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Petite-de-Grat—Few mackerel taken.
Descourse—Few cod and mackerel taken.
Cheticamp—Mackerel fair mainland and island; boats average 500 fish.
Margaree—Few mackerel caught.

Former Gloucester Vessel Successful At Whaling.

The whaling sch. A. T. Gifford, of Stamford, Conn., formerly a well known fishing vessel of this port, commanded by Capt. Comer, stopped off at Vineyard Haven on Wednesday and took on board a pilot for New Bedford.

The Gifford left New London, Conn., for a whaling trip to Hudson Bay 27 months ago, and has secured two whales.

Seventeen hundred pounds of whale-bone were sent home by way of Scotland and the vessel now has 600 pounds of bone on board, as well as a large quantity of Arctic furs.

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ANOTHER DAY WITH NO ARRIVALS

Entire Fish Receipts Are 225 Barrels Fresh Herring.

As far as fish arrivals are concerned at this port, herring is still king, for this is another morning with no arrivals from off shore with fish cargoes. The herring seiners and torchers brought 225 barrels. The continued calm weather is probably the cause of some of the vessels being slow in coming along.

The arrivals and receipts are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Esther Gray, via Boston.
Sloop Marian, via Boston.
Boats and torchers, 225 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lafayette, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Fish Hawk, Georges.
Sch. Morning Star, haddocking.

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 headline 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, 8 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 headline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25.
Dory headline 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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Stocked \$9313 on Handline Trip.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. George Nelson, stocked \$9313.53 on her recent dory handline trip. The average share was \$186 and the high line share \$241.91.

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EIGHT VESSELS AT T WHARF.

But Boston Dealers Have Plenty of Fish.

There have been only eight fishing arrivals at T wharf since last report, but with yesterday morning's big receipts the dealers have plenty of stock to work on, so the market is dull and prices down. Haddock dropped at the bell, to \$1.70 for new fish, a few bringing \$2, while large cod held fair at from \$3 to \$3.50. There was no sale for small hake, large bringing 80 and 90 cents, with pollock at \$1.

The steam trawler Spray is in from another quick trip with 79,000 pounds of haddock. The other fares range from 6000 to 45,000 pounds. No big market is looked for tomorrow and few vessels are expected but a big arrival sheet is what the dealers look for and will probably get on Monday.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts this morning in detail are as follows:

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 1500 haddock, 25,000 cod.
Steamer Spray, 77,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1200 hake.
Sch. Arbitrator, 25,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Matchless, 15,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 30,000 hake.
Sch. Hope, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Annie Perry, 5000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Haddock, \$1.70 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.70 to \$2.50; large hake, 80 to 90 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.

Portland Fish Notes.

Wednesdays arrivals:
Sch. Fannie Hayden, 15,000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Albert D. Willard, 15,000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Gladys Simmons, 13,000 pounds fresh fish.

Thursday was another big day in the way of fish receipts, over 65,000 pounds of cod, haddock and hake arrived at Commercial and Central wharves, and were disposed of to the local dealers. The largest fare was brought in by sch. Marjie Turner, which weighed out 30,000 pounds, followed by sch. George H. Lube, with 20,000 pounds, sch. Bernie and Bessie with 10,000 pounds, and the sloop Defender with 6000 pounds.

The present week the market has received nearly 150,000 pounds of mixed fish and it has been many weeks since the market has been so well supplied. With the fine October weather the conditions are perfect for the fishermen and everyone of them is taking advantage of it to make good catches. The Boston sch. Ellen C. Burke put into this harbor today for a supply of bait, and will proceed at once to the fishing grounds.

Only one small fare of fresh mackerel was received today, the sloop Laconia arriving with 57 large fish, which were taken in a drag net last night outside the Cape Elizabeth lightship. The fish averaged 2 1-2 pounds each, and the crew of the Laconia received 12 cents a pound for them. Several of the dragger were fishing last night off Boon island, but without success. It is thought that the mackerel fishing for this season is nearly closed in this vicinity, and taken as a whole, it has been a dismal failure to many vessels, the crews, and the owners.

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Crew Shared \$75 Each.

Sch. Morning Star, Capt. Freeman Decker, stocked \$2800 on her recent quick fresh cod trip to Quere bank, the crew sharing \$75.

Bait News.

Plenty of bait herring.
Plenty of herring and ice at Boothbay Harbor.

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MACKEREL SCHOOLS REPORTED OFF PROVINCETOWN FRIDAY.

Sch. Speculator Secured Thirty Barrels Bloaters on Thursday Night.

North Bay Fleet Now Operating Off Sydney, Cape Breton.

A mackerel report that fairly woke up the whole city was received yesterday from Provincetown. In brief it was that mackerel were schooling solid off there and that a Gloucester seiner made a haul off there the night before. The report came from a most reliable source and was given credence.

The word came from Provincetown to Orlando Merchant, and his informant told him that the shore boats and little steamers which had been fishing off there were coming in and all were reporting a good body of mackerel off there. The men said that the day was a fine one, no wind and the sea calm, and that they had seen a lot of fish schooling and were sure they were mackerel. Some of the men said that they had seen a large body of fish. They also reported that sch. Speculator, Capt. Rufus McKay, of this port, was on the fish off there Thursday night and made a nice haul as he was bailing for 40 or 50 minutes.

The fact that sch. Speculator got a haul shows that the fishermen were not mistaken in calling the schools mackerel, and that they were not herring or squid or some other kind of fish.

The weather for the past few days has been exceptionally calm and fine on the water, and it is thought that these ideal conditions and the warmth of the air and water have caused the fish to bunch up and show in good shape.

Fish Reported Schooling All Along Cape Cod Shore.

Capt. Charles H. Harty had sch. Constellation all ready, and this morning wired to Provincetown for more

particulars and to see if the fish were still schooling. Late in the forenoon he received a telephone message from Mr. Small, the freezer man over there.

Mr. Small had been talking with the fishermen and he told Capt. Harty that the haul of sch. Speculator on Thursday evening was 30 barrels of the largest kind of mackerel, regular bloaters. The haul was made to the northward of Orleans and the schooner was there again yesterday, as also was sch. Nellie Dixon. One of the boats coming up from Block Island reported seeing them and as she came along, Capt. McKay waved for them to keep off, he evidently having sighted a school and was keeping track of it.

Mr. Small said that as far as he could learn mackerel in small quantities were schooling all the way along shore from the northward of Orleans, up to Race Point, and well in shore.

On the strength of this minute report on the situation, Capt. Harty has decided not to fit out the Constellation.

Latest From the North Bay Fleet.

A letter from one of the North Bay mackerel fleet was received here yesterday. It was dated at North Sydney, C. B., two days previously and stated that about all the fleet had left the locality of Prince Edward Island and were now operating off Sydney, C. B. The weather was unusually fine, day after day, but the fleet had done nothing since coming down that way.

The North Bay mackerel of sch. Mertis H. Perry sold to Harvey C. Smith & Son at \$15 per barrel.

The T wharf dealers had five barrels of fresh mackerel from Nova Scotia yesterday. The fish go about two pounds each.

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MAROONED ON PENGUIN ISLAND.**Crew of Sch. Ophir Finally Rescued By a Coast Steamer.**

After being marooned for several days on the barren rocks of Penguin Island on the Labrador coast, where their fishing craft, Newfoundland sch. Ophir, laid her bones in destruction, the five members of the Ophir's crew landed at St. John's, N. F., on Thursday, on a coast steamer which had rescued them.

Aside from the weakness due to the lack of food and the nervousness born of many hours' anxious scanning of the waters for signs of possible rescue, the fishermen were but little the worse for their experience.

Sch. Ophir had been fishing on the Labrador coast and was returning to this port with her catch when she was wrecked on Penguin Island. With their little vessel driving fast toward the rocky island, the crew launched one of their dories.

Within 100 yards from shore they saw their schooner pile upon the rocks. They had barely time to jump from their dory when that, too, went the way of the larger craft. The other dories aboard the Ophir were also smashed. In the wreckage their already depleted store of provisions was lost and the men took to the rocky island in a search for means of subsistence.

Unsuccessful, three men were stationed on the shore to signal passing vessels, while the others foraged still further. This was maintained until a steamer, which had been despatched from St. John's upon the receipt of the news of the plight of the Ophir's crew, reached the island and took them off.

Depleting the North Sea.

The decrease in the quantity of fish landed at ports between the Humber and the Tyne during the past quarter, says a Scotch exchange, compared with the corresponding quarter last year, occupied the attention of the Northeastern Sea Fisheries Committee at the quarterly meeting at Scarborough recently. The chairman, W. H. S. Quintin, in moving the adoption of the report, regretted the decrease in the landings of wet fish of 145,682 cwts., to the value of £206,928, as compared with the corresponding quarter last year. They would also notice that the total catch last year was less by over 250,000 cwts. than the year before. One could not imagine that the great trawling fleets were less energetic, or that rough weather could be altogether responsible for the decrease. It almost seemed that even in those distant waters which trawling fleets now visited, the White Sea, and Faroes, and Icelandic waters, the quantity of fish was decreasing.

Mr. Moss, Grimsby, replied that the decrease in the landings was due to the depletion of the North Sea. The great bulk of the ships worked in the North Sea, and it was only the larger ones that went to distant waters. But for the large quantity of fish brought from distant waters the decrease would have been much more excessive. There was no question about the North Sea—it was almost depleted altogether, and we had to depend on distant waters. Many tons of plaice had lately been brought from the White Sea. As much as 1,500 to 2,000 boxes of plaice had been landed at one time. The North Sea plaice realized much more money than the White Sea plaice.

Nova Scotia Fishermen's Union.

The convention of the Nova Scotia Fishermen's Union closed their meetings Friday. The growth of the union during the year was very satisfactory, and prospects are encouraging for the future. Resolutions were passed, asking the government for a change in the weight of scaled fish sold by the quintal, making the standard 100 pounds, instead of 112.

Also that the legal size of No. 1 sea-packed herring be 11 inches, measuring from the nose to the fork of the tail.

That the legal size limit of lobsters caught in the coastal waters of the island of Cape Breton and the county of Antigonish be reduced to seven inches, the present limit being eight inches.

That the open season in Antigonish county for catching lobsters be the same as now exists in Cape Breton island from May 1 to July 3. The present season in Antigonish begins on the 20th of April, and closes on the 10th of July.

The present size limit of nine inches and the open season, which begins on the 15th of December and closes on the 30th of May in that part of District No. 3—from the county of Halifax to the county of Digby—is satisfactory.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Norma arrived at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

Sch. Claudia sailed from Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

Capt. Heyward of sch. Esperanto reports speaking sch. Harvard on Quero Bank recently.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll has been overhauled at Green's Chelsea ship yard and is fitting for winter market fishing.

Lunenburg Fishing Notes.

Sch. Arginia is discharging a cargo of 125,000 pounds of green fish from Quero banks.

Sch. Mattawa has arrived at Canso with 1100 quintals fish and sch. Beatrice Mack with 1000 quintals, and returned to the banks after taking salt.

Schs. Alma Nelson and Hilda Boehner are fitting for fall herring trip.

Schs. Palatia and Colonia will go to Bay of Islands for cargos of salt herring for the Atlantic Fish Companies.

Schs. Lila D. Young and Maple Leaf has sailed on a fall fishing trip.

Sch. Frank H. Adams, built for Frank H. Adams, was launched last Wednesday. The craft is of the knock-about type, her dimensions being 121 feet over all, 86 feet keel, 26 1-2 feet beam and 12 1-2 feet deep. Quarters are furnished for a complement of 25 men.

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ONLY MARKET BOAT FARES.**No Offshore Trips at Boston This Morning.**

There is not an off shore fare at T wharf today, but being Saturday, the eight market boats there have more than enough fish to supply all demands. Prices hold about the same as yesterday and there is no snap to the trade.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney has her second trip of the week and has a good catch, 50,000 pounds. The other fares are small, ranging from 4000 to 17,000 pounds.

The receipts this morning in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mattakesett, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Etta B., 1000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Gracie, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. M. Madedeine, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Little Fannie, 2,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 40,000 hake.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 17,000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market, 70c to \$1; pollock, \$1 to \$1.50.

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Fought Ten-Foot Shark.

In a battle with a 10-foot shark out at sea recently, Capt. George Edson of Scituate had a narrow escape from drowning when the huge fish hauled at his nets in a desperate attempt to get away and several times almost capsized the little dory with the plucky fisherman. The fight between man and fish took place over a mile out from the harbor and lasted over an hour.

Capt. Edson went out to get his fishing nets and to see what kind of a cod catch he had made over night. The only thing in the nets was the shark and from the time the captain touched the nets the battle was on.

Sch. Gertrude Weighed Off 106,000 Pounds Cod.

Sch. Gertrude, Capt. James Van-amburg, from an eastern drifting and dory handline salt cod fishing trip, weighed off 106,000 pounds of salt cod, one of the largest fares of the season in this line of fishery. The stock was \$3200.

Herring Landed at Rockport.

Some of the herring torchers went in at Rockport yesterday morning and landed 45 barrels of herring there, probably for the freezer.

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FOUR VESSELS AT THIS PORT.**Death of Arrivals of Past Two Days Broken.**

A little spurt in the way of arrivals today, after the absence of any for two days, hand running, marks the closing of the fish week. One shacker, two eastern drifters and a market fare cod and haddock and beside this there is plenty of herring for bait.

Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Haywood, is in from Quero Bank with a fine fare, 165,000 pounds of fresh cod and 25,000 pounds of salt cod. This is Capt. Haywood's first trip as skipper and he has made a good start.

Sch. Galatea, from eastern drifting, has a good catch, 70,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Oliver F. Kilham, from the same line of fishing, has 50,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, of the market fishing fleet, came in last night, with her second fare thus far this season, hauling for about 50,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The torchers are still getting herring over Ipswich way and this morning they brought over about 125 barrels. The arrivals and receipts this morning were as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Ingomar, South Channel, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Esperanto, Quero Bank, 165,000 lbs. fresh cod, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Galatea, eastern drifting, 70,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, eastern drifting, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Boats and torchers, 85 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Pythian, eastern drifting, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, haddocking.

Sloop Vesta, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Lillian, shacking.

Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.

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Salt small mackerel, \$20 per bbl.

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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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Sch. Grampus Arrives Home.

The fish commission sch. Gramus, which has been on a mackerel research cruise at North Bay, under direction of Capt. Jerry Cook, arrived home during the night. This will probably end the work of the craft in this line for the season.