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**A DEARTH OF MACKEREL NEWS.**

**One Small Trip at This Port and One at Boston This Morning.**

**Fish Are Wild but Craft Occasionally Gets Small Haul.**

Two small trips of fresh mackerel and two vessels home with no fish covers the mackerel news of the past 24 hours. The incoming craft report that the whole fleet is operating about the Rose and Crown and Round shoals; that a few schools are showing, the fish still being very wild and that now and then some lucky craft gets a small haul.

At Boston sch. Terra Nova had 3000 large fresh mackerel, selling at the fine price of 28 cents each, the fish being taken off the Rose and Crown shoal.

Sch. Harmony arrived at this port this morning with 3000 large fresh mackerel, selling to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at 23 cents each for large and 16 cents for medium. Schs. Priscilla Smith and Georgianna are also home here with no fish.

Sch. Clintonia is fitting for a North Bay mackerel trip under command of Capt. Ambrose Fleet.

Sch. Oriole was at Provincetown Monday with 1200 large fresh mackerel.

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**Newfoundland Fish News.**

Bay Roberts—Fish scarce; traps from one or two quintals; hook and line nil.

Burin—Caplin plenty; fish scarce; sch. Baden Powell from Banks with 500 quintals; wind south south-west; dense fog.

Harbor Grace—Caplin scarce; hook and line few fish; traps one to six quintals.

Bay De Verde—Traps at Red Head Cove 10 to 50 quintals; few traps doing well, others nothing; none on trawls; salmon and lobsters scarce; caplin plentiful.

Lark Harbor—Fish and bait scarce. Old Perlican—Caplin scarce; little codfish in traps.

Bonne Bay—No codfish, caplin or herring here; Flower's Cove reports to be best cod fishery on record there.

Herring Neck—Traps nothing; hook, one to two quintals; caplin plenty.

Britannia Cove—Traps two to three quintals; hook and line one-half to one quintal.

Nipper's Harbor—No caplin; little fish with hook when bait available.

Pilley's Island—Codfishery little better; some boats at Triton one quarter quintal; salmon very scarce.

Lawn—Traps seven quintals; dorries one or two quintals; caplin scarce.

Fortune—No bait; few fish caught jiggers.

Carbonear—Traps one or two quintals; caplin plenty.

St. Mary's—Plenty fish yesterday; salt scarce; trap crews average 150 quintals on this side of Bay.

Catalina—Yesterday one trap 20 quintals; others 15 and one at Melrose 15 quintals; all others from four to eight quintals; trawls one to two quintals; caplin scarce; no salmon; icebergs still a hinderance to trap fishing.

Port Aux Basques—Boats yesterday from two to four cwt.; squid plentiful.

Western Bay—Traps five to 35 quintals yesterday; caplin plenty.

Brigus—Traps one-half to one and one-half quintals yesterday; hook and line poor; caplin still plentiful.

Bay Bulls—Fair fishing with traps and trawls.

Witless Bay—Traps five to 30 quintals; small boats doing well.

**Latest Labrador Fish News.**

The following messages were received from Labrador via Cape Ray by the Newfoundland Marine and Fisheries Department Thursday afternoon:

Venison Island—A sign of cod last few days, also a sign of salmon; ice still troubling.

Domino—A sign of herring here and at Griffin's Harbor; traps from one to three quintals.

Battle Harbor—Trapping and jigging none; all field ice gone; few bergs about.

Indian Harbor—Fish little better than last reported; some salmon; no ice.

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**Will Examine Shoal Places.**

Important work has been mapped out for the coast survey steamer Bache, now anchored in Boston harbor. She was ordered to this vicinity especially to explore the shoal spots which have formed in Vineyard sound and at other points along the New England coast. Many vessels have touched bottom in places where the government charts give an ample depth of water, and it is with the view of determining the depth of water over the shoal places that the Bache was ordered to this vicinity.

**Louisburg, C. B., Fish Notes.**

Codfishing is fairly good, but the weather is most unfavorable for the prosecution of the fisheries. Herring have struck about the shores, but no large catches have been made.

Dogfish which were very plentiful about the shores last week have taken their departure. The bad weather which has almost constantly prevailed since July came in, is very much against the fishermen, both in the catching of fish and of drying codfish for the market.

**Ruined By Steam Trawlers.**

The death has been announced at Felixstowe, at the age of 82 years, of Samuel Kerrison Smith, who, in the palmy days of North Sea trawling, owned a fleet of sailing trawlers, no fewer than 25 hoisting his house flag at Yarmouth, England. When steam trawling was introduced, his business dwindled away, and he then took to farming, and tilled a large acreage near Yarmouth, but in this he was also overtaken by misfortune.

**Dominion Fish Movements.**

Lockeport—Cod fair; few herring reported.

Cheticamp—Cod plenty; squid fair; herring and salmon scarce.

Port Hood—Cod and hake fair; herring scarce.

L'Ardoise—Haddock and herring fair.

Escuminac Point—Cod, mackerel and salmon fair.

Caraquet—Cod plenty; salmon fair; bait procurable.

**Yarmouth, N. S., Fish Notes.**

Sch. James R. Clark arrived from the fishing grounds yesterday with 10,000 lbs. of mixed fish for shipment. The Kernwood arrived this morning with 13,000 lbs. of halibut and 12,000 lbs. of cod, which were sold to W. A. Killam.

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**MIDSUMMER DULLNESS.**

**Pervades Fresh Fish Market at Boston This Week.**

The usual and expected midsummer dullness in groundfish appears to be on at T wharf. There are 18 trips there today and prices range just a little above splitting prices. One small mackerel trip brought a fancy figure and three swordfish fares sold well.

Sch. Terra Nova had 3000 large fresh mackerel and received 28 cents each for them. Three swordfish trips aggregated 179 fish and the price advanced to 9 1-2 cents per pound. Swordfish are the wonder of even the dealers themselves, with far and away the largest receipts ever known, the demand has been most gratifying and there has been no chance to kick on price.

Of the ground fishermen sch. Arbitrator has 60,000 pounds, sch. Josie and Phebe 57,000 pounds, sch. Frances V. Sylvia 49,000 pounds and sch. Matchless 47,000 pounds. Other fares range from 2000 to 40,000 pounds.

Several of the market fleet are known to have gone to the eastward for shack fares and some are making shack trips to Georges, figuring to be in for Gloucester day.

The receipts and prices in detail are as follows:

**Boston Arrivals.**

Sch. Vesta, 35 swordfish.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, 77 swordfish.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 67 swordfish.

Sch. Terra Nova, 3000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 8000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 500 cod, 1500 pollock.

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Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Leo, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 18,000 haddock, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Arbitrator, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia 20,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Emelia Enos, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Matchless, 15,000 haddock, 32,000 cod.  
Sch. Richard, 7000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Josie and Phebe, 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. John J. Fallon, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 8000 hake.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Georgianna, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Morning Star, 3500 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Marion, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Genesta, 22,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2500 pollock.  
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; pollock, \$1.50; swordfish, 9 1-4 to 9 1-2 cents per lb.; fresh mackerel 28 cents each.

**Halifax Fish Notes.**

The New York Fishing Gazette's Halifax correspondent says:

Rail and express shipments were lighter than the average. Altogether the past week has been one of the dullest in fishing circles, as usual between seasons. The weather has been favorable recently for the fishermen, and good fares have been the rule. At St. Pierre, from latest advices, remarkably large catches have been landed, 70,000 qtls. being the record in seven days from the French fishing fleet of 97 vessels. Some vessels secured as many as 2000 qtls. The Lunenburg fleet has also done well on the whole, and indications point to a continuance of this experience, notwithstanding the earlier drawbacks of ice so far on in the season.

With old stock practically disposed of, and brisk consumption going on in most of the over-sea markets, enhanced prices are expected by the trade when the cooler weather of autumn sets in.

Several vessels are fitting out for the South Seas again, viz.: Alice Gertrude, Latooka, Ulva and Agnes Donahoe. The Alice Gertrude will be the first to leave.

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**FINE LOT OF BLUEBACKS.**

**Placed in Cold Storage at This Port and Rockport.**

Fish receipts at this port today are very light, comprising only pollock, porgies, bluebacks and fresh mackerel.

Sch. Harmony has 3000 large fresh mackerel and two seiners, schs. Priscilla Smith and Georgianna are home with no fish.

Steamer Independence II had a small lot of pollock, and the gasolener Herbert and Emma took 25 barrels of porgies to A. W. Dodd & Co. Three of the gasolene boats had 100 barrels of prime bluebacks, all of which went to the freezer here and at Rockport.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

**Today's Receipts.**

Sch. Harmony, Rips, 3000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, seining.

Sch. Georgianna, seining.

Sch. Edith Silveira via Boston.

Sch. Laura Enos, via Boston.

Sloop Eva Avina, via Boston.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 25 bbls. fresh porgies.

Steamer Lydia F., shore, 30 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 35 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Marchant, shore, 50 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Independence II., shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

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Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Aspinet, haddocking. Sch. Grace Darling, Rips. Sch. Hortense, haddocking. Sch. Norman Fisher, Rips.

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 fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.70; mediums, \$1.50.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

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, 9 cents per pound for white and 7 cents per pound for gray.

Fresh large mackerel, 23 cts. each. Fresh medium mackerel, 16 cts. each.

Salt shore mackerel, unrimmed \$18, rimmed \$24 per bbl. Salt bullseye mackerel, \$7.75 per bbl.

Board of Trade prices:

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, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; 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.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Marsala and yacht Rush are on the Rocky Neck railways.

Schs. Mattakesett and Maud F. are on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Maud F. Silva is to have a new spar stepped at Burnham's shears.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Raymah was at Lunenburg, N. S., Sunday and baited with squid.

Sch. Mystery was at Canso, N. S., on Saturday.

Sch. Paragon was at Portland yesterday with 14,000 pounds of halibut.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson was at Halifax, N. S., Tuesday and cleared.

Sch. Georgianna will now fit for a cod shack trip to the eastward under command of Capt. Freeman Mason.

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SCH. N. J. NELSON LOST SCHOOL

Sharks Tore Seine, Allowing All the Mackerel to Escape.

Both Mackerel and Bullseyes Plentiful on Georges.

There are mackerel both large and bullseyes, on Georges. This is proven by the arrival at T wharf, Boston, this morning of one good fare of each of these kind of fish, both vessels being from the southern part of that great fishing ground. Beside the large mackerel and bullseyes, there is also a fare of small mackerel in.

Seiners at This Port.

Sch. Rex, 60 bbls. salt bullseyes. Sch. Veda M. McKown, 4 bbls. large salt mackerel. Sch. Aloha. Sch. Speculator. Sch. Ralph Hall. Sch. Mildred V. Nunan.

Seiners at Boston.

Sch. Saladin, 12,000 fresh small mackerel. Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 15,000 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Judique, 40,000 fresh bullseyes and 200 bbls. salt bullseyes.

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Large School Lost by Attack of Sharks.

Capt. Albert Larkin of sch. Natalie J. Nelson reports getting his fine catch on the southern part of Georges. He found the place swarming with sharks and was lucky to save even this one school before they riddled the twine. There were some fish there, he said, but the sharks almost held full sway. After saving this school Capt. Larkin set at another one even larger than the first and got around it all right and had it safe in the seine, as far forth as the catching part went. With what they had iced and what was in sight in the seine, all hands could see before them one of the finest fresh mackerel trips ever made—but it was not to be, for the sharks took charge right off. They swarmed inside and outside of the seine, some fighting and biting the twine to get out and others tearing the twine to get in at the mackerel.

Their onslaught tore the seine in countless places, through which the mackerel escaped. It was tough to see \$3000 or \$4000 get away in this way after the fish had been actually secured, but there it was and there was nothing the men could do to prevent. After this Capt. Larkin headed for market, leaving the fish and two or three seines on the ground working on the schools and fighting with the sharks.

Sch. Judique Found Bullseyes Plenty.

Sch. Judique, Capt. Gourley Anderson, which has been out but a short while, evidently found the bullseyes solid, as the fare of 200 barrels salted and 40,000 in count fully indicates: It was hard work, no doubt, to split them, but the men will be well repaid for their labor. The fresh ones go about 250 to 275 to an iced barrel and the proceeds from them will add quite a bit to the stock.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. John McKinnon, which has small mackerel, got her fare off Nantucket. The fish are the one-pound variety, of which a few have previously been landed at Boston and Newport and which have been reported from time to time off Nantucket and in Vineyard sound, although in no great body.

Half a dozen seiners are at this port this morning, most of them with no fish. Sch. Rex has 60 barrels of salt bullseyes and sch. Veda M. McKown a few barrels of large salt mackerel. Sch. Ralph L. Hall is in for ice which she will take today and hustle right back to the fishing grounds, and sch. Mildred V. Nunan for salt and will go back and tackle the bullseyes if nothing better shows. Schs. Speculator and Aloha re also in port.

Mackerel Sales.

The fare of salt bullseyes of sch. Judique sold to Knowles-Freeman Fish Co., Boston, at \$7.87 1/2 per barrel.

The fare of schs. Rex and Veda M. McKown sold to Davis Bros.

Fresh large mackerel sold at Boston today at 23 cents each, so the Natalie J. Nelson is in for a big stock.

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SPLITTING PRICES AT T WHARF.

But Fresh Mackerel Sell at 23 Cents Each.

What would have otherwise been a pretty dead day at T wharf is livened this morning by the arrival of three mackerel fares, one halibut trip and one swordfish trip. As for the ground fish, outside of haddock, splitting prices are the rule.

The dealers have large and small fresh mackerel and both fresh and salt, bullseyes, the fortunate vessels being schs. Saladin, Natalie J. Nelson and Judique.

Sch. Massasoit has the lone swordfish fare, although some of the market boats have a few on the side.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, has been gone only three weeks and has a nice fare, 20,000 pounds of halibut and some salt fish.

The ground fish fares range from the 2000 pound catches of the small boats up to the fine 95,000 pound fare of sch. Mary DeCosta, the largest fare there today. Other good fares are sch. Mary E. Cooney, 65,000 pounds, sch. Ida S. Brooks, 47,000 pounds, and sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 65,000 pounds. This latter craft and sch. Mary DeCosta will take their fares to Gloucester to split. The receipts in detail are:

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Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 14,000 large mackerel and 7 bbls. large salt mackerel.

Sch. Judique, 40,000 fresh bullseyes and 200 bbls. salt bullseyes.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 65,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Saladin, 12,000 small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Massasoit, 57 swordfish. Sch. Mary J. Ward, 2500 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 4000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 20,000 haddock, 27,000 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 12,000 haddock, 53,000 cod, 8 swordfish.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 9000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 20,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 6 swordfish.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 5000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 10,000 pollock. Sch. Robert and Arthur, 25,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Nettie, 1500 cod, 1200 pollock. Sch. Thistle, 1800 cod, 200 pollock.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 18,000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Haddock \$1.25 to \$1.50; large cod \$2; market cod \$1.50; hake \$1 to \$1.50; pollock \$1; large fresh mackerel 23 cts. each; fresh bullseyes \$4 per bbl.; salt bullseyes \$7.87 1-2 per bbl.

Portland Fish Notes.

One of the largest catches of fish brought in here for a long time arrived Tuesday in sch. Paragon of Gloucester, which had on board 14,000 pounds of halibut, 50,000 pounds of mixed fish, 6000 pounds of salt fish and seven large swordfish, the result of a three weeks' trip to the LaHave Banks. The halibut and about 10,000 pounds of mixed fish were sold at Portland, and the schooner sailed for Gloucester Wednesday with the balance of her fare.

In the way of other fish arrivals at this port Tuesday, sch. Ethel came in with 700 lobsters for the Casco Fishery, limited, and sch. Etta M. Burns brought in 41 swordfish, which were sold in the local market.

The little fishing sloop Pantooset was also at Portland yesterday with a fare of 100 barrels of bluebacks, caught off Monhegan.

The fishing schooner Angie B. Watson arrived at Portland Tuesday from Boston, where she has just landed the biggest fare of swordfish caught thus far this season, 108 fish, stocking over \$1400.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Cod and hake fair; herring. Yarmouth—Cod and haddock plenty; bait fair; halibut scarce.

Pubnico—Cod and herring fair. Clark's Harbor—Halibut and herring fair; cod and haddock scarce.

Port La Tour—Ten barrels herring in Blanck Trap; no boats returned.

Sand Point—Cod fair; herring scarce.

Lockeport—Cod fair; herring in traps and nets; 60 barrels in one trap.

Liverpool—Squid plenty; cod and haddock fair; herring scarce; American vessels Preceptor, Lillian and Onato taking ice.

Salmon River—Cod, trout and salmon fair.

Isaacs Harbor—Cod and salmon fair; four bbls. herring to a boat.

L'Ardoise—Haddock and herring fair.

Ingonish—Cod fair in shallow water; other fish scarce.

Port Hood—Haddock and hake fair; cod and herring scarce.

Lunenburg—Cod fair; traps 30 bbls. squid; few mackerel reported.

Whitehead—Herring fair.

Canso—Cod and pollock fair; haddock scarce; no herring.

Louisburg—Cod and haddock fair; herring scarce.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Senator of this port was at North Sydney, C. B., last week, and landed 11,000 pounds of halibut. She took on bait supplies and sailed again Saturday.

Schs. Preceptor, Onato and Lillian were at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Yakima was at Canso, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell was at La Have, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Georgie Campbell was at Shelburne, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Mystery sailed from Canso, N. S., on Monday.

Capt. John G. Stream of sch. Kinco reports speaking schs. Selma and Waldo L. Stream on Georges.

Sch. Selma is at Portland today with 22,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt cod.