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NO ARRIVALS SINCE MONDAY.

Weather Has Bothered the Pollock Fishermen.

There have been no arrivals here with fish fares since Monday night. The weather has knocked the pollock seiners out temporarily, for they all went out Monday night and had to give it up and come to port for harbor yesterday. The most of them will go out again today. On Monday afternoon, sch. Fannie E. Prescott came in here and sold a fine fare of 60,000 pounds of fresh fish.

By doing this Capt. Thomas Downey struck it just right, as he not only saved two days time and will be all ready to sail again today, but he got better prices than the off-shore vessels are getting at T wharf today. Capt. Downey was out only a week and his fish were in fine shape. The Gloucester Fresh Fish Company took the trip at \$3 for haddock and \$5.25 for large cod.

This morning only new off-shore haddock at T wharf are \$3, old bringing \$2.50, while large cod is from \$4 to \$5.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, came in here Monday afternoon with the biggest trip of the season 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, 25,000 pounds of which are codfish. Yesterday Capt. Heckman went to Boston with his big fare and is in for a big trip as prices are good.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Georges, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Slade Gorton, Georges, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish. (Went to Boston.)
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.
Sch. Esther Gray, via Boston.
Sch. Valentianna, via Boston.
Sch. Priscilla, shore.
Sch. Buema, shore.
Sch. Genesta, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Saddle M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Boston.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Tacoma, halibuting.
Sch. Corona, halibuting.
Sch. Atalanta, deck handling.
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, haddocking.
Sch. Arethusa, salt banking.
Sch. Rex, haddocking.
Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.
Sch. Slade Gorton, Boston.
Sch. Athlete, Boston.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, Boston.
Sch. Etta Mildred, deck handling.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, haddocking.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Boston.
Sch. Actor, shore.
Sch. Genesta, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per pound for white and 11 cts. for gray.
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, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
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, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

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Second Salt Banker Sails.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Joseph V. Bonja, sailed this forenoon on a salt trawl bank codfishing trip, being the second of the fleet to get away this season.

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T WHARF HADDOCK STOCKS LARGEST ON RECORD YESTERDAY

Eleven Offshore Vessels Stocked Between \$1500 and \$3000 Each.

Result of Big Fares, High Prices and Enormous Demand.

Yesterday at T wharf, Boston, was the banner day for big stocks in the haddock fishery, in all the history of that fish mart, for never before in one day were there so many big stocks made. The day will go on record as one never equalled in this respect in the haddock fishery and one which will be pointed back to probably for many years to come.

To begin with, the off-shore vessels in all had large and some unusually large fares, and this, combined with the extra fine prices, the latter caused by the great Lenten demand, was responsible for the great financial returns. Most of the off-shore haddock went at \$3 and \$3.15, but few going at \$2.50.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, which came from La Have bank, with a big catch, got the \$3.15 price, her haddock running larger than the Georges haddock which the rest of the off-shore fleet had. On her big fare of nearly 90,000 pounds of fish and 1500 weight of halibut on the side, the vessel made the grand stock of \$2902 net and on this the crew shared \$77 clear to a man. This is the largest stock of the winter in the haddock fishery and one of the best on record in that fishery, and boosts Capt. Stanley's stock for the season thus far to the big total of \$20,300.

Three vessels, sch. Henry M. Stanley, sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, and sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas, are now having the liveliest kind of a contest for the high line berth and only a few hundred dollars on stock separates each from the other.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, stocked about \$2300 on her off-shore trip and last week's trip brought this craft about the same amount, so Capt. Larkin has warmed in \$4600 in two weeks and the crew have profited to the extent of over \$120 per man.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, which was there yesterday with 100,000 pounds, the largest trip of the winter, did not have her fish all out at dark, but her stock will be a big one indeed, between \$2900 and \$3000 probably.

Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, stocked \$2500 on her off-shore trip and sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, Capt. John Atwood, got about the same.

Sch. Terra Nova, Capt. John Hickey, was figured up to get between \$2800 and \$2900 on her quick trip.

The other off-shore vessels in, schs. John J. Fallon, Capt. Michael Brophy; sch. Moanam, Capt. Hugh Quinlan; sch. Vanessa, Capt. Val O'Neil; sch. Josie and Phebe, Capt. Larry Norris; sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, Capt. William H. Goodwin, all had big trips and their stocks will run from \$1500 to \$2000.

When it is considered that in ordinary times, under usual average conditions, a stock of \$1400 or \$1500 on a haddock trip is always considered a good one, it can be readily seen what an extraordinary day yesterday was, both for big fares and unusually big stocks in the winter off-shore haddock fishery.

Beside these off-shore chaps, some of the market boats came in for big stocks also, for sch. Victor and Ethan, Capt. Edward Forbes, was down for over \$1000 and the schs. Sadie M. Nunan and Pontiac for between \$800 and \$900.

The splendid crisp, reasonable weather, together with the Lenten demand has had a great deal to do with keeping up the fine prices of fresh fish and it is also believed that the quite general boycotting of high price meats in many big food centers has also added to the usually big Lenten demand for fish and thus also added materially in keeping prices up. Certain it is that even for the busiest part of Lent the demand for fresh fish is unusually large.

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Portland Fish Notes.

It was much too rough outside the harbor Tuesday for the local fishing fleet. Several vessels started to get out, but owing to the bad weather, they turned around and tied up at their docks until the storm should abate. Two fares were brought in during the morning, however, by the Hockomock and the Robert and Carr. The former had 5000 and the latter 12,000. They had been out during Monday and Sunday and had made their catches then.

A fisherman belonging on the sloop Grace L., lying at Commercial wharf, met with an accident Tuesday noon that would have in most cases been attended with serious results. While climbing down a ladder nailed to the wharf he slipped and fell a distance of fully 15 feet, turning a complete somersault in his descent and landing on a lobster car. Apparently none the worse for his fall the man regained his feet and crawled aboard the sloop.

Fishermen Scarce at Newfoundland.

Great difficulty is now being found by the merchants of Burin, N. F., and other points in securing men to go to the fishery and a large number could secure employment there. Practically all the men of Burin have gone to join schooners from Grand Bank and Fortune. Some of the skippers wired to St. Mary's for men. No men could be secured from the northward, as most of them are waiting for the spring to begin work on the new railroads, and it is thought that many of the skippers will find difficulty in getting enough men to take their schooners to the Labrador next summer. As high as \$170 and \$180 is being offered for the banking voyage of \$16 per thousand fish.

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NEWFOUNDLAND NEWS.

Exports of codfish for the past week amounted to 24,306 quintals. Other exports were 263 tons cod oil, 941 barrels herring, 223 cases lobsters, 19 tierces salmon, 121-2 barrels trout, 181 tons whale oil and 331 seal skins.

Six motor engines of the famous Gideon make, arrived by the Ulunda for T. Cook, who has ordered them for installation in motor fishing boats in Bonavista Bay, Green Bay and St. John's.

Officers of the Prospero report old seals very plentiful north and large numbers were seen in the water all the way south as far as Catalina and Trinity, though practically none have been taken at the southern ports. In White Bay, however, large numbers have been killed and at Leading Ticks, whilst at nearly all ports in Green Bay, the fishermen have killed some. There is absolutely no sign of ice, and it would look as if the sealing fleet will this year have to go very far north in the quest for these seals.

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Returned Home With Coal.

Sch. Oriole, which completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at Philadelphia, arrived here this morning with a cargo of coal for Sylvanus Smith, Jr.

FISH PLENTY OFF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Early Fishermen Report Excellent Prospects.

The owners, skippers and crews of the advance guard of our trawl salt bank codfishing fleet now fitting out at this port, will be greatly interested in the recent codfishing news from the Newfoundland coast. It appears that the entire absence of ice has caused Newfoundland cod fishermen to fit early and they have found fish very plentiful on the southwest coast, around Port au Basques and Rose Blanche.

Of this unusually early big strike, the St. John's, N. F., Chronicle says: "From Capt. Fitzpatrick, of the Portia, the Chronicle learns that codfish is very plentiful on the South West Coast, and on Saturday last at Port-au-Basque all the fishermen averaged from 40 to 15 quintals a haul for schooners carrying from seven to four dories. Fish is plentiful on the grounds and the fishermen are well supplied with bait, both frozen herring from Fortune Bay and salt squid, the latter being found equally as good as the herring. The weather, however, has been very stormy and operations have been considerably hampered on this account, so that until Saturday last but little fish was taken. Five bankers, three owned by Messrs. Bond, Critch and Tibbo, left Belleoram on Tuesday when the Portia came east, bound for the Rose Blanche fishing grounds."

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PERFECT JAM AT T WHARF.

Congestion Caused by Big Fleet Never Before Equalled.

Arrivals at T wharf this morning are not numerous and notwithstanding that the dock has had and handled 2,000,000 pounds in two working days, the dealers are still hungry for fish and the three shore boats in this morning got \$5 right through for their cod and haddock. One boat also got \$5 for her hake, cusk and pollock, the other two getting \$3.35 for these three varieties.

Sch. Georgianna, all iced up, came in after the bell rang, with a fine off-shore fare, 55,000 pounds of haddock and 5000 pounds of cod and had not sold at 8.30 o'clock. She will get a big price, however, as her fish are all new and is down for a fine stock.

T wharf yesterday had one of the busiest days in its whole long fish history. Special police were required to keep teams moving and even at that it was one continuous blockade.

It was hard work for the special officers to keep a passageway on either side of the buildings. In the basins were most of the vessels that came in Sunday and Monday, and had been unable to get their ice and bait on Monday when the congestion at the wharf was nearly equal to that of Wednesday.

The storm Tuesday kept back some of the vessels which would have gone to Gloucester and Provincetown for bait and ice, but did not dare venture out, and the late arrivals Tuesday and during the night had hard work to find a place to moor. Wharfinger Nixon was at his wits' end to find places where vessels with new fish could get near enough to the wharf to unload.

In the stores no one was allowed a moment of rest. Tuesday's business was waiting with Wednesday's as well, and teams crowded the south side of the pier and blocked the wharf. One dealer said that he had teams waiting for 20 minutes within 30 feet of his door without being able to move them. The fish received

Monday, nearly 1,000,000 pounds, was nearly gone before business closed that day, and there were hurry orders waiting to be filled and sent out to meet the trains. It will take all day today to clear things up at the wharf.

The storm Tuesday kept back the steam trawler Spray. Capt. Michael Green started down the harbor, but found the weather conditions so bad that he came back. Several of the fishing schooners coming up the harbor were obliged to cast their anchors cut in the harbor, not daring to run into the docks without the help of a towboat, on account of the storm.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary Edith, 4000 haddock, 700 cod, 500 hake, 200 cusk, 200 pollock.

Sch. Genesta, 6000 haddock, 200 cod, 200 hake, 500 cusk, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 55,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Athlete, frozen herring, via Gloucester.

Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; cod, \$5; hake, \$3.35 to \$5; cusk, \$3.35 to \$5; pollock, \$3.35 to \$5.

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SCH. B. A. SMITH HAS BIG FARE.

Will Make Handsome Stock at Present Prices.

It looks as though the pollock fleet and the shore boats would get a chance to get to work today, as there is every indication of a fish day outside. The pollockers are eager to get at it again and the skippers feel that this crisp northwest air will make the fish school in good shape. Pollock are now being reported on Middle bank and also from Isle of Shoals to Cape Elizabeth.

The only arrival here this morning, and really the first with a fish fare since Monday afternoon, is the big gasoline auxiliary knockabout sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James D. Goodwin, with a big fare, 75,000 pounds of cod and haddock. The fresh fish trade is big at present and in consequence prices are well up, so Capt. Goodwin is in for another big stock.

The arrivals and receipts in details are as follows:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Georges, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dixie, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Buema, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Valentina, shore.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollocking.

Sch. Almeida, pollocking.

Sch. Eglantine, pollocking.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, pollocking.

Sch. Florida, pollocking.

Sch. Reliance, pollocking.

Sch. Mary Emerson, pollocking.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, pollocking.

Sch. Dauntless, pollocking.

Steamer Nomad, pollocking.

Steamer Quoddy, pollocking.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollocking.

Steamer Bryda F., pollocking.

Steamer Quartette, pollocking.

Steamer Mystery, pollocking.

Steamer Mascot, pollocking.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, salt banking.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, haddocking.

Sch. Massachusetts, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per pound for white and 11 cts. for gray.

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, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

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, \$1.25 per cwt.;

salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, West-

ern cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium

do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60;

medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for

large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for

snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90

cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed

70 cts.

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NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY CLAIMS

Prospect That They May Be Speedily Adjusted.

There is a good prospect that the claims of the vessel owners, most of them local, growing out of the Newfoundland fisheries troubles and extending over quite a number of years, may be settled within a few months.

These claims amount to quite a large sum and were made through the United States government some three or four years ago, when the Newfoundland situation was most acute.

Regarding this matter, in the Newfoundland legislature last week Premier Morris in reply to Mr. Kent, of the legislature, formerly a high official in the Bond government, that negotiations were still going on between the colonial government and the United States in connection with certain claims by American citizens arising out of the fishery dispute. Nothing was yet finalized, but there was a possibility of some arrangement before the session ended.

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SOME GOOD STOCKS.

Sch. Slade Gorton's Check Largest Since Exchange Was Established.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked \$2524.66 as the result of her big haddock trip landed at T wharf Wednesday, the crew sharing \$69 clear. This is the largest check passed out by the Fishing Exchange since it was established.

Sch. Georgianna, Capt. Lougee, stocked \$2000 on her quick haddock trip, at T wharf yesterday.

Fish Put Up by Solling Process.

The fresh fish put up by the Solling process and sent to St. John's, N. F., grocers by rail and otherwise, from the west coast of Newfoundland, is meeting with a very ready sale. It is highly approved of by housekeepers and considered just as palatable as that supplied to the table on the day it is caught during the regular fishing season around St. John's. It is retailed at a very reasonable price and affords besides a fair profit to the dealers and good returns to the shippers. A considerable quantity has already gone into consumption in St. John's, and repeat orders are being frequently sent forward for further supplies, whilst the demand will be much greater now that the Lenten season has commenced. There is always a steady market in St. John's for fresh cod fish during a prolonged season of the year when householders are unable to obtain it from the local fishermen, and now that the Solling process has been demonstrated a success, there is an assurance that the outport fishermen who can supply this article will in future have no trouble to find ready buyers for it there.

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Want To Raise Price of Herring.

Several meetings of the fishermen of Bay of Islands, N. F., have taken place with a view to memorialize the government to raise the price of herring sold to American vessels. The Western Star says, "As the United States government shows a disposition to lessen the profits earned by our fishermen, retaliatory measures are in order."