

# MARKET BOATS STILL IN PORT.

## Men Getting Discouraged With Long Blowy Spell.

There were no arrivals at this port during the night, so the only arrival up to early this morning, since the last report, was sch. Senator Saulsbury from an eastern deckhanding trip, with a nice fare of 50,000 pounds of salt cod.

Fresh bait is still a minus quantity, as the torchers are doing nothing. There are no pollock coming to split, as what few crafts are still at it are tending the market, striking good prices and doing well.

The skippers and men of the market boat fleet are about getting discouraged with the weather. If they get one set a week now, they are lucky, and two sets is indeed a great piece of luck. Some of the captains say that Sunday appears to be about the only day when they can get a chance to fish, and that this has been the case for the past three weeks. Once in a while they have got a dip in the middle of the week, but not often.

Several of the herring fleet are on the way home, and some of the halibuters and deck handliners are about due, so off-shore arrivals are expected before the week is out. Many of the crafts will come next week, no doubt, as the skippers and crews will figure on Christmas dinners at home. The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Quero Bank, deck handlining, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.
- Sch. Alice, shore.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston.
- Sch. Manomet, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Actor, pollocking.
- Sch. Emerald, pollocking.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
- Sch. Hope, shore.
- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, eastern deck handlining.
- Sch. Rex, haddocking.

### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.  
 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; 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.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Mildred Robinson and Lillian sailed from Canso, N. S., on Monday.

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### LEAKED ABOUT RUDDER POST.

#### Sch. James A. Garfield Returned for Repairs.

Sch. James A. Garfield, Capt. Joachim Murray, which sailed from here Tuesday on a herring trip, bound for Bay of Islands, N. F., put back yesterday morning leaking about the rudder post and hauled out on the Rocky Neck railways for repairs. The leak showed soon after the craft left here and before the craft had got far on her voyage and the skipper thought it best to return and repair here rather than take the risk of the leak becoming worse and later being obliged to go in for repairs on the Cape Shore.

# FARES AT T WHARF SMALL.

## Boston Fish Supply Not Equal to the Demand.

The fish in the 16 arrivals at T wharf this morning will not even supply the demand, let alone glut the market. The fares run small and prices are well sustained as they have been all the week. There are only two off-shore crafts in the lot and these have small catches, having been up against bad weather to the eastward.

The off-shores were schs. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., and Esperanto; the former with 39,000 pounds and the latter with 23,000 pounds.

Of the shore boats sch. Rose Standish has a corking good trip, 24,000 pounds and will get a way up stock. Sch. Helen B. Thomas has 15,000 pounds and the other boats have from 2000 to 9000 pounds.

Old haddock brought \$2.50 with new off-shores selling for \$3.50, while shores brought \$4.50, and cod, hake and pollock all brought high figures.

### The arrivals in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Edith Silveira, 2500 haddock, 2500 cod.
  - Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.
  - Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 1500 haddock, 1200 cod, 500 pollock.
  - Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 pollock.
  - Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.
  - Sch. Columbia, 2000 cod.
  - Sch. Hobo, 4000 cod.
  - Sch. Actor, 2500 pollock.
  - Sch. Little Fanny, 1500 haddock, 1200 cod, 4000 pollock.
  - Sch. Valentina, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
  - Sch. Rose Standish, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 12,000 pollock.
  - Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 400 hake, 1500 pollock.
  - Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
  - Sch. Leo, 3000 haddock, 400 cod.
  - Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., 18,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.
  - Sch. Esperanto, 13,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 pollock.
- Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$2.50; cusk, \$2.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

Wednesday sch. Angie B. Watson arrived in port with 12,000 pounds of mixed fish and a large amount of brim. Capt. Thomas Skofield was one of the few fishermen to go out after the gale of Tuesday night and his quick return with a big fare was a great surprise at Commercial wharf. Capt. Skofield is recognized as one of the most able in the local fishing fleet as a catcher of brim he has the other skippers tied to the post.

The herring season is about over at this port, most of the craft engaged in the business having hauled up. Sch. M. J. Sewall arrived up from the Kennebec river a few days ago with 550 barrels, which were put into the freezers of the Portland Cold Storage Co.

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### Sch. Hazel R. Hines Will Reload Cargo.

Capt. Lovitt W. Hines returned to Yarmouth, N. S., from Bay of Islands. He states that sch. Hazel R. Hines was floated leaking slightly. The salt and herring on board were discharged in a lighter, the vessel hove down and garboards caulked, and then towed off. She leaks a little, but is able to reload her fish, and when her full complement is obtained will proceed to this port, where permanent repairs will be made. Her shoe and keel are injured. Capt. Hines secured two anchors from one of the wrecked vessels near by.

### Yarmouth, N. S., Fish Notes.

Sch. Kernwood was in Friday with a fare of 15,000 pounds.  
 American schs. Quickstep, Jas. R. Clark and Viola landed their fares on Wednesday, which will be shipped to Boston. The first had 24,000, the Clark had 13,000 and the Viola 6000.  
 The Digby schs. Loran B. Snow and Alcyon took shelter here on Wednesday. The former had 75,000 lbs. and the latter 25,000.

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# ONE COD NETTER CAME YESTERDAY

## No Offshore Fishing Arrivals At This Port.

This is another morning which sees the harbor bare of fishing arrivals. The netting steamer Nomad came in yesterday afternoon with a small catch of cod and pollock, but off-shore trips are still being looked for and no Newfoundlanders showed up.

All the shore boats went out during the night, although the glass still held low, for they figured that some who ventured out yesterday managed to get a dip. This morning, however, it is blowing hard outside and the chances are that most of them will be back before noon.

The torchers are still shy of fresh herring, and in consequence the trade in frozen bait is good.

The receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Steamer Nomad, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Massasoit, via Boston.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.
- Sch. Tecumseh, shore.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
- Sch. Rebecca, shore.
- Sch. Lucania, via Boston.
- Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.
- Sch. Leo, shore.
- Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.
- Sch. Emerald, shore.
- Sch. Pontiac, shore.
- Sch. Georgiana, shore.
- Sch. Valentina, shore.
- Sch. Reliance, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
- Sch. Leo, shore.
- Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, shore.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Buema, shore.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Athena, shore.
- Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.
- Sch. Galatea, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Mettacommet, shore.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.
- Sch. Blanche F. Irving, pollocking.
- Sch. James W. Parker haddocking.
- Sch. James A. Garfield, Newfoundland salt herring trip.
- Br. sch. Ida M. Clark, Lockeport, N. S.

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 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.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Earl V. S. cleared for Lunenburg, N. S., December 6, for Bay of Islands, N. F.

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### Stock and Share of Sch. Mina Swim.

Sch. Mina Swim, Capt. William Goodwin, weighed off 87,000 pounds of salt fish, as the result of her recent Quero Bank deck handline trip, making the fine stock of \$2445.46, the high line of the crew sharing \$84.

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## HAD FIGHT WITH WHALE.

Two Nova Scotia Fishermen Caught One on Trawl Anchor.

James Simms and Robert Hersey, two members of the crew of the Nova Scotia fishing sch. Kernwood had a thrilling experience with a whale while out trawling off Seal Island. They had pulled up about 50 fathoms of the trawl, when they felt a heavy weight on it, and at the same time the dory began to go under. The two men stared at each other for a moment, as neither could imagine what was the matter, but it seemed they had hooked a whale with the anchor and he was making off with them. Hersey tried to let go the gurdy, but was unable to do so, as the whale kept the line taut, so they let the turn slip until they had paid out several fathoms of line, when the whale reached bottom, and they were able to let go in turn. They no sooner had this done than the whale made another dive, and they held on the buoy till they thought he had dragged them far enough, and then let go. The body immediately sank, but came to the surface several yards off, the whale having made off with the anchor and several fathoms of rope. They judged the whale to be of medium size.

## WILL COMMAND NEW CRAFT.

Capt. Frank Watts to Sail in Sch. Gladys and Nellie.

Capt. Frank Watts, who has had sch. Seaconnet for some time, left her yesterday to take charge of the Gladys and Nellie, which was built for him and launched at this port last Monday. The new sch. is a knockabout, built on the same lines as the Pontiac, but somewhat longer. She measures 117 feet over all, 23 feet beam and 11 feet depth of hold, and registers 107 tons gross. Capt. Watts will bring his new vessel to Boston to fit out. The Seaconnet will be in charge of Capt. Fred Quinlan, who has been on several other vessels, and is an experienced fisherman.

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## HERRING LEFT BONNE BAY.

Fleet Have Gone to Bay of Islands to Complete Their Fares.

Dispatches last night state that herring have now entirely left Bonne Bay, N. F., and the whole fleet have gone to Bay of Islands to complete their fares. Schs. J. J. Flaherty and Judique, with salt and sch. Annie M. Parker, with frozen, have sailed for home. There is no change in the good outlook at Bay of Islands.

## Halifax Fish Market.

The Halifax Chronicle thus sizes up the Provincial salt cod situation:

"The market on the whole is very strong with the tendency still upwards. Bank codfish ex-vessel have sold as high as \$4.75. Prices are now reaching a dangerous limit, and most of the exporters are no longer anxious to secure stock still unsold in fishermen's hands.

"The Lenten requirements, especially for distant consuming centres, are now being shipped, and naturally cause a fairly optimistic feeling in the minds of exporters, but as soon as the demand slackens off, holders will feel a little anxious in view of their disastrous experience covering the last two or three years. The statistical position, however, is good and the fact that all other provisions are almost at record prices, should ensure a fairly good consumption of fish at their present high level. The bad weather of late has precluded any possibility of making, before the spring, the late caught fall fish. About 75,000 quintals of this grade are known to be now carried by the fishermen on the coast. 15,000 to 25,000 would cover the entire quantity of this quality not in shipping order in Nova Scotia.

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## Portland Fish Notes.

The recent arrival in this city of a refrigerator car from the Pacific coast laden with salmon and halibut proved such a success that it is understood that a second car will shortly be shipped eastward, also consigned to the Portland Cold Storage Co.

Commander M. C. Fahs, inspector of this the first lighthouse district, has posted notices announcing the sale of the venerable lighthouse tender Geranium. She will be sold by auction to the highest bidder on Wednesday, January 19, at 10 a. m., at the outer end of Custom House wharf.

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## FIFTEEN CRAFT AT T WHARF.

Prices Lower But Still Are Good For Week-end.

Fifteen vessels, two of them off shores, one a South Channel craft and the rest market boats, have arrived at T wharf since last report. As was expected, it being the latter part of the week, prices fell off a bit but can still be classed as good, new haddock bringing from \$3 to \$4, with large cod at \$4.85 to \$5.50. Hake hold at the same old \$2 to \$5 and pollock are solid at \$2.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, came in yesterday afternoon from Western Bank with 48,000 pounds of fresh fish, about all haddock, and is in for another good stock, this being her second trip this month from the eastward in spite of all the bad weather and will give her a stock of about \$3000 since December came in.

This morning sch. Mystery, from Western Bank, has 30,000 pounds, the largest trip in. The shore boat fares are mostly from 2000 to 5000 pounds, only a few going over that figure. The pollockers Appomattox and Pauline, have nice fares. Of the shore boats, sch. Seaconnet leads with 14,000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are:

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Lucania, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Dixie, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Motor, 2500 haddock, 800 cod, 1500 pollock.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 500 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Lillian, 1800 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 pollock.  
Sch. Mary Emerson, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Mystery, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Pauline, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Appomattox, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Seaconnet, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Diana, 1000 haddock, 200 cod, 500 hake.  
Str. Lydia, 1300 haddock, 500 cod, 800 hake.  
Sch. Nettie, 400 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.85 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$2.

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## FISH PRICES WELL MAINTAINED

Considering Next Week Is Holiday Week.

T wharf closes its week today with a dozen fishing arrivals. Three of the off shore fleet are in, one of them, sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas, having the banner fare of the week, 80,000 pounds. Prices are unusually good for the Saturday before the holiday week and the Cynthia is in for a stock up around the \$2000 mark.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton has a paying trip, and sch. Georgianna a small catch. Some of the Plymouth netters have fine trips and two of the pollockers will profit well. Of the market boats, sch. Evelyn M. Thompson is high, with 16,000 pounds.

When the few shore boats in got a chance to set is a mystery as it has blown all the week. They took chances all right.

New off shore haddock brought \$3 and shore haddock \$3.25 to \$3.75. Shore cod were around \$4 and pollock \$1.75 to \$2.05.

For the week ending Thursday night there were 102 arrivals with 1,781,800 pounds of fresh fish at Boston against 105 arrivals with 1,726,200 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts in detail are:

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Cherokee, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Marguerite, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1500 pollock.  
Sch. Minerva, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3500 pollock.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Rebecca, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Cynthia, 50,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Good Luck, 11,000 pollock.  
Sch. Lafayette, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 7000 pollock.  
Sch. Georgianna, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake, 500 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.; shore large cod, \$4 to \$4.25; shore market cod, \$4 to \$4.25; pollock, \$1.75 to \$2.05.

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## SCHOOLING OFF CAPE HATTERAS.

Capt. John F. Vautier Reports Sailing Through Large Rafts of Mackerel.

May Help Solve Question of Their Disappearance.

The report of Capt. John F. Vautier of this port of mackerel schooling freely and in large numbers just to the southward of Cape Hatteras may tend to solve the problem of where the mackerel go after leaving this and the Nova Scotia coast in the fall of the year.

Capt. Vautier, who is one of the leading mackerel skippers of this port, and who engages in the coasting trade in the winter, was here a few days ago. He is first mate in one of the big six-masters, and as the craft came to Boston this week, he took a run down here to see his friends.

In speaking of mackerel he said that on this trip up the coast, and only a few days ago, to the southward of Hatteras, and just before the vessel hauled up for the Diamond Shoals lightship, they sailed all night through schools of mackerel. There were lots of them and in large schools.

There Was No Chance for Being Mistaken

as to what kind of fish they were, for they were mackerel all right. Capt. Winter is sure of it.

Coming so definitely from such a reliable source, the report is worthy the consideration of all, and merits an investigation by some local or government craft.

Winter mackerel fishing south of Cape Hatteras would be a most alluring occupation for vessel owners, skippers and fishermen, and would tend to reduce materially the big winter haddock fleet, and other fleets also, for that matter.

The Halifax Chronicle reports large schools of mackerel still on the Nova Scotia coast, a most unprecedented occurrence. The paper states that on Wednesday several fine schools were sighted right in the Northwest Arm, handy to the city.