.
 Salt shore mackerel, \$15 per bbl.
 Salt bullseye mackerel, \$7 per bbl.
 Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Board of Trade prices:

Large Western cod, \$2 per cwt.; markets, \$1.65.

Large Eastern cod, \$1.70 per cwt., market, \$1.50.

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.10.

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

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.

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

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

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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MORE VESSELS FIT FOR NORTH BAY.

Sch. Arthur D. Story Secured Fine Haul of Mackerel Off Monhegan.

Good Prices Secured for Fresh Mackerel Landed.

The recent reports that there have been some mackerel on the Maine coast and of a school seen off Cape Elizabeth a few days ago by sch. Arthur D. Story are given most emphatic backing by the fact that a school of large mackerel were taken this morning off Monhegan and landed at Port Clyde, Me.

A special to the Times this noon from Ralph F. Dodge, the wholesale fish dealer at Port Clyde, states that a school of large mackerel were taken off Monhegan this morning and brought in at the former port. The message does not give the size of the school or the name of the craft making the haul, but the source of the telegram is of undoubted authority and the main and gratifying fact that there are mackerel schooling there is established. **Sch. Dauntless at Boston with Big Fare.**

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. John Matheson, arrived at T wharf, Boston, this forenoon with a fine fare of 10,000 large fresh mackerel which are selling at 18 cents each. The fish are taken off the Rips.

Will Fit For North Bay.

Things are pretty dull in the mackerel line today. The sum total of receipts are two small fares of fresh ones here and two more at Boston. None of the skippers home are charmed with the outlook, as evidenced by three of the crafts now in port, giving up the shore chase and fitting for the North Bay cruise.

At Boston today are steamer Bessie M. Dugan with 3000 large fresh mackerel and sch. Arcadia with 2200 large fresh mackerel.

At this port are sch. Terra Nova with 1500 large fresh mackerel and sch. Arthur James with 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Capt. Seavey of sch. Squanto, which was here yesterday, is inclined to think that there are some fish off Chatham, but no great body to them.

What the skippers are looking for are reports of fish off the Lurcher, in the Bay of Fundy, on the Maine coast or on Georges.

With word of mackerel schooling from either of these directions, the captains may take heart of there being some body of mackerel on the shore, or in this vicinity, but at present it must be considered that no body of fish has been located by the fleet, outside of the bullseyes, since leaving the Cape Shore.

Capt. Almon D. Mallock of sch. Indiana will now fit that craft for a North Bay mackerel seining trip.

Sch. Judique will also fit for a North Bay mackerel seining trip.

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Fresh Mackerel Sales.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan got 20 cents for her large and 14 cents for her medium mackerel at Boston yesterday, while sch. Squanto sold her's for 19 cents right through.

Sch. Victor counted out 11,200 large fresh mackerel and 200 medium mackerel at Boston yesterday. Sch. Luccania stocked just \$1000 on her little lot of fresh mackerel at Boston yesterday.

Capt. William Sloan of sch. Arthur D. Story reports sighting a fine school of mackerel four miles off Cape Elizabeth light a few days ago.

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GETTING THE CASE READY



JUSTICE GEORGE GRAY.

ONE OF THE JUDGES OF THE FISH ARBITRATION.

United States Preparing Argument on the Fisheries Dispute.

Will Have Its Side Ready in Due Time to Submit to Hague.

Entirely satisfactory progress is being made by counsel for the United States for the great legal battle which will be fought in May next before The Hague Tribunal to determine the status of American fishermen in Newfoundland waters. Chandler P. Anderson, who has immediate charge of the matter in hand, has been working diligently for several months with the result that before October 4 next, the time limit set by the agreement with Great Britain, this government will be ready to submit its case with full confidence of an ultimate decision in its favor.

One of the general questions involved is whether colonial or state laws shall be permitted to interfere with the terms of a treaty. The Newfoundland government has insisted from the first that their laws and interests must be paramount to any treaty agreement between the mother country and the United States, and holding to this view, they have passed laws and promulgated regulations which have seriously interfered with American fishermen in securing bait and supplies, and have embarrassed them in many other ways with the view, it is believed, of discouraging them from fishing in their waters. The agreement between the United States and Great Britain to

arbitrate the questions in controversy provide that both cases shall be submitted to the International Bureau at The Hague, not later than October 4 next. It is expected that by May 4 next the arbitrators will meet at The Hague for a final hearing and determination of the whole question. It is not unlikely that additional time may be granted should either party request it. In any event, it is expected that the long drawn out controversy will be definitely settled in time for next year's fishing season.

The counsel on the part of the United States are former United States Senator George Turner of Spokane, Wash.; Samuel J. Elder of Boston and Associate Counsel Dr. James B. Scott, solicitor for the Department of State; Charles B. Warren of Detroit and Robert Lansing of Watertown, N. Y., who will act as solicitor for the agency. The arbitrators as agreed upon are the following members of the permanent court at The Hague:

Dr. Heinrich Lammasch of Austria, umpire, who will act as president of the tribunal.

His Excellency Luis M. Drago of the Argentine Republic.

Johkheer A. F. de Savornin Lehman of the Netherlands.

Hon. George Gray of Delaware, judge of the United States Circuit Court.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of the Supreme Court of the Dominion of Canada.

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SMALL FARES AT BOSTON.

Demand Is Light, Making Prices Low.

Small fares of ground fish are the rule at T wharf, Boston, this morning, and the demand for the fish is light, consequently the prices are low. Swordfish are also in light receipt, and three trips of mackerel have been in since last report, including sch. Squanto, which went up from here yesterday forenoon.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen has the largest trip, 50,000 pounds. Sch. Jessie Costa has 39,000, sch. Walter P. Goulart 35,000 and sch. Athena 37,000 pounds. The other trips are small.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart reports dogfish solid on Georges. So plentiful were they that they destroyed 40 tubs of the craft's fishing gear.

On sch. Gladys and Sabra at T wharf yesterday morning was a large quantity of golden red cod. Capt. Rhynard said he had been fishing on Cashes banks in five fathoms of water. On the bottom of the banks there is a large quantity of red kelp in which the fish swim after small crabs, and through some law of nature take the color of the bottom of the ocean where they are.

Capt. Rhynard brought to light this morning a paper which he picked up in a bottle. The paper read: "July 23, 1900. Mr. John L. Morrill and wife, Ida F., Carrie M. Allen. All of Boston, Str. State of Maine." He would like to hear from the parties if they are still residents of Boston.

There was also a large quantity of salmon received yesterday morning from Port Hawkesbury, C. B., and seven boxes from St. John, by rail, and there were several boxes on the Yarmouth steamer. A consignment of 220 barrels of frozen mackerel was also received by rail, and put away for the time when mackerel cease to run in the waters here.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Athena, 26,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 8000 cod.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 5000 pollock.
- Sch. Seaconnet, 14,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 13,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 5000 cusk
- Sch. Georgiana, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Marion, 2500 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
- Sch. Lewie Warren, 15 swordfish.
- Sch. Dorcas, 71 swordfish.
- Sch. Arcadia, 2200 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 2500 haddock, 22,500 cod.
- Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 3000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Squanto, 6000 large fresh mackerel, (via Gloucester).
- Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 22,000 cod.
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 15,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Jennie Costa, 17,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 17,000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.60; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, 75c to \$1; swordfish, 7c per pound; fresh mackerel, 20c each.

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MANY ARRIVALS, FARES SMALL.

Pollockers Bringing in Good Catches of Fish.

There are quite a number of arrivals here today but the total amount of fish in is small. The best trip is sch. Carrie C., from Georges handling with 40,000 pounds of salt cod.

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Four seiners are in, two with small fresh fares, one with a few barrels of salt mackerel and one with no fish. Three of the pollockers also arrived, the gasoliner of Capt. Walter King of Newburyport being full, with 26,000 pounds.

Beside these craft, some five vessels are here from Boston with fares of from 7000 to 40,000 pounds of fresh fish, for the splitters.

The gasoliner owned by Capt. Walter King, of Newburyport, which came in here yesterday, loaded with pollock, had even more in the school than she could take care of. When the craft arrived here the crew were sitting on top of the engine room house and the craft was not a streak clear. The seine boat in tow was also full, part of the school taken, 5000 pounds had to be given away to another boat in the vicinity when the haul was made.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.
Sch. Eva Avina, via Boston, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Squanto, via Boston.
Sch. Arthur James, Rips, 1000 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Terra Nova, Rips, 1500 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Judique, Rips, 4 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Rips.
Steamer Independent II, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Marchant, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Sloop Laura Enos, via Boston, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
Steamer King, Newburyport, 26,000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, halibocking.
Sch. Ralph Russell, Rips.
Sch. Almeida, swordfishing.
Sch. Mary Emerson, seining.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, dory handling.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Fred Crawford of sch. Carrie C., reports schs. W. H. Moody and Marsala on Western bank recently. The little swordfishing sch. Hobo, of this port, Capt. Larry McGrath, put into New Bedford a few days ago, leaking considerably and hauled out there to repair. The Portland fishing sch. Ella M. Dougherty is at North Sydney, C. B., taking supplies for a salt cod trip to Grand bank.

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 fresh western cod, large, \$2, market, \$1.65; haddock 65c. and 67 1-2c.
Outside sales salt Rip cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.
Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87 1-2; mediums, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt dory headline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.
Outside sales of round pollock, 60c. per cwt.
Fresh halibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.
Large fresh mackerel 20 cts. each.
Salt shore mackerel, \$15 per bbl.
Salt bullseye mackerel, \$7 per bbl.
Board of Trade prices:
Large Western cod, \$2 per cwt.; markets, \$1.65.
Large Eastern cod, \$1.70 per cwt., market, \$1.50.
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.10.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.
Splitting price for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium cod, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c.; hake, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Round pollock, 50c. per cwt.

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SMALL MACKEREL TRIP AT BOSTON.

But Fish Sold From the Vessel at the Fine Price of 21 Cents Each.

Dealers Now Advertising for Trips of Salt Mackerel.

There is very little new in the mackerel situation today. One small trip at Boston is the sum total of the receipts, the fish bringing the fine price of 21 cents each.

Quite a number of the fleet made small hauls off Chatham and the Rips Saturday and Sunday and landed their fish at Provincetown Monday, selling to the freezer at 17 cents each.

Sch. Dauntless, which arrived at Boston yesterday, counted out 9984 fresh mackerel, stocking \$1784. In the lot were but 18 bursted fish and 60 tinkers, all the rest being large.

Capt. Matherson of sch. Dauntless reports getting his fish Sunday night in one school, near the Rose and Crown shoal, and at that did not get more than half of the school. He reports quite a lot of fish showing and many large schools among them, but that they were wild and very hard to catch. He reports a fleet of 30 sail at the Rose and Crown.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, which is at Boston today with 2000 large fresh mackerel, is from the Rose and Crown shoal.

Dealers Advertising for Large Fish.

The local dealers are hungry for some salt mackerel, so much so that they are advertising for them. In today's Times, the Consumers Fish Co. comes forward and tells the skippers that they are in the market for fat fish, ploughed on board the vessel and well taken care of, and are willing to pay a fine price for them.

Some of the dealers believe and say that in their opinion, in spite of the high prices paid for the fish fresh, they are worth more salted.

Seiners at Provincetown.

The following seiners were at Provincetown Monday:

Sch. Monarch, 500 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Oriole, 800 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Speculator, 2000 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Romance, 2500 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Muriel, 1700 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Grayling, 600 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Cynthia, 1800 large fresh mackerel.
The following were there yesterday:
Sch. Georgianna, 800 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 900 large fresh mackerel.

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Stocking Casco Bay With Lobsters.

The U. S. fish commission steamer Gannet, Capt. Greenleaf, was in port Saturday for a short time, but long enough, however, to distribute a million and a half of the little lobsters in the vicinity of Peaks Island. In view of the immense quantities of the little wigglers that are being dropped at various points in Casco Bay, Capt. Greenleaf is confident that in the near future lobsters will be as plentiful around the islands as in the olden times. Capt. Hahn, superintendent of the Boothbay hatchery, was on the Gannet this trip.

The season has practically closed and all the seed lobsters obtained hereafter will be placed in the pounds maintained by the commission at Boothbay. The season has been one of the most successful since the commission was established.

Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing steamer Bonita arrived in the harbor Monday for supplies after securing which she proceeded eastward. The steamer is engaged in fishing for herring in Casco Bay around Clapboard and Goose Islands and is meeting with great success, having gone into Boothbay the past week with about 400 barrels, which are taken by the canning factories at that place. Capt. Bennett reports one day last week, while fishing off Brown Cow, mouth of Casco Bay, an immense fish, the like of which he had never seen before, passed within 20 yards of the steamer. It was apparently about 40 feet in length, of a peculiar shape, and the captain, who is a truthful man, is positive that it was a sea serpent.

WAS FIRST TO ICE FISH.

New London Paper Claims Honor for Noank Captain.

An important factor in the pursuance of the fishing industry is ice, and a trip without this commodity is no more thought of now than going fishing without hooks, says the New London Day.

To go back to the old way of packing the fish below deck in seaweed or on deck in wet blankets would make the up-to-date fisherman smile incredulously, but that was the manner in which fish were carried into Fulton Market by Noank fishermen until the year 1848, when an idea was conceived whereby ice was made to do the duty of seaweed and wet blankets, thus revolutionizing the method of preserving sea food en voyage.

The credit of this conception was due to the late Capt. James Potter, who, in the sloop Convert, with a crew of four men, put into execution his newly formed ideas, and was consequently the first fisherman from this little sea hamlet to enter Fulton Market with a cargo of iced fish. He secured a load of fish off Watch Hill, and, acquiring a quantity of ice from the mainland, sailed for New York, arriving there with his consignment in prime condition.

The venture was such a success that a repetition was decided upon with the same results, and steps were immediately taken for the preservation of ice in the winter to use in the summer months, which has grown to an industry itself.

The first crop, a small one, was packed away close to the spring near the quarry dock, and the next season the cellar to the residence of the late Isaac Schofield was utilized. A small house, purposely intended for the storage of ice, was then built in Brook street near the home of Thomas Latham, and later followed the erection of the large brick structure now standing and in use and located on the Noank and Mystic highway, near the Beebe farm.

Thus Capt. Potter concocted a plan whereby the fishermen of Noank since that time have derived immeasurable benefit. The crew above referred to was composed of the following men, who have all passed to the haven of rest: Capt. James Potter, Capt. John Lewey, Capt. James Davis, Horace Davis and William Burrows. Capt. James Davis was the last survivor of the crew.

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FLEET DESTROYED NETS.

Rear Admiral Shroeder Will Seek Recompense for Fishermen.

Provincetown fishermen have lodged a protest as a result of the maneuvers of the Atlantic fleet. They declare that many nets and other fishing gear have been destroyed. Rear Admiral Shroeder says of the matter: "It appears from a careful examination of the circumstances that the nets were spread in navigable waters, not in state tide waters, and that they were obstructions to navigation, in violation of the revised statutes. Nevertheless, it is recognized that hardship was suffered in the carrying on of operations apparently sanctioned by local custom and which furnished the means of living to owners of the nets. Efforts will, therefore, be directed to ascertain if there exists any fund from which any remuneration can possibly be made legally. It must be clearly understood that if such a course be found possible, it will not constitute a precedent upon which to found future claims; and no injuries received subsequently to this date will be considered."

The admiral also gave the following notice to fishermen:

"You are respectfully requested to warn all persons that on the evenings of Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of this month up to 11 p. m., the fleet will be carrying on night exercises in the vicinity of the position seven miles southeast from Mary Ann rocks. The area liable to be traversed after dark will be several miles in radius in that vicinity, and a course for the torpedo boats to return thence to Provincetown. Any nets lying in those waters will be liable to injury for which the government cannot be held responsible. On all other evenings the fleet will not visit the bay south of the latitude of Provincetown."

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Haddock Had Gold Brooch.

While out fishing the other day about three miles from the land, at Digby, N. S., G. A. Thurber caught a large haddock which upon being thrown into the boat gave up a solid gold brooch. The valuable pin, together with the large number of fish, made a very successful day for the genial captain.