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However, a fair movement in mackerel and herring still is noted. New Irish fat mackerel (350 to 380 count) are now in the market. This larger size had been scarce, and find a ready sale around \$12. There are reports of light fishing on the Cahiriveen and Cork coasts, but not much doing, owing to unfavorable weather.—New York Fishing Gazette.

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STORM BOTHERS MARKET BOATS

One Fresh Halibut Fare at This Port.

One fresh halibuter is here today to break the monotony of pollock and splitting fares from Boston. The easterly storm will keep some of the market boats in and send others in for harbor. The pollock fleet is not finding fish at all plentiful but the dealers are satisfied that they are getting all they want.

Sch. Cavalier, from Grand Bank, has a small fare of fresh halibut and sch. Susan and Mary has a big load of fresh cod down from Boston to split. The torchers brought over 75 barrels of fresh herring and eight of the pollock fleet from shore and down from Boston have from 8000 to 25,900 pounds each for the splitters. Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes brought down a few hake to split and sch. Hattie F. Knowlton sent her shore fare ashore in dories.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

- Sch. Cavalier, Grand Bank, 16,000 lbs. halibut, 18,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Susan and Mary, via Boston, 115,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. pollock.
- Sch. Jubilee, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
- Sch. Appomattox, shore, 22,000 lbs. pollock.
- Sch. Edward A. Rich, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
- Sch. M. Madeleine, shore.
- Sch. E. C. Hussey, via Boston.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
- Sch. Etta B., shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.
- Boats and torchers, 75 bbls. fresh herring.
- Sch. Priscilla, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Minerva, shore.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.
- Sch. Valentina, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Dixie, shore.
- Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., pollocking.
- Sch. Stranger, shore.
- Sch. Almeida, shore.

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 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; mediums, \$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, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.
 Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 11 cts. for gray.

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TWO NEW VESSELS.

Will Be Built at Essex This Coming Winter.

Tarr & James of Essex have contracts to build two vessels for Provincetown parties, which insure work at this yard all winter. One of the crafts is to be a whaler and the other an up-to-date fishing vessel of good size.

Cape Breton Fishing Season Closed.

The Cape Breton fishery season of 1909 is now said to be closed. While some branches of this industry showed an increase, the general catch will be below the average. There was a big decrease in the catch of lobsters. This was due to the prevalence of drift ice about the coast until late in the month of May, rough weather during the summer months, and an unusual scarcity of lobsters. Besides a small catch of lobsters, those engaged in that fishery lost a good deal of their gear by storms. The price of lobsters, too, was much below that of last year, and the years of 1906 and 1907. On the whole, the present lobster season was the most unprofitable one for fishermen known for many years. There was also a decrease in the catch of salmon, compared with the last three years. Rough weather was accountable for the small catch of these fish. Many of the fishermen lost their nets by storms. There was an increase in the catch of spring mackerel. These fish showed up well and good hauls were made. The price of mackerel ruled high all through the season, so that the pursuit of the fishermen was a temporary success to those engaged in it. The catch of summer and fall mackerel was small.

The catch of codfish was rather below the average, and there was also a slight falling off in the catch of summer herring.

The abundance of dogfish about the coast was the principal cause of the shortage of the catch of these latter fish. There was a good price obtained for all kinds of fish except lobsters.

The Louisburg fishing schooner Speculator on her salt banking trip, secured about 1600 quintals.

Next season, the schooners Minetto and Henry Davis, owned by the Eastern Fishing Co. will be fitted out from Louisburg for banking. The headquarters of the company have been transferred to Louisburg, with William W. Lewis as manager.

Samples Will Be Shipped to Cities.

The fishery cruiser Fiona owned by the Newfoundland government, was at North Sydney, C. E., Saturday afternoon from Bay of Islands. On board the steamer were Hon. Mr. Picatte, Newfoundland minister of marine, and Inspector of Customs Tiely, also of the Newfoundland government. The trip of these officials to North Sydney was in connection with the new fish curing process recently discovered, and which is being tested in Newfoundland at present by the inventor, a Norwegian named Solling. The Fiona brought up quantities arranged in sample forms, which are to be shipped to Canadian and American cities, where thorough tests are to be made.

Japan Favors Steam Trawler.

The steam trawler, which has many severe critics among fishermen because of its waste of marine life, is assigned a useful place by the "Journal of the Fisheries Society of Japan." This periodical says:

"What our Japanese fishery circles need to do now is to turn their attention to opening up new deep-sea fishing grounds, since our inshore shore grounds can witness little further extension, and all further development there must come in the way of improved methods and boats. There are immense spaces still untouched lying between Japan and China, Korea and the Kuantung, and in the Okhotsk and Japan Sea. But these great spaces can be fished only by those with capital enough to build larger boats and use the best modern methods. Here the steam trawler should find its proper sphere."

Landed Fish With Dories.

Some of the captains of the smaller vessels at T wharf yesterday made sure that their vessels would not be detained too long while waiting for a chance to get to the wharf to unload. The men were set to work, and hoisted the smaller catches of fish from the vessels to the dories and brought them to the wharf side, where scales were waiting to weigh them. In this way the captains soon got out their catches, and were able to get out, depending on getting their supply of ice and bait elsewhere. This will give them a chance to make another short trip and be back at T wharf by Wednesday, when fish will probably be scarcer and prices higher than on Monday.

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NINE ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Small Supply of Fish For Thursday Demand.

T wharf has only five fishing arrivals this morning, and after yesterday morning's report only four arrived during the day, and their catches were quickly bought and disposed of. Prices this morning are good and the amount of fish in is far too small for the Thursday demand.

There are none of the off shore fleet in and the largest trip, that of sch. Angie B. Watson, is only 18,000 pounds.

The dealers are looking for quite a number of big off shore crafts to show up by Monday, but they know that the weather has been bad to the eastward and would not be surprised if the fares were not large.

Some of the dealers are looking for a big fleet of shore boats on Saturday, as was the case last week, when so many were in unexpectedly and struck a fine market.

The receipts in detail since yesterday morning are:

Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Angie B. Watson, 9000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.
- Sch. Hope, 4800 haddock 4500 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.
- Sch. Gracie, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Seaconnet, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 8000 pollock.
- Sch. Good Luck, 22,000 pollock.
- Sch. Thalia, 18,000 pollock.
- Sch. N. A. Rowe, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Freedom, 3000 cod.
- Haddock, \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt.; cod, \$3 to \$4.25; hake, 75 cts. to \$2; pollock, 70 cts. to 75 cts.

Notice to Mariners.

On or about Jan. 15, 1910, the upper light shown from the lighthouse on Cranberry Island, Guysboro county, N. S., will be changed from a fixed white light to an occulting whit light

On or about November 15, the light shown from the lighthouse on Channel Head, entrance to Port Basque, south coast of Newfoundland, will be changed from a fixed red light to an occulting white light.

On October 15, the light shown from the lighthouse on Cape St. Mary, west coast of Nova Scotia, was changed from an alternating light (showing alternating flashes of red and white) to a group revolving white light, having no periods of maximum intensity, with an interval of nine seconds between their points of greatest brilliancy, followed by an interval of 27 seconds, during the greater part of which the light will be eclipsed, the apparatus completing a revolution, or phase, in 36 seconds.

On October 1, the light shown from the lighthouse on Green Island, in the approach to Country Harbor, south coast of Nova Scotia, was changed from a fixed white light to a group revolving white light, having two periods of maximum intensity, with an interval of nine seconds between their points of greatest brilliancy, followed by an interval of 27 seconds, during the greater part of which the light will be eclipsed, the apparatus completing a revolution, or phase, in 36 seconds.

Provincetown Highliners Haul Up.

The two highliners of the Provincetown fleet, schs. Mary C. Santos and Matchless, are at T wharf, preparing to go to Provincetown to haul up for the winter months. There has been a friendly rivalry between Capt. Santos and Capt. Gaspa for a number of years for the honor of highliner of the Provincetown fleet. Almost every year Capt. Gaspa has had the largest quantity of fish, while he has struck the market when prices were low, and Capt. Santos has had sch. Mary C. Santos at the wharf when good prices were paid, and has captured the highline for stock, while his rival has had the highline for catch. The two captains are rivals only in business, and when ashore are chums.

Sch. Grampus Will Haul Up.

The fish commission sch. Grampus is now being stripped and will haul up at this port for the winter. The steamer Ocean Gem, which was used two years ago here in the winter cod egg collecting work for the Ten Pound Island hatchery, is here and will engage in the same work this season. She has been much altered and improved. Capt. G. F. O. Hanson of the Grampus will command her.

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TWO VIA BOSTON, ONE POLLOCKER.

Only Arrivals at This Port Except Herring Torchers.

There is very little doing here this morning in the fish receipts line. Two vessels, schs. Teazer and Lizzie M. Stanley came down from Boston yesterday afternoon, the latter with a few fresh fish, and the former a few fresh and salt fish for the splitters. Sch. Grace Darling brought in a small pollock fare, and the torchers brought over 125 barrels of fresh herring.

About all the shore market boats and the vessels of the pollock fleet are in here today for harbor, it blowing very heavy outside, with a bad sea running. The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Grace Darling, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

Boats and torchers, 125 bbls. fresh herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph Russell, pollocking.

Sch. Pauline, Boston.

Sch. Esperanto, haddocking.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges.

Sch. Tattler, Newfoundland, salt herring trip.

Sch. Conqueror, haddocking.

Sch. Rex, haddocking.

Sch. Agnes, deck handling.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Slade Gorton was at Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday as was sch. Veda M. McKown.

Sch. Arkona cleared from Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

On the Railways.

Sch. Corsair is on the Rocky Neck railways.

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Halibut Fare at Portland.

Sch. Margaret of this port, was at Portland yesterday with 9000 pounds of halibut, 15,000 pounds of fresh fish and 25,000 pounds of salt cod. The halibut brought 13 cents for white and 10 cents for gray.

Stocked \$1100 in Four Days.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, stocked \$1100 on her four days haddock trip landed at Boston yesterday.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Several large fares of fresh fish were landed here Tuesday, and the market is now well supplied.

The arrivals were schs. Mary E. Sennett, with 13,000 lbs. fish; Watanga, 14,000; Marion Turner, 31,000; Albert W. Black, 18,000.

Former Yacht Brings Fresh Bait to Boston.

A new vessel came to T wharf yesterday morning, the former yacht Annie M. Hamilton, which was purchased to help the bait fishermen by bringing in their catches. Her first trip was from Plymouth, where some of the big power boats from Boston have been taking herring. Last night the dories took 40 barrels of herring, which were put aboard the Hamilton and sent to Boston. The herring brought \$4 a barrel, giving the fishermen \$160 for their few hours' work. The appearance of the Hamilton will please the fishermen, as they have been short of fresh bait for some time. The traps at Provincetown have caught very little herring or squid this fall, and the fishermen have been put to trouble to find fresh bait.

Had the Gale Heavy.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Patrick Shea, of this port, which arrived at Liverpool, N. S., Tuesday, on her way home from a salt cod trip to the Virgin Rocks, had the gale of a week ago Wednesday, which wrought such havoc along the coast of Newfoundland, very heavy indeed. Capt. Shea reported the gale as one of exceptional severity, losing anchor and part of her string of cable, beside having her jib, jumbo and foresail blown away. This was the same gale in which sch. Arkona, also bound home from the Virgin Rocks was used so hard.

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NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING FLEET

Will Be Probably Larger Than That of Last Year.

Thus far this season 35 vessels have sailed for Newfoundland to engage in the salt and frozen herring fishery. Of these, 32 are from this port and three from Bucksport, Me. Three with cargoes of salt herring are now on the way home, all from Bonne Bay. Last year 44 American vessels engaged in this fishery, and it looks as though this year's fleet would be fully as large if not larger.

Last year the first arrival with salt herring was sch. Veda M. McKown, on November 22, followed the next day by schs. Essex and Fannie A. Smith, all from Bay of Islands, N. F.

The following vessels have sailed, thus far, to engage in the fishery: Schs. Fannie A. Smith, J. J. Flaherty, Lucinda L. Lowell, Alice R. Lawson, Olga, Arethusa, Saladin, Corona, S. P. Willard, Henry M. Stanley, Hazel R. Hines, Oregon, Essex, John R. Bradley, Annie M. Parker, Flirt, Catherine Burke, Arcadia, Meteor, Ralph L. Hall, Judique, Arthur James, Indiana, Claudia, Aloha, Oriole, Avalon, Clontonia, Veda M. McKown, Theodore Roosevelt, George Parker and Senator Gardner of this port and schs. Arthur V. S. Woodruff, Hiram Lowell and William Matheson of Bucksport.

News from the herring centers is coming along slowly and practically nothing has been heard from Bay of Islands for several days.

Reports From the Herring Ports.

The Newfoundland fisheries intelligence says of the herring situation:

Birchy Cove—Herring prospects looking better in North and Middle Arms, 26 vessels here.

Bonne Bay—Herring boats Wednesday averaged six barrels, prospects Thursday morning not so good.

Birchy Cove—Wednesday reported three barrels herring per boat at Wood's Island Monday.

Bonne Bay—Wednesday, herring not quite so plentiful as Monday, but some boats coming in loaded.

La Scie—Herring very scarce, boats with bait getting one or two quintals codfish daily.

King's Point, Southwest Arm—Fishermen doing fairly well with herring, getting two barrels per net daily.

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EXPECTED BY MONDAY.

Sch. Bohemia, bound home from the Virgin Rocks, sailed from Argyle, N. S., for this port Thursday. She, as well as schs. Arkona, Smuggler and Athlete, all from the same fishing ground, are expected here by Monday.

International Fishery Regulations Postponed.

The International regulations governing the fisheries in boundary waters between Canada and the United States as drafted by Professor Prince on behalf of Canada and David D. Jordan, President of Leland Stanford University, on behalf of United States, will not go into effect until sometime next year. The delay is caused by the fact that the United States government has as yet no legislative authority to provide for Federal enforcement of regulations, the control of the fisheries at present resting with the individual states. Canada has already the necessary machinery for the enforcement of the new regulations, but the government at Washington will have to wait until legislation is secured from Congress.

German Deep Sea Fisheries.

The Chamber of Commerce of Geestemunde has published a report, in which it is stated that the value of produce of the German deep sea fisheries last year amounted to 21,805,441 marks of which 15,397,869 marks represented the catch in the North Sea, and 6,407,572 marks the fisheries in the Baltic. The produce of the herring fishing was valued at 6,837,910 marks in addition to the above. The value of the chief fish landed was as follows: Haddock, 5,960,542 marks; cod, 2,655,554 marks; plaice, 1,615,317 marks; lemon soles, 1,007,550 marks. To Geestemunde belonged 71 steam fishing vessels and five sailers; while steamers made 2478 and sailers 254 landings. The proportion of the fish from Iceland was 43.83 per cent. by weight and 32.66 per cent. by value. It is stated that the voyages to the White Sea and to the Atlantic grounds were unprofitable on account of the long distances.

Maine Scallops Bring Good Prices.

Maine scallops are bringing good prices in the Boston market, and the fishermen are sending large quantities of them. The law forbidding soaking scallops in that state, against which the scallop fishermen protested when it was applied at the opening of the season, has proved a benefit to the fishermen, and their large scallops are competing better with the smaller scallops than ever before.

Haddock Strike in at Port Clyde, Me.

News from Port Clyde, Me., states fishermen were taking a good quality that the fall school of haddock had begun to show up there, and the local fishermen were taking a good quantity of fish. This is encouraging news for the Boston dealers, who have hard work now to supply the regular demand for haddock.

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Sch. Mary C. Santos Stocked \$30,000 in Ten Months.

Schs. Mary C. Santos and Matchless sailed from Boston Wednesday night for Provincetown to haul off for the next two months. Capt. Santos had done a remarkably good season's work on sch. Mary C. Santos. In the 10 months of fishing, which closed Tuesday, he stocked \$39,000 in round figures, and each of his men received a share for the work \$904 in cash. This does not represent all the men made, as they are boarded free at the expense of the vessel, and a share of the cost of bait comes from their money. This would easily bring their gross earnings up to about \$1400. In the five years he has had the Santos Capt. Santos has stocked \$195,000 on her.

Sch. Gov. Russell sails for Provincetown today, and will be hauled off, and Capt. Joseph Bragg will leave her and spend much of his spare time at this port, where sch. Rose Dorothea, which he will command next season, will be repainted and fitted out for the spring work.

French Trawlers Had Unsuccessful Season.

The St. John's, N. F., Chronicle says: "The French steam trawl fishery for the past season has not been on the whole successful. The total catch by the trawlers amounted to 90,296 quintals, an average of 3,113 quintals per trawler. A monthly catch per trawler of 2,000 quintals is required to make it a paying venture for this class of vessel."

Portland Fish Notes.

The Wednesday arrivals were sch. Topsail Girl, 6000 pounds fresh fish, sch. Kate L. Palmer, 6000 pounds; Edmund F. Black, 12,000 pounds, Eva and Mildred, 6000 pounds.

Good Haddocking Stock.

Sch. Rex, Capt. John Grady, stocked \$1871 as the result of her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$40 clear.

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SALT TRAWL BANK COD FLEET LANDED NEARLY 6,000,000 LBS.

Sixteen Vessels Comprised Fleet at Different Times.

Conservative Value of Fish Landed Is \$165,000.

The salt trawl bank salt cod fishing fleet has ended its season with the fine total of 5,999,070 pounds of salt cod landed to its credit. The showing is a most creditable and a most satisfactory one, the fleet as a whole having made good financially, beside bringing home a nice goodly quality and quantity of fish for the shippers.

The fleet this season comprised 16 vessels starting out on their first trips all the way from the latter part of February to early in June. Some, after their first trips, shifted over to dory handling, but only the result of their trawl trips is included in this showing, as the other will go to the credit of the dory handline fleet, several of which are yet out, though mostly on the way home.

Seven of these 16 craft made second

trawl trips, while six shifted to dory handling, and one to deck handling. One, which started very late, only made one trip, and another, sch. Orinoco, was lost last August, with 13 of her crew, while on her way to the banks on her second trip.

In all, the salt bank trawl fleet landed 23 fares, which averaged 261,000 pounds to a fare, which is fine work indeed. The conservative value of the 23 trips is about \$165,000, and this is under, rather than overestimated. The average value of each trip figures out in the vicinity of \$7200.

Prices for early trips were \$2.87 1-2 per hundred pounds for large and \$2.62 1-2 for mediums, one fare selling at an eighth less all around, while the mid-season and later trips brought \$3 and \$2.75. For purposes of estimates in the above figures, a basis of \$2.75 per hundred pounds has been used, which is believed to be under rather than over the average mark.