

# FISH SCARCE AT BOSTON.

## Shore Boats Get Fair Prices For Catch.

Boston has not much to say in the fresh fish line this morning, the arrivals being confined to two of the off-shore fleet, two market boats and a half dozen of the little bay netters. The off-shore fellows got \$1.50 for their haddock, but large cod was below Gloucester splitting price.

The shore boats got \$3.25 for their haddock and the netters received \$3.25 right through for their codfish.

Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, has a big fare, about 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock and sch. James W. Parker, Capt. Geo. W. Tufts, also had a good catch, 85,000 pounds. The market boats and netters had from 2000 to 10,000 pounds.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita was at Boston yesterday with her first trip of the year. The schooner is under command of Capt. Alves, as her owner, and regular captain, Joseph Mesquita, remained ashore at home here to watch at the bedside of his wife, who is seriously ill. Capt. Alves had fine success on his trip, and brought in 20,000 pounds of haddock and 60,000 pounds of cod.

On the Yarmouth steamer yesterday were 337 crates and 88 barrels of live lobsters, and two boxes of salmon, a single fish to a box.

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Conqueror, 80,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. James W. Parker, 55,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.  
Sch. Dixie, 3500 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Sarah, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Yankee, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. W. H. Clements, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Cherokee, 4500 cod.  
Sch. Wodan, 2200 cod.  
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 5000 cod.  
Off-shore haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.55 per cwt.; off-shore, large cod, \$1.90; off-shore market cod, \$1.60; shore haddock, \$3.25; shore cod, \$3.25.

### COLD STORAGE PLANT BURNED.

#### Large Quantity of Herring and Squid Bait Destroyed.

The cold storage plant, warehouse and wharf of the Crowell Cold Storage Company at East Dennis, filled with herring and squid bait for the spring fishing, were totally destroyed by fire Saturday night at a loss of \$22,000.

The plant was at an isolated part of the water front, and the blaze, although visible for miles along the coast, threatened no property except the buildings of the storage company. The fire started in the fire room and spread rapidly to the other parts of the plant, burning with an intensity that made the inadequate fire department useless. It burned itself out in about two hours, eating to the very water's edge.

A large quantity of squid, used for bait, and the principal store for the care of fishermen, was destroyed. The loss of this bait is expected to handicap the fishermen seriously.

### ENLARGED THEIR QUARTERS.

#### New England Fish Exchange Grown During the Year.

The New England Fish Exchange now occupies the entire floor above stores 27 and 28 at T wharf, Boston. The business of the exchange has grown faster than was anticipated, and it became necessary to get more room, so the Ross towboat office was moved upstairs and the two rooms formerly occupied by them were taken for the work of the exchange. A large room for the directors was made, and opening from this a private room for the president. Both rooms are handsomely furnished, and in the directors' room hangs a large portrait of John R. Neal, the present and first president of the exchange.

### SELLING THE HERRING PACK.

#### Eastern Sardine Men Now Shipping Their Goods to the West.

Quantities of last year's pack of sardines that have been stored in many of the cellars about Eastport for several months past are now being shipped West, where they are in demand. The supply of herring was unusually small last year and as a result the season's pack was considerably lighter than usual in that section. It seems probable that most of the pack here will be sold before the opening of the canning season in April.

### Boneless Fish Trade at St. John's N. F.

John Clouston, according to the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review, having experimented with the boneless and shredded codfish business, is now in a position to say, first, that there is a fair and ever increasing market for the goods in St. John's; and, second, that there is practically an unlimited market for them in the Prairie Provinces of Canada.

As situated at present, Mr. Clouston has been keeping the local market going to date, but the Canadian trade is beyond his power to handle without larger facilities and equipment, and more capital than he has at present. Thus far he has managed to finance the business, and find out where the goods are wanted, but the possibilities of the trade are greater than was anticipated, and will have to be handled by a company with more capital than Mr. Clouston has at his command.

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### Portland Fish News.

The following crafts were in Monday:

Schs. Eva and Mildred, with 17,000 lbs. fish; Albert W. Black, 8000; Katie L. Palmer, 5000; Mary E. Sennett, 5000; Angie B. Watson, 10,000; Fanny Hayden, 3000; A. P. Parkhurst, 2000; sloop Isabel Parsons, 7000; Thomas J. Carroll, steamer Water Witch.

The United States fish commission steamer Gannet was in port Sunday searching for cod eggs, but succeeded in getting very few. On her trip here last week she secured over 13,000,000 eggs for the hatchery, the largest quantity she ever procured on one trip. From this time on the Gannet will very likely make a daily round trip up and back from Portland.

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# CODFISH FOR THE SPLITTERS.

## Two Fares Brought Here From Boston Yesterday.

The splitters have some codfish to work on today, as two of the off-shore fleet at T wharf yesterday came to this port during the afternoon with quite a lot of these fish, for which there was no sale there unless the skippers wanted to let them go at less than the splitting prices here. At Boston they are offering \$1.75 for large and \$1.40 for market cod to split, whereas at this port the splitting figures are \$2 and \$1.60.

Sch. Rex brought down 50,000 pounds and sch. Frances P. Mesquita came with 65,000 pounds. Sch. Teazer, which landed her halibut at T wharf, also brought down a small lot of salt fish, and sch. Kineo, which landed her halibut at Portland, came up from there with 1000 pounds of salt fish.

Yesterday afternoon the steamer Nomad had 6500 pounds of fresh fish, sch. Priscilla landed 3000 pounds of fresh, and sch. Walter P. Goulart 7000 pounds of fresh fish.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Rex, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Nomad, shore 6500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Kineo, via Portland, 1000 lbs. salt fish.  
Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 7000 lbs. salt fish.  
Sch. Priscilla, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.  
Sch. Mary E. Harty, pollock seining.

Sch. Dauntless, pollock seining.  
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddocking.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. George H. Lubee, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.

Sch. Nokomis, shore.

Sch. Mabel S. Bryson, shore.

Sch. Topsail Girl, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, shore.

Sch. Valentinna, shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Steamer Nomad, shore.

Steamer Philomena, Boston.

Sch. Cynthia, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

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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.

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### Pacific Coast Fisheries Notes.

The Union Fish Company, Portland, Ore., has secured possession of 21 boxes of codfish recently seized by the United States authorities because the boxes were falsely labelled "Norway Cod." The owners were allowed to furnish a bond requiring that the labels be removed and the fish placed on the market as west coast product. The complaint was filed under the pure food laws.

Governor Clark of Alaska makes a special appeal to the department of Commerce and Labor to enlist the Bureau of Fisheries in the work of examining into the fisheries of Alaska, with a view to taking steps to conserve the supply.

G. F. Dinsmore, representing the United States fisheries, and John A. Riseling, Washington state fish commissioner, are seeking a suitable location at Port Townsend for a station where sockeye salmon may be stripped of spawn.

The Alaska Packers' Association has a large sized navy ready at San Francisco for the invasion of Alaska. This concern will send north seven steamers and 23 sailing vessels. Twenty-one of the 23 are big square riggers, and they are all in first class condition.

The North Alaska Salmon Co. will dispatch five sailing vessels, one steamer and a power schooner. The Naknek Packing Co., the Red Salmon Co. and the Bristol Bay Packing Co. will each send two big sailing vessels.

### More Fresh Herring at Boston.

Another lot of small fresh herring came to Boston yesterday; the second lot and the first big one received this season. There were only 11 barrels in the first lot, which arrived here last week, but yesterday there were 150 barrels received. The fish that came yesterday were too small for bait, but were sold at a good price for food fish. The herring came from Maine by way of the Portland steamer. No herring have been taken on the south side of the bay yet.

### Closed Season on Smelts.

The closed season on smelts began yesterday. The law applies only to smelts caught in the waters of this state, however, and will not interfere with the sale of the smelts that have come from the maritime provinces, of which there are still a large quantity on hand. It will not interfere either with the green smelts that come by steamer from the provinces each week.

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# FIRST MACKEREL AT NEW YORK.

## Taken in Trap With Shad at North Carolina.

The first mackerel of the season has been caught. There was only one of him, but let us hope that he is only the advance courier of millions more to come along and be caught this coming season. His mackerelship reached New York this morning in state and now they are saying, "Well, guess there was something in that steamer report after all."

The mackerel came to Wilson & Barry, of Fulton Market, New York, this morning, in a box of fresh shad shipped to the firm from North Carolina. It was a medium, weighing just one pound. Richard Wilson, buyer for Blackford's big market, was the purchaser and went off with his prize as proud as a pouter pigeon.

The mackerel pioneer this year is but two days ahead of the first one of last season, which reported at Fulton Market March 18, being shipped to Wilson & Barry from New Point, Virginia. It was a large medium fish.

# DUTY ON FROZEN HERRING REVISED

## Will Remain at Former Rate For Thirty Days.

Following a protest by Representative Roberts to the treasury department yesterday, Assistant Secretary Curtis announced that his recent ruling imposing a duty of three-quarters of a cent a pound on frozen herring would be suspended for 30 days so as to permit Massachusetts fishermen to bring in cargoes of fish at the rate of one-quarter of a cent a pound as they have made contracts based on the assumption that the duty would not be higher than one-quarter of a cent.

Secretary Curtis said that there had been a misunderstanding of the reasons for his recent ruling applying the higher rate of duty. He told Mr. Roberts that it had been discovered by the customs authorities that some fishermen were in the habit of taking their catch of herring or other fish ashore at Newfoundland and spreading the fish on scaffolds to freeze. This practice is regarded by the treasury department as in the nature of a manufacturing process, which subjects the fish so handled to a duty of three-quarters of a cent a pound as "fish, frozen," under the Aldrich-Payne law.

### BIG FISH TRIP AT HALIFAX.

Lunenburg Sch. Clintonia Lands 100,000 Pounds of Fresh Fish.

Laden to the water-line, with nearly 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, the crack Lunenburg, N. S., schooner Clintonia arrived at Halifax Saturday afternoon from the Western Bank after a record fishing trip and docked at Boutiller's wharf. The Clintonia is the first arrival of the spring haddock fleet and her commander, Capt. L. C. Mack, has the distinction of bringing one of the largest cargoes of fresh fish ever landed at Halifax.

The Clintonia sailed from Lunenburg on March 3 and called at Halifax for bait and supplies, sailing on Saturday, March 6, for the fishing grounds. She arrived off the Western Bank on Sunday, and seven sets were made, resulting in the capture of 70,000 pounds of haddock, 1000 pounds of halibut and 50 quintals of salt codfish. For several days the weather was so rough that fishing was impossible. The schooner had no sooner docked than the entire cargo was disposed of to the Halifax Cold Storage Company.

Capt. Mack reports haddock very plentiful off the Western Bank and the fish to be of excellent quality. The Clintonia sailed again Monday. She carries a crew of 19 men, and has eight dories. The schooner stocked \$1200 on the trip.

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# SOUTHERN MACKEREL FLEET WILL BE SMALLER THIS YEAR.

## Forty Vessels Now Certain of Fitting Against Fifty-Nine Last Year.

### If Fish Are Found Plentiful, Other Craft Will Join Fleet.

From present appearances the southern mackerel seining fleet this season will number considerably less than that of last spring. At the present writing but 40 vessels can be counted on to engage in this fishery and some of these will not go until quite late, or "Newport" time. Last season the southern mackerel seining fleet numbered 59 or 60 sail and almost half of them had sailed for the southern waters before April 1. This year but very few crafts will sail before that date.

March 11 was the date of the first sailing last season and this spring March 25 or later will be the early getting away date.

While the fleet as at present decided upon consists of but 40 sail, yet under certain conditions this number might be greatly increased, especially so, should the fleet meet with much success at the start. Should this come to pass, it would mean that other crafts than at present intended for that fishery would be quickly fitted out and in a very short time the fleet would number up to last years' figures. Should, however, the season start in in an ordinary or average manner it looks as though 40 sail or so would be about the limit to be counted on.

#### Schooners Which Will Fit For Southern Fishery.

The following is the list of crafts, as far as now known, which, under ordinary conditions, will engage in the fishery. A few others may go on the last end, but not many.

- Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum.
- Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron.
- Sch. Oriole, Capt. Charles Maguire.
- Sch. Constellation.

- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benjamin McGray.
- Sch. Clintonia Capt. Ralph Webster.
- Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch.
- Sch. Arabia, Capt. Wallace Bruce.
- Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Lemuel Firth.
- Sch. Judique, Capt. Gourley Anderson.
- Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglas McLean.
- Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Matheson.
- Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior.
- Sch. Bessie M. Devine, Capt. Archibald Devine.
- Sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.
- Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean.
- Sch. Speculator.
- Sch. George Parker.
- Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland.
- Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross.
- Sch. Lena and Maud Capt. Gilman G. Hamor.
- Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Solomon Jacobs.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Thomas Downey.
- Sch. Rhodora, Capt. John A. McKinnon.
- Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons.
- Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis.
- Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert.
- Sch. Dauntless, Capt. Ambrose Fleet.
- Sch. Alert, Capt. Almon D. Malloch.
- Sch. Indiana.
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall.
- Sch. Shenandoah, Capt. James C. Gannon.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman.
- Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis.
- Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson.
- Sch. Squanto.
- Sch. Georgia, Capt. Alonzo F. Cahoon.
- Sch. Mary T. Fallon.
- Steamer Bessie M. Dugan.

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# FISH RECEIPTS CONTINUE LIGHT.

## Two Fares From Boston and One From Portland.

Receipts continue light at this port. Few vessels in commission are in port, the market boats being all out and only a few off-shores in port to go. Two vessels are down from Boston with fresh fish and one is here from Portland with salt cod.

Sch. James W. Parker from Boston has 30,000 pounds of fresh cod and sch. Esperanto, from the same port, has 40,000 pounds. Sch. Juno is here from Portland with 4000 pounds of salt cod. Steamer Nomad had 2000 pounds of fresh fish yesterday afternoon.

The shore fleet will have a fine fish day today and this morning there is not a vessel of the market fleet remaining in port here a very unusual occurrence.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.  
Sch. Juno, via Portland, 4000 lbs. salt fish.

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- Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Esperanto, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Richard, via Boston.
- Steamer Nomad, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. A. C. Newhall, Boston.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
- Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
- Sch. Eugenia, haddocking.
- Steamer Nomad, shore.
- Steamer Quoddy, shore.
- Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary E. Harty, pollock seining.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9 1-2 cents per lb. for white and 7 3-4 cents per lb. for gray. Georges halibut, 10c per lb. for white and 8c 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.  
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Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.  
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**Shad and Bluefish Coming.**

Shad and bluefish are coming from New York, but the supply of shad is small in the New York market and Boston is getting only a few. The bluefish are small in size and the supply of them is also limited.

**Flag at Half Mast.**

Sch. Juno which arrived here this morning from Portland, where she landed her halibut fare, has her flag at half-mast for the loss of Charles Sutherland, one of her crew, the details of which have been published in the Times.

**Fitted for Pollock Seining.**

Capt. Reuben Cameron has fitted sch. Mary E. Harty for pollock seining and sailed to the eastward this morning.

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**A FREAK CLAM.**

John H. Brocklebank of Newburyport in shocking his clams a day or two ago found a "freak," a two headed clam. The "oldest inhabitant" remembers no such freak before.

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## GOOD PRICES FOR SHORE FISH

### Only a Dozen Arrivals at Boston Today.

The arrivals at T wharf, with fish, since last report, number a dozen sail, but the total of receipts is light as there is but one off-shore trip in the lot. Off-shore fish are low, but the dealers want shore stock and are paying good prices for it, shore haddock bringing \$3.75 to \$4 and shore cod \$3.80 to \$4.

Sch. Pontiac from off-shore has 53,000 pounds of cod and haddock, the latter selling for \$1.75 and large cod \$2, with market cod at \$1.75.

Of the boats sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan has the largest fare, 18,000 pounds, with sch. Sadie M. Nunan but 1000 pounds behind this figure. Sch. Stranger was 16,000 pounds. The other fares are 10,000 pounds and under.

The receipts in detail are:

**Boston Arrivals.**

Sch. Aspinet.  
Sch. Valentinna, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 4500 cusk, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Laura Enos, 600 cod.  
Sch. Little Fanny, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1500 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, 8000 haddock, 2500 cod, 500 pollock.  
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 14,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 14,000 haddock, 400 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Pontiac, 35,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake.  
Sloop On Time, 2000 cod.  
Off shore haddock, \$1.75 per cwt.; off shore large cod, \$2; off shore market cod, \$1.75; shore haddock, \$3.75 to \$4; shore cod, \$3.80 to \$4; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.

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**Caught A 90-Foot Whale.**

After five hours and a half of hauling and tugging, the pilot boat Florida towed into Sabine, Tex., the other day a 90-foot whale, very much alive and protesting vigorously. The monster stranded in about two fathoms of water, three miles off Sabine bar, and when sighted by a dredge was mistaken for a wrecked barge. The pilot boat was dispatched to the aid of the supposed disabled craft.

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**Alewives Schooling at Cape Cod.**

Alewives are schooling off Cape Cod, and last week 1500 of them were taken in the vicinity of Falmouth, but none of them were sent to the market, as the fishermen got a ready sale for them at home at five cents apiece.

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**BIG SCHOONER CAUGHT CARGO.**

Sch. Joseph Russ Holds Record in Pacific Coast Fisheries.

The codfish sch. Joseph Russ, belonging to the Robinson Fisheries company of Anacortes, Washington, holds a record for the largest schooner-caught cargo on the Pacific coast last year. When her catch, amounting to 204,105 fish, was weighed up it was found to total 410 tons, which was the largest weight of codfish ever brought into any port in the world. The Joseph Russ made all the more remarkable performance in that she left unusually late and returned unusually early. She was the last of the Anacortes fleet in port and was one of the first to arrive. The entire cargo of fish was caught in 58 days. The high liner aboard the boat was Swan Ostman, 14,328 fish, some of the balance running as follows: Emil Isakson 12,432, Adolph Sodarberg, 12,117; Oscar Olson, 10,950; Otto Johnson, 10,798; H. Kumlin, 10,769. There were twenty-five fishermen with twenty dories, and they averaged over 9,000 fish each.—Pacific Fisherman.

**Portland Fish Notes.**

But one trip of fish was reported here Tuesday, that of sch. Albert D. Willard, which had 8000 pounds.

After loading her decks with many boxes of "gurry," the sloop Heien Lane, Capt. Coffin, sailed from here yesterday for the glue factory at Vinalhaven.

Lord Brothers evidently do not intend to run short of salt during the coming summer. In addition to the two vessels now under charter and supposed to be on the way from Mediterranean ports with cargoes amounting to over 3000 tons they have just chartered the sch. Lillian Blauvelt to bring a cargo of about 10,000 bushels from Turks Island. The schooner has quite a reputation for fast sailing, and has made one trip here previously with a similar cargo.

The fishing sch. Olive F. Hutchins, which arrived here on Monday with a trip of 40,000 pounds of pollock, shipped the whole fare to Boston, where there is a better market than rules here just at the present time.

**Some Facts About Trawl Fishing.**

The fear is often expressed that deep-sea fish are becoming depleted because of the increase of steam trawlers operating inshore and off-shore. This is, however, contradicted by statistics concerning the fishing industry of the North Sea for the past decade and where many steam trawlers operate. The catch instead of decreasing has constantly increased, keeping pace with the larger fleet of trawlers in commission. However, a little wise legislation on this subject, as suggested by Vice-Consul General R. J. Hazeltine, would not be amiss. Trawlers should be compelled to confine their operations for instance to within the three-mile limit along the coast and outside of the ten-mile limit in bays, and there should be certain rules governing their fishing in the vicinity of other vessels engaged in line fishing. The first regulation would protect the fish beds and the second the line fishermen. Such legislation would necessarily be international in character.—New York Marine Journal.

**Digby, N. S., Fish Merger Assured.**

It is reported that the option held by the recently formed Maritime Fish Corporation of Montreal on the properties of Howard Anderson, David Sproule and Short & Ellis has been accepted by the National Securities limited, the financial backers of the new fish merger.

The option expired Tuesday, but word from Montreal Monday brought the news and the merger is now a certainty. The properties of the three local fish dealers under option represents half a dozen wharves and a dozen buildings, besides other valuable property for prosecuting the fresh and smoked fish industry on a larger scale. The work of complete reorganization is now only a matter of a few days. Two independent fish firms remain, however, that of Joseph E. Snow and Syda & Cousins, and they are rated as no small factors as buyers and shippers, being identified with Digby's chief industry for years.

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## ARRIVALS HERE CONTINUE LIGHT.

### Sch. Niagara Brought in Halibut Trip This Forenoon.

There's nothing at this port this morning in the way of fish fares to get excited over. Nothing has showed up from off shore and two little steamers with some shore stock have all the fish there is in.

Steamer Bryda F. has 5000 pounds of pollock and steamer Nomad yesterday afternoon had 6000 pounds of fresh fish.

The railways are being kept busy hauling vessels billed for dory hand-lining and seining.

Just before noon sch. Niagara came in from a fresh halibut trip, with a nice fare, Capt. Kilpatrick hauling for 30,000 pounds of these fish.

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**BORIC ACID SUCCESSFUL.**

### Fish Commission Representatives Get Good Results.

The satisfactory keeping of fresh fish has long been quite a problem with fish dealers and grocers who sell fish, ice, while it serves the purpose of preservation, has never been entirely satisfactory, as it has a tendency to deprive the fish of its flavor and firmness. Representatives of the United States fish commission claim to have lately succeeded in finding an excellent way of keeping the fish fresh.

In the experiment, bluefish, weakfish and bonito, a very large fish, were used. Many of the first tests failed, one being a solution of salicylic acid and sea water. Formaldehyde and other well known preservatives were used, the successful results being at last obtained by the use of boric acid.

A number of freshly killed and dressed weakfish, washed with a three per cent. solution of boric acid in sea water, looked over twenty-four hours later as though they had just been caught. No ice was used. The fish were cooked and eaten and found to be excellent. In the process, the fish are not embalmed, but after the removal of the viscera, the inside is simply washed, with a sponge dipped in the solution, and this, it is said, must be done soon after the fish are caught.