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FISH ARRIVALS CONTINUE LIGHT

But Men Are Busy Caring For Recent Big Trips.

Arrivals continue light here, but still there is plenty to do around the wharves on the big fares recently landed it being hard work to get men enough, about everybody in that line being employed at present.

Sch. Gertrude, Capt. James Vanamberg, from an eastern drifting trip, has a fine fare, 110,000 pounds of salt cod, which will net a fine stock.

Sch. Morning Star, Capt. Freeman Decker, is here from Boston with 100,000 pounds of fresh cod for the splitters having taken out 50,000 pounds at Boston for which she received \$1400, so she is in for a stock in the neighborhood of \$3000.

Sch. Fanny Reed is here from the Maine coast with some fresh hake to split.

The torchers and netters had 100 barrels of fresh herring this morning.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, which came home from North Bay yesterday, had nine barrels of salt mackerel which were sold to Harvey C. Smith & Son.

The arrivals and receipts are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Morning Star, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Gertrude, eastern drifting, 110,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Fannie Reed, Maine coast, 27,000 lbs. fresh hake.

Boats and torches, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.

Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, via Boston.

Sch. Aspinet, via Boston.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Portland.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Volant, Rips.

Sch. Atalanta, deck handling.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, dory handling.

Sch. Titania, Georges.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, shacking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

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

Outside sales, fresh western cod, large, \$2, market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.

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

Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.

Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and eight cents for gray.

Flitched halibut, 3-1-4 cts. per lb.

Salt bullseyes, \$9.50 per bbl.

Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed, \$30 per bbl.

Salt small mackerel, \$20 per bbl.

Small fresh mackerel, 9c each.

Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

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

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

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Oliver F. Killham was at Liverpool, N. S., Saturday and cleared for this port.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines cleared from Canso, N. S., for this port Saturday.

The fish commission sch. Grampus passed south by Mulgrave, N. S., Saturday.

Sch. Almeida will now fit for shore fishing under command of Capt. Brown.

Capt. Isaac Merchant is fitting sch. Ramona for an eastern deck handline trip.

Sch. Grace Otis is fitting for shore fishing under command of Capt. Charles Daley.

Capt. John J. Carroll is fitting sch. Massachusetts for fresh halibuting.

Capt. Freeman Decker of sch. Morning Star reports speaking schs. John R. Bradley, Colonial and Catherine D. Burke on Quero bank recently.

Capt. James Vanamberg of sch. Gertrude reports speaking schs. Harmony, Gladiator, Senator Gardner and Cecil H. Low on Quero bank recently. The Harvard had 300 tubs and the Low took 75 tubs in one berth. He also saw several of the shack fleet in the vicinity.

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POOR OUTLOOK IN NORTH BAY.

Mackerel Fishermen Becoming Discouraged at Prospect.

A letter received here last night from one of the skippers of the seining fleet indicates that the majority of the fleet in North Bay are about discouraged at the prospect of securing a trip of mackerel there and will transfer their place of action to up off North Sydney, C. B., hoping to intercept the schools as they come around there, bound to the southward.

The letter states that the vessels have encountered quite a lot of bad, blowy weather of late and that no fish have been taken for quite a while.

The situation has become so discouraging that all but six of the skippers have decided to leave and go down off North Sydney. The other half dozen will hang on in the bay, and if they find nothing after a few days of good weather will also leave and join the fleet off North Sydney. The outlook at present, according to the letter was considered poor.

A Sydney, C. B., exchange says that the Gloucester mackerel seiners Emily Cooney, Pinta and Ralph L. Hall arrived at North Sydney, Monday for harbor. There is a fleet of about a dozen seiners on the coast at present, but fish are scarce and so far only small catches have been made.

Three Vessels Now Operating On This Shore.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles H. Harty, which fitted out seining a few weeks ago on the strength of the good hauls of mackerel off Monhegan, arrived here this morning. She has no fish and will haul out of the fishery. Capt. Harty says that there were some fish a few days ago down off Chatham, but it seemed next to impossible to catch them.

There are now three vessels of the seining fleet operating on the shore; sch. Shenandoah, Capt. Solomon Jacobs; sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham, and sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis. The Parker is reported to have about 40 barrels of salt mackerel on board.

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BOSTON FISH PRICES DROPPED

Nearly a Million Pounds at T Wharf Today.

With nearly a million pounds of fresh fish at Boston since last report, it is no wonder that fresh fish took a drop this morning. There were 29 trips in all, and several of them were of big size, the fleet lately evidently having good weather and found good fishing. There is quite a sprinkling of pollock, while hake is more in evidence than for a long time.

When the bell rang new haddock sold at from \$2 to \$3, and large cod, which yesterday touched \$5 and \$6, sold for \$3 with market cod off also, some starting their's for \$2.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith came in after the bell rang with a big fare which had not been sold at 9 o'clock.

Several of the fresh drifters are in with catches which show that cod are a little more plentiful while there is quite a fleet of the Provincetown market fishermen in with nice paying fares.

Sch. Gov. Russell with the largest fare, 69,000 pounds, has quite a few hake, as also have schs. Benjamin A. Smith with 63,000 pounds of all kinds, and sch. Regina with 62,000 pounds all together. Other good fares are sch. Catherine and Ellen, 42,000 pounds, sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 37,000 pounds, sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 53,000 pounds, sch. Squanto, 53,000 pounds and sch. Washakie, 39,000 pounds.

Some of the market boats like schs. Mabel Bryson, Washakie, Manomet and Elizabeth W. Nunan have considerable hake.

Four barrels of fresh mackerel were offered for sale at T wharf yesterday morning at the fish exchange. Mackerel are still being taken in the Nova Scotian waters, and a dispatch received yesterday said that fair catches were being made at Liverpool, Lunenburg and Cheticamp, and that some were taken at Petit de Grat.

Scallops are coming from Cape Cod daily, and from 25 to 30 tubs, averaging five gallons to the tub, are sent up here. Some sea scallops are coming from Maine, but the change of arrival of the Bangor boat makes the supply for each day smaller than before. The steamer is scheduled to arrive here for the winter on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and as this is one of the lines that brings quantities of fish from Maine, the dealers feel the change some.

Smelts are received generally by rail, as they have to be handled quickly and get here sooner in that way. The market is getting a fair quantity daily, but the dealers will appreciate the coming of the time when the season is really on and the fish are being received from Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick and by the Yarmouth steamer.

The receipts today in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Esther Gray, 4000 cod, 6500 pollock.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 19,000 cod.

Sch. Appomattox, 22,000 cod.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 17,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 15,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Eva Avins, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 15,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 20,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Emelia Enos, 4000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Squanto, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 1200 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. James and Esther, 1500 haddock, 18,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Marian, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 4000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, 36,000 haddock, 2800 cod, 23,000 hake.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 35,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 23,000 hake.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 28,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Regina, 20,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 24,000 hake.

Sch. Annie Perry.

Sch. Valentinna, 7500 pollock.

Sch. Leo, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

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Sch. Viking, 1500 haddock, 23,000 cod.
Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 28,000 hake.
Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 6000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 hake, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Nettle Franklin, 10,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, 70c to \$1; pollock, \$1 to \$1.15.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish receipts Tuesday were the heaviest for a long period, aggregating over 100,000 pounds, and dealers were glad to obtain it, as the supply the past week has been very small and prices consequently so high as to interfere with trade. The largest catches brought in were sch. Lochinvar, with 45,000 pounds of mixed fish, sch. Angle B. Watson with 20,000 pounds, sch. Kate Palmer with 22,000 pounds, and sch. Fannie Reed with 25,000 pounds, the latter schooner proceeding to Gloucester with her catch, her skipper thinking he could do better at that port. Quite a lot of herring were also landed here yesterday, having been caught up the bay. The steamer Hermann Reissing came in with over 6000 lobsters and the smack Blanche & Ida also arrived with 2000. Taken altogether the fish wharves were pretty lively Tuesday.

Pensacola Schooner Given Up.

All hope for the Pensacola fishing sch. Francis H., commanded by Capt. Albert Sadler, formerly of Boothbay, Me., and manned by a crew of eight, has been abandoned by the owners, who believe the vessel, with all hands, went down in the gulf hurricane of September 21.

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ONLY HERRING FROM TORCHERS

Limit of Fish Receipts at This Port Today.

Up to this morning no vessels had arrived at this port with fish, since last report the only receipts being 150 barrels fresh herring from the torchers and netters, a somewhat unusual occurrence for this season of the year. The owners and shippers, however, are thankful for the continued fine drying weather which enables them to work the flakes to the limit and overtime. They know also that there are many more salt and fresh cod to come and this together with the fine state of trade causes them not to worry any over a day or two with no arrivals.

Sch. Constellation, one of the slender shore seining fleet came in this morning with no fish.

Several of the smaller vessels are here from Boston with no fish.

The torchers and netters brought in 150 barrels of fresh herring this morning, about all going for bait.

The arrivals and receipts at this port today are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Constellation, shore seining.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.
Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Little Fanny, via Boston.
Sch. Lafayette, via Boston.
Sch. Olivia Sears, via Boston.
Boats and torchers, 150 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Eglantine, Rips.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, Rips.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.
Sch. Good Luck, Rips.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, haddocking.

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High Line of Lunenburg Fleet.

The schooner Alexandra, Capt. Harry Winters, arrived at Lunenburg, C. B., from the Grand Banks Saturday with 1500 quintals of codfish for four weeks' fishing. This is the Alexandra's third trip, making in all 4300 quintals for the season, which places Captain Winters as high line, and is the largest catch for any one vessel in the history of the port of Lunenburg.

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SCHOOLING OFF LIVERPOOL, N. S.

Small Boats Getting Mackerel in That Locality.

Mackerel are likely to be in the market for some time to come if the news received from Liverpool, N. S., yesterday was correct. The correspondents of the Boston firms there sent word that mackerel were schooling off Liverpool and that in one of the traps 4100 mackerel were found Wednesday, and that the netters who went out in small boats were taking an average of 300 to a boat.

The T wharf fish dealers had a surprise for them when the cargo of the steamer was made known, yesterday, and they found that there were on it 266 barrels of fresh mackerel, three swordfish and 14 large albicore. The Boston dealers have been receiving only a few mackerel by these steamers for some time, and it looked as if there were none left. A dispatch received yesterday from Liverpool and other Nova Scotian places telling that mackerel were being taken again raised the hopes of the dealers some, but none of them expected to get so quick a response to their orders or so much fish at once.

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MAY PUT PRICE ON DOGFISH.

Fisheries Bureau Considering Their Extermination.

Whether the valuable lobster or the worthless dogfish of the waters of Rhode Island and Massachusetts is to be allowed to survive is a burning question that is receiving the careful consideration of Commissioner George M. Bowers of the bureau of fisheries.

The efforts of the bureau of fisheries to propagate the lobster so that it may become plentiful and cheap have been nullified to so great an extent by the avaricious dogfish, that Commissioner Bowers is contemplating placing a price upon the heads of the marine nuisances so as to encourage fishermen to devote their efforts to clear the sea of them.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Claudia was at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.
Schs. Mooween and Preceptor sailed from Canso on Tuesday.

French Steam Trawlers Finished Traps.

About half of the French steam trawlers that have been operating on the western Atlantic banks this summer, have finished their season's work and sailed for France. The steamers still on this side will probably return home during the next couple of weeks. Altogether 29 steam trawlers have fished on this side of the Atlantic this year, and while several of them have done well, the majority have not been as successful as last year. It is said that many of the vessels sent out this season will not return next season, but there is every likelihood that several new and large craft will be sent out next spring. A couple of French firms are said to be contemplating the building of trawlers of 1800 tons, which will have a coal capacity sufficiently large to enable them to coal in England on their way out and remain on the banks during the entire summer, without the necessity of coming to North Sydney to obtain coal at intervals, as the smaller craft have been obliged to do.

FALL BANK FISHING.

Nova Scotia Paper Claims Their Vessels Should Pursue It.

A few Lunenburg vessels have gone out again on a fall trip to Quero bank, where the fish are reported plentiful. This is a practice that has always been followed by some Lunenburg men, but it has never appealed much to the bankers as a whole. A merchant who has considerable interest in the fisheries, not only as an exporter, but otherwise, considers that it is one of the weaknesses of our bank fishing industry that it is followed only for a few months each year. The Gloucester fishermen work practically the whole year round, while ours endeavor to get along with a few months work in each year. Of course there might be something to say against a whole year's work at a time when the world's market is low; but this is no reason why the fishing industry should always work on short time, so to speak. In every industry there are times when the production has to be cut down because of market conditions, and the same thing would periodically happen in the fishing industry. If the present tendency for men and vessels to decrease continues, it will become necessary for the remaining men to work a greater part of the year if the output is to be maintained on its present level. It may not be possible in the maritime provinces just yet to keep up a continuous fishery on the banks, but more might be made of the fall fishery. As it is, nearly all the vessels that started work in March and April are now laid up for the winter and, it would seem a large amount of productive energy is to be unused for several months.—Halifax, N. S., Maritime Merchant.

SHARKS AND DOGFISH.

Incoming Fishermen Complain of Being Badly Bothered.

Nearly all the haddocking captains at T wharf yesterday told of having had a hard time with sharks and dogfish. The sharks were particularly bold and numerous. They had so little fear of the fishermen that one of the captains said they came daringly to the vessel and were numerous enough about her to have lifted her out of the water. Killing them did not appear to lesson their number.

Few of the vessels escaped losing some of their trawls, and some of them lost heavily. Most of the captains had empty trawl tubs on deck when their schooners came to the wharf, and several of the vessels lost as high as 20 tubs of trawls, and two or three set their loss at 40 tubs.

Newfoundland Fishery Notes.

Steamer Euphrates, Capt. George Barbour, from Northern Labrador via Battle Harbor and Newtown, arrived at St. John's, N. F., Saturday, reporting for 2100 quintals cod, taken at Ryan's Bay, 150 south of Cape Chidley, a larger catch than last year. Steamer Kite and one craft fished there, too, and the Kite had 600 quintals when the Euphrates left. The latter had 14 men fishing, on shares, and they will make one of the best "bills" for the coast. She reports all the Newtown vessels home, except two—John Parsons' and George Tuff's—which were doing well at Muford when she passed, while two Wesleyville crafts, Japhet Winsor's and Peter Hann's, arrived home Wednesday with 400 and 200 quintals.

Sch. Glad Tidings, at St. John's from Griquet, reports good fishing in that quarter, but bait scarce. Boats get a quintal a day when bait is to be had, and the Burin banker Mary Smith, Courage master, is at White's Arm, nearly loaded, while other Burin and Fortune bankers in the same vicinity are also well fished.

A shipment of squid, cured for food purposes, to be sent to British Columbia, thence to China and Japan, was received Friday by the Fish Food Co. of St. John's, which was recently formed for the purpose of introducing this article on the Oriental market. The squid are put up in a very attractive manner and should meet with ready sale. A ton of the fish will be sent to the market as a sample.

The revenue cruiser Fiona, Capt. English, arrived at St. John's from Labrador Saturday morning, having been absent since July 20, at the disposal of Judge Morris, of the Labrador court, and A. W. Piccott, minister of marine and fisheries, who went over the entire coast, holding court and investigating the fisheries, as well as performing other valuable work.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Cod, hake and haddock fair.
Liverpool—Mackerel reported fair; 4 bbls. in nets.
Lunenburg—Cod and mackerel fair, dogfish troublesome.
Salmon River—Cod, haddock and halibut fair.
Isaac's Harbor—Good catches of cod and halibut reported.

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FISHERIES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Census Bureau Places Value of Products For 1908 at \$7,095,230.

Amount of Capital Invested Nearly One Million Dollars.

The bureau of census of the department of commerce and labor has issued its preliminary report on the fisheries of Massachusetts, based on statistics gathered by its agents this year for the year ending December 31, 1909. These statistics are confined to the fishing industry and do not include wholesale fish dealers and canneries.

The final report, which will come later, will contain an analysis of the totals and will present statistics for the other phases of the fishery.

The figures are interesting and on the whole seem to be well based, the only exceptions to be noted are that the catch of flounders over 7,000,000 pounds, and whiting, over 5,000,000

pounds, seems to be far too high, as gauged from the landings here and a general idea of landings throughout the state.

The tabular report is as follows:

	No.	Value
Independent fishermen	3,141	
Wage-earning fishermen	8,436	
Total	11,577	
Vessels	671	\$2,927,766
Outfit (bait, fuel, provisions, etc.)		1,354,550
Boats	3,694	476,851
Total	4,765	\$4,759,167
Apparatus of capture:		
Dredges, tongs, etc.		\$18,060
Gill nets	9,054	78,940
Lines		274,700
Pots, crab, eel and lobster	43,342	66,150
Pound and trap nets	214	161,910
Seines	387	153,520
Whaling apparatus		10,200
Miscellaneous		11,830
Total value of apparatus		\$775,310
Shore and accessory property		\$164,220
Cash capital		50,820
Total investment		\$6,524,827

	Pounds	Value
Alewives	4,061,800	\$44,540
Cod	72,217,900	1,944,200
Cusk	4,266,800	72,780
Flounders	7,123,800	146,470
Haddock	48,492,400	1,037,920
Hake	16,708,200	293,830
Halibut	4,132,800	309,820
Herring	28,440,400	341,110
Mackerel	10,452,600	761,020
Pollock	20,006,400	313,050
Scup	1,136,000	39,580
Squeteague or trout	1,971,100	58,150
Swordfish	1,641,700	121,920
Whiting	5,589,300	39,010
Lobsters	2,455,300	307,470
Clams	334,000	378,350
Oysters	154,900	217,980
Scallops	62,700	120,430
Whale products		335,730
Miscellaneous fish, turtles, etc.		211,870
Total		\$7,095,230