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Digby, N. S., Fishing Notes.

Capt. Joseph E. Snow has purchased from Capt. John W. Snow, his shares in sch. W. Parnell O'Harra. Capt. Joseph Snow is now the sole owner of this vessel. The Parnell was built in Essex in 1886, is 80 feet long, 23 beam, 8 deep and registers 79 tons. Sch. Lorán B. Snow, Capt. William Snow, sailed Thursday for the fishing grounds, after landing three of the biggest fares ever brought to this port consecutively by one vessel. Sch. Quickstep, Capt. Longmire, cleared for fishing Wednesday with 22 men. She took on board her ice at the government pier and sailed Thursday.

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MANY ARRIVALS BUT FEW FISH.

Sch. James W. Parker Has 100,000 Pound Fare.

There have been quite a few arrivals here since last report but the aggregate of fish is not large. Sch. James W. Parker, Capt. George Tufts, has a fine trip from the eastward, 100,000 pounds of haddock, cod and cusk. There were quite a number of small pollock fares, one Georges handline trip and a few fresh fish from Boston for the splitters.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, from Georges handling, has 28,000 pounds of salt cod and 3000 pounds of halibut.

Down from Boston are schs. Mary Edith with 15,000 pounds and sch. Catherine D. Enos with 25,000 pounds. Str. Quoddy had her usual shore catch.

The pollock fares, six in number, taken off here, ranged from 4000 to 22,000 pounds.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. James W. Parker, LaHave Banks, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges, 28,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mystery, pollock seining, 22,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Dauntless, pollock seining.

Sch. Mineola, pollock seining, 7000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Little Fanny, pollock seining, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore, 11,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, pollock seining.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.

Sch. Dauntless, pollock seining, 18,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, shore.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, pollock seining, 18,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Selma, via Portland.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Muriel, haddocking.

Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollocking seining.

Steamer Bryda F., pollock seining.

Steamer Nomad, pollock seining.

Steamer Quoddy, pollock seining.

Sch. Elector, handlining.

Sch. Harvard, Georges handling.

Sch. Marsala, Georges, handling.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9 cents per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 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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T WHARF AGAIN FISH GLUTTED.

Many Fares Reported Unsold with Little Demand.

T wharf has 30 arrivals this morning with more fish than the dealers have any earthly use for, as far as shipping is concerned. Orders are scarce, and what few fish are being bought are bringing very low figures. "Lots of shores and off-shores yet unsold" was the word at 9 o'clock, which means that a big bunch of fish will go to the splitters.

Six of the big off-shore vessels are in with from 40,000 to 95,000 pounds each. Sch. Catherine and Ellen has the banner fare and her fish are about all hake and cusk. Sch. Clara G. Silva, a market boat, but now double dory fishing on Georges, has 73,000 pounds.

The Provincetown vessels fishing in South Channel and off Chatham have been doing extra well. Today sch. Rose Dorothea has 90,000 pounds and sch. Mary E. Silveira 70,000 pounds. The market boats are still lacing the haddock, the recent catch of these fish on the shore being almost unprecedented. This morning many of the boats have good fares.

Some off-shore haddock sold for 75 cents. Cod brought splitting prices, hake went from \$1 to \$2, cusk \$1.25 and pollock \$1. Some shore haddock sold for \$1.30 to \$1.75. Small lots of halibut sold at 10 cents for white and 6 cents for gray.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Josie and Phèbe, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 60,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 40,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod, 30,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 500 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 1000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 37,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 2200 haddock.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 50,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 18,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. George H. Lube, 15,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 15,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

Sch. Motor, 18,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Alice, 9000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 hake, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Quonnapowatt, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 15,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 17,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Richard, 70,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 9000 hake, 4000 cusk, 500 halibut.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 5000 cod, 70,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Gertrude, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 40,000 pollock.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 37,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 2000 pollock 1800 halibut.

Sch. Seaconnet, 23,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. F. D. Brown, 2500 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, 200 haddock, 12,000 cod, 16,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon.

Off-shore haddock, 75c per cwt.; off-shore large cod, \$2; off-shore market cod, \$1.50; shore haddock, \$1.30 to \$1.75; shore large cod, \$2; shore market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1; cusk, \$1.25; halibut, 10c per lb. for white and 6c per lb. for gray; lot of fish unsold, both shore and off-shore stock.

More Nova Scotia Fishing Vessels.

The big Canadian fish combine has placed an order for two 90-ton modern fishing vessels to be delivered in Digby within the next few months. They will probably be built by McGill, at Shelburne.

A big outfitting store will be opened at Digby, N. S., and everything indicates busy times for Digby. Skippers and crews will be in demand and also more men will be employed on the wharves and in the smoke houses.

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Whales Off Cape Elizabeth.

People who were out at the end of Cape Elizabeth Sunday afternoon, witnessed the novel sight of a school of whales playing about. They were first seen between Witch rock buoy and Trundy's reef and disported themselves about for some time. At one time four of the monsters were in sight and there may have been more in the school.

Has Had Good Success.

Since he took the new sch. Gladys and Nellie last January, Capt. Frank Watts has had remarkable success. He has been making two or three trips a week, and up to date his men have had as their share of the receipts nearly \$400 each, with the receipts of yesterday's large fare yet to add to it.

Shad Plentiful and Low.

New York found its market again overcrowded with shad yesterday, and sent a lot to Boston at a venture, and wired prices yesterday that made the fish sell fast. Never before at this season can any of the dealers recall having shad to sell at such low prices as they offered them yesterday.

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Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing steamer Carrie and Mildred is doing a rattling business with her patent seines just now, coming in daily with fares of from 6000 to 7000 pounds, her total catch for the past week being about 35,000 pounds.

Articles were opened at the office of the United States shipping commissioner Monday for sch. O. D. Witherell, Wiscasset to Rockport, Mass., and New York, thence to western coal port and back east. A crew was sent down to her by rail from here Monday.

First Fresh Herring at Prince Edward Island.

The first fresh herring of the season down that way were caught at Georgetown, P. E. I., last week by Henry Gotell, who has had the distinction for the past 17 years of always making the first haul. They are getting them plenty at Georgetown now but so far but half a dozen have been caught off Pictou.

Fish Receipts at Halifax, N. S.

Sch. Ambition, Capt. G. A. Himmelman, arrived at Halifax, Monday, from the banks with 360 quintals of salt fish, 30,000 pounds of fresh haddock, and 2000 pounds of halibut. The cargo was purchased by the Halifax Cold Storage Co. The sch. Matapedia is in with 30,000 pounds of haddock and 1000 pounds of halibut.

Herring at Provincetown.

There is plenty of fresh herring in the weirs at Provincetown.

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No Danger from Menhaden Fishery.

The bluefish lives largely upon menhaden and fears have been expressed that the supply of the former might be diminished by the wholesale capture of the latter for industrial purposes. In a recent bulletin of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, Walter E. Hathaway affirms that such misgivings are unwarranted. It appears also, according to G. Brown Goode, a naturalist of high standing, who has compared the destruction of menhaden by conversion into oil and fertilizers with that effected by sharks, bonitoes and bluefish, that only about one menhaden meets the former fate to several thousand that meet the latter. Mr. Hathaway adds, as a result of his own observation, that the number of food fishes taken in menhaden nets is exceedingly small, about one hundred thousand, and that it is unnecessary, therefore, to restrict the menhaden fishery in order to protect any of the food fishes.

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First Alewives at Essex.

The first catch of alewives of the season at Essex was made yesterday and were sent here this morning. There were 25 barrels in the lot.

Will Fit for Shore Fishing.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, Capt. Merton P. Hutchins, will now give up pollock seining and fit for shore fishing.

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# GLOUCESTER AS A FISHING PORT

Subject of Article in New England Magazine For April.

Writer Believes in Future Growth of the Business.

Gloucester is the subject of a sketch in the April number of the New England Magazine from the pen of James R. Coffin, with illustrations from photographs of Herman W. Spooner.

A second instalment on the same subject will appear in the May number.

Under the title, "Le Beau Port," the Sea-Browned Fishing Town of Gloucester," the writer starts out reference to the visit of Champlain in 1606, and follows along in limited detail the various incidents for which the place has been noted since its discovery and settlement. Naturally the fishing industry comes in for the major share of attention, but the other industries are also given a place which they deserve.

With reference to the fisheries, the writer says:

"But what of the fisheries? Have they prospered? Are they followed today with the old-time vigor and enterprise?"

"I think that the contrary has been generally reported and believed. As a matter of fact, Gloucester cured fish is a very much finer product today than it ever was, and the market is a growing one. The business is carried on by a number of very strong firms, and their trade is national in its scope. The method of conducting the business has unquestionably changed, and, as is always the case, the period of transition and adaption to new conditions has been one of depression. But the past year has been one of the best that the Gloucester fisheries ever knew, and there is every reason to believe that this is but the beginning of a new era of prosperity.

"There are three principal reasons for the renewed prosperity of this ancient trade. The first has already been referred to. It is the improvement of the product. The packers no

longer accept fish from the vessels unless they are in prime condition. Formerly fish were graded and cargoes that were in a very bad condition could still find a sale at some price. The adoption of stricter regulations has resulted in no hardship or loss to the fishermen, for they are simply compelled to take greater pains to properly salt and pack their catch on board and receive a higher price for the product than they would if a portion of it had to be sold at a reduced price. In the packing of the fish, also, the scientific spirit of the age has introduced many improvements. Formerly it was not practicable to attempt to sell packed fish in the summer months. Today Gloucester packed fish products keep in perfect condition throughout the summer months. And this lengthening of the season is the second element that enters into the growing prosperity of the Gloucester fisheries.

"The third important factor in this growth is that the great packers have entered upon a campaign of advertising that introduces their product into thousands of homes where it was formerly unknown as an article of diet, and this extension of the market seems to possess almost limitless possibilities.

"But will the fisheries be able to supply this demand? Unquestionably yes. It is an interesting fact that today practically the entire Gloucester catch is sold to the home market.

"It has been quite widely believed by those who are only cursorily informed that the Gloucester fish business has been and is being steadily transferred to Boston. This idea is founded upon misinformation. Boston today, and not Gloucester, is the centre of the fresh fish trade. Gloucester still is, as it always has been, the center of the fish-packing business."

The illustrations are of the finest type, and true to conditions existing here. The wharf scenes and vessels are very fine, the localities of interest, the public buildings being presented to the best possible advantage.

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# BOSTON GLUT SENDS FISH HERE

Larger Receipts Than for Several Weeks.

With nearly half a million pounds of fresh fish down from Boston for the splitters here since last report, also a few nice shore boat fares and one big Georges halibuting trip, the harbor front is a pretty busy place this morning, and there is hardly a wharf where fish are generally taken out but has its gang of men at work taking out one or more fares. The receipts by way of Boston are the largest of the season, and if the present good weather and good fishing holds is but the forerunner of many more such to come.

The vessels from Boston began to pile in yesterday afternoon. They have mostly haddock, hake, cod and cusk. Sch. Emily Sears, with 22,000 pounds and sch. Actor with 15,000 pounds went to F. F. Smith & Co., while sch. Robert and Carr with 40,000 pounds of hake and cusk is at the Gloucester Salt Fish Company. Schs. Richard J. Nunan with 45,000 pounds, Rose Dorothea with 70,000 pounds and Richard with 60,000 pounds are keeping the splitters busy at the wharf of the Cunningham & Thompson Co. Sch. Clara G. Silva brought down 75,000 pounds of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. and schs. George H. Lubeck with 50,000 pounds and Quonnapowit with 60,000 are at George Perkins & Son. Over to William F. Moore & Co. is sch. Edmund F. Black with 35,000 pounds. At Davis Bros. is sch. Margaret, one of the concern's fresh halibuters, which landed her halibut fare at Portland and brought 6000 pounds of salt fish home here.

The steam netters Quoddy and Nomad had 7000 pounds each of haddock and pollock and the shore boats Mary Emerson and N. A. Rowe each had nice fresh cod fares.

The banner trip of the day is that of sch. Claudia, Capt. Andrew Gouvreau from her first trip of the season Georges halibuting and also the skipper's first try at this line of fishing. He certainly succeeded finely for the craft, having been gone only 17 days, has a splendid fare, 45,000 pounds of fresh cod, 35,000 pounds of salt cod and 6000 pounds of halibut.

All the pollock fleet are in for harbor as it was a dense fog last night and it continues this morning, so they cannot look for fish. They struck no schools yesterday, but had they been over in Ipswich bay some big catches would have been made, for the bay was alive with schools. Fish men at Lanesville and Rockport telephoned up here several times about it, but there were none of the fleet in to tell of it and as the bunch was all up to the westward they could not be reached with the good news.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie and the new sch. Harriet, which arrived at T wharf this morning with big fares, the latter craft being in from her maiden trip, found no sale for their fish and are way down here with their fares for the splitters. The Guthrie has 80,000 pounds of cod and haddock and the Harriet has 110,000 pounds of fresh codfish.

One trip got by yesterday without being reported, the steamer Independence coming in during Monday night with 25,000 pounds of pollock, landing her fare at the Gloucester Salt Fish Co., and getting out again before the morning light came.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston, 22,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Richard, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Robert and Carr, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Actor, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. George H. Lubeck, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Quonnapowit, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Rose Dorothea, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.

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# BUSINESS DULL, FISH IN PLENTY.

No Market for Anything but Shore Haddock.

With over a half million pounds of fresh fish in 16 trips at T wharf this morning and facing the dulllest business for many moons, the Boston dealers have more fish than they want again this morning and in consequence more trips are labelled "splitters—Gloucester." There is practically no market on anything except shore haddock and these are bringing only \$1.50 to \$1.75 per hundred weight.

The leading fare is that of the new sch. Harriet, Capt. Ralph Silva, of this port. She is intended for market fishing but Capt. Silva evidently made up his mind that her maiden trip should be a capacity one and he got what he went after. He headed his craft to the eastward and struck a big fishing spot, hauling back 110,000 pounds of fine cod and 1000 pounds of halibut in jig time. It is thought that he fished on Brown's bank. Unfortunately he struck a poor market and the fare will have to come here to split, but it will be a good chance for a big stock just the same. Capt. Silva was out but 13 days on the trip.

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The steam otter trawler Spray, along with her 54,000 pounds of fresh fish, had 15,000 pounds of soles and 15,000 pounds of skates.

The market boats have from 2000 to 40,000 pounds the Provincetown sch. Matchless having the latter amount.

The receipts in detail are:

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 32,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Matchless, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 17,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 43,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Genesta, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Julietta, 10,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 500 cusk.  
Sch. Morning Star, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Diana, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 4500 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 cusk.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, 11,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.  
Steamer Spray, 48,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 15,000 sole, 15,000 skates, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Harriet, 110,000 cod, 1000 halibut.  
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk, 1000 pollock.  
Off-shore haddock, 70 cts. per cwt.; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.50; shore haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hake, 70 cts. to \$2; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$1; halibut, 8 cts. per lb.

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# OVERPRODUCTION IN PACIFIC COD

## Lean Year on Atlantic Coast Needed to Recuperate Market.

### San Francisco Dealer Paints Doleful Picture of the Future.

The following very frank statements regarding the past and present of the Pacific codfish industry, from the pen of C. P. Overton, of the Union Fish Company of San Francisco, the largest producers of salt cod on the Pacific coast cannot fail to be very interesting here at the present time. The subject is handled in a very blunt manner and from its tone it is very apparent that all is not "honey and hug" among the various salt codfish concerns on the Western slope.

Mr. Overton practically says that they refuse to harmonize and that it now becomes a question of the survival of the fittest; all of which means a cutting and slashing of prices unprecedented. The article appeared in the "Annual Review," recently issued by the Pacific Fisherman and from which we produced it herewith entire, as follows:

"It was somewhere about 1895 that Gloucester had one of its lean years. Codfish was scarce and the papers were full of intimations that the Atlantic Banks had at last been fished out and the country must now look to the inexhaustible and almost untried banks of Alaskan waters for its supply. At that time there was living in San Francisco Thomas J. Knowles, an old fish man from Gloucester where he had been identified with codfishing through all the years of a long life. So to him the writer of this went for an opinion of the situation and the outlook. He smiled, and named three separate seasons within forty years or so when conditions had been the same, and the same doleful predictions had been made, and yet, in each case, a year or two later had seen the same Banks with more fish than ever.

"In the Annual of 1905 appeared an account of those who had dipped into the codfishing business in San Francisco, and readers may remember that in no case had any one dipped out a profit.

"1905 was one of those lean years on the Atlantic. The Eastern market absorbed all the surplus fish on the Pacific at good prices and could have taken three times as much more. The temptation to expand would have been great, had it not been for the words of wisdom of Knowles, and the Union Fish Company kept on as usual. Edward Pond outfitted the brig Harriet G., now owned in Anacortes, the three-masted sch. John D. Spreckles and the barkentine S. N. Castle, the last named the largest and finest vessel that ever went codfishing from an American port. He cut a wide swath and made life quite miserable for the rest of us while his money and credit lasted. Early in 1907 he gave up the ghost. The Union Fish Company bought the remnant of his stock on hand and contracted for the cargoes to come in and Ed started east, leaving something over \$100,000 of liabilities behind him. The vessels were sold by the marshal, the plant was broken up and dismantled and his meteoric career is now but a memory.

#### How Another Concern Was Forced to the Wall.

"It was about the same time that some of the people interested in stevedoring saw golden visions in the codfishing business and organized the Pacific States Trading Company, taking in several stevedores, a ship broker, a sail maker, a chocolate broker, and several other small stockholders. Later, as more money was needed they added a druggist out in the Mission and a well-to-do wine dealer and some of his family. This

concern went in on a good, liberal scale. They had stations in Alaska, and the schs. Dora Bluhm, Ottillie Fjord, Ida McKay, Glen and John F. Miller. The wreck of the last two at Ikatok, Alaska, in 1906 and 1907, combined with the collapse of the Eastern market and swamping of our local market by overproduction, finally forced them to the wall. The fall of 1908 found them facing the expected arrival of their fleet, with crews to pay off and the money not in sight.

They made a contract with the Union Fish Company whereby that concern took over all their fish on hand and to arrive, and they went out for the time being, at least, if not permanently.

"One of the agents of the Alaska Commercial Company in an excess of zeal discovered codfish at Kodiak this last spring. We had known all about Kodiak codfishing for 20 years but all codfish looked alike to him. When he shipped them down here this summer the company got the down freight and very little more. Their general agent here says, 'Never again.'

"The catches for 1908 and 1909 were both too large, but the great bulk being in the hands of the Union Fish Company and strongly held, the local market had been fairly well supported and the trade here during the past year has been quite satisfactory.

#### There Is Still a Large Stock in First Hands

but it is all new codfish and is moving off fairly well. The companies here seem inclined to restrict their catch to the regular requirements of the market and, so long as the business can be kept free from over-enthusiastic boomers, promises legitimate returns for the capital and labor invested.

"On Puget Sound, however, conditions are different. In 1891 or 1892 Capt. Matheson started at Anacortes with the little schooner Lizzie Colby. Since that time he has made a little money in good years, and the advance in Anacortes real estate has placed him in comfortable circumstances. Meanwhile he has worn out three or four competitors. The eastern boom of 1905 brought a flock of new fishing concerns into the Puget Sound field, King & Winge, the Robinson Fisheries Co., the Seattle & Alaska Codfish Co., the Blom Codfish Co., all representing aggregations of capitalists trying to make money in the codfish business, and all failing to do so.

"In August last, and again this year,

#### An Effort Was Made to Harmonize the Warring Factions.

Individually, one would not want to meet nicer people. Collectively, they refuse to harmonize. Not realizing that the lean years in the codfisheries of the Atlantic were but a passing incident, they have continued to catch fish for a market that no longer wants them and they find themselves today with only the local market, and with fish enough on hand to supply it for two years. In the scramble to sell, prices have gone below the cost of production. Failing to work together, it now becomes only a question of the survival of the fittest. The rest must take their loss and go out. There is room on Puget Sound for two codfishing concerns, just as there is room here for two. When the business is confined to two only, and when they restrict their catch to what the market will comfortably absorb they will do business at a profit, while they agree; not otherwise. Of course when Gloucester has a lean year any one who happens to have fish can sell it and make money. This happens about every 10 or 12 years. But who can foretell just which year it is to be?"

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Sch. Margaret, via Portland, 6000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Claudia, Georges, halibuting, 6000 lbs. halibut, 45,000 lbs. fresh cod, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Steamer Quoddy, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Steamer Nomad, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. N. A. Rowe, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Edmund F. Black, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Harriet, via Boston, 110,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
 Steamer Independence, pollock seining, (Monday night) 25,000 lbs. pollock.  
 Sch. Catherine and Ellen, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, had-docking.  
 Sch. Arkona, dory handling.  
 Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.  
 Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.  
 Sch. Yakima, halibuting.  
 Sch. Avalon, dory handling.

**Today's Fish Market.**

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.  
 Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 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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**SALT HERRING CARGO.**

Secured by Sch. James A. Garfield at Bay of Islands.

Sch. James A. Garfield has secured a cargo of salt herring at Bay of Islands, N. F., and is now at Wood's Island, waiting a chance to leave for home.

**Will Fit for Shack Trip.**

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley is on the way here from Port Clyde, Me., where she landed her fresh fish trip. On her arrival, Capt. George Nelson will fit her for a shack trip and then will go dory handling in the same craft. Capt. Joshua W. Stanley will now turn his attention to mackerel seining.

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**Fresh Halibut Sale.**

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Claudia sold to the New England Fish Co. at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents for gray.

**Landed at Newburyport.**

Sch. Scud of this port landed 2000 pounds of fresh fish at Newburyport Monday.

**Will Go South Seining.**

Sch. Dauntless will now fit for south mackerel seining under command of Capt. Ambrose Fleet.

April 7.

**Portland Fish Notes.**

The Gloucester schooner Slade Gorton, which came in here about a fortnight ago with a fare of over 100,000 pounds of fish, put into port again Tuesday with another big catch. She left Gloucester on March 26 for the LaHave Banks and as a result of her week's fishing made a haul of 85,000 pounds of mixed fish and about 5000 pounds of halibut. She will dispose of her fare here and return to the Banks for another catch, after which she will fit out for the southern mackerel fishery.

Sch. Lochinvar had 30,000 pounds of fresh fish and sloop Laconia 6000 pounds.

**Haddock Trip Stocked \$1644.**

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, stocked \$1644 on her haddock trip sold on Monday at Port Clyde, Me.

April 7.

**TWO MACKEREL AT NEW YORK.**

**Were Taken in Trap Off Cape Charles, Va.**

There are mackerel at New York this morning. Those who have wagered there would not be a trip there before Monday need not worry, however, as the fish there number just two and they came by rail.

The fish were taken a few days ago in a weakfish trap off Cape Charles, Virginia and were sent to New York, consigned to Eldred & Haley, Fulton Market.

The fish are mediums.

**Seining Fleet Will Sail.**

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch; Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross and Arabia, Capt. Wallace Bruce, will sail south mackerel seining today. Sch. George Parker, Capt. John O'Brien, will sail tomorrow.

**Will Fit for Mackerel Netting.**

Sch. Mabel Bryson is coming down from Boston today to fit for south mackerel netting. Capt. Joseph Sampson will command her as usual.

**Some Schools Seen in South.**

Capt. Nathaniel Day of this city, who has been snapper fishing out south the past winter has arrived in Boston, via New York, where he arrived on a southern steamer a few days ago. Yesterday, while in Boston, Capt. Day reports that when 40 miles to the southward of Cape Hatteras, the mate of the steamer, who had the watch, called his attention to several large schools of fish. Capt. Day thought they were mackerel and a little later as the steamer went close to some of the schools, had a chance to see them at short range and both he and the mate then saw that they were undoubtedly mackerel. The schools were seen in a space of about ten miles. In all eight or nine schools were sighted, all large and one of them being of far more than ordinary size. The fish were going fast to the northward.

Although a lookout was kept no schools were seen to the northward of those above mentioned and from this it would seem that what Captain Day and the mate of the steamer saw were the head of the southern body of fish. If this is so, it bears out the contention of many close observers of mackerel that the fish are late this year, as have been most of the other species of fish which first come from the southward a little earlier in the season than this, such as shad, etc., the only exception being bluefish which are reported a little earlier than usual. Although shad were quite late the run has been phenomenal and the market has been almost glutted with them. If mackerel should come along in such numbers as to glut the market their lateness could easily be forgiven. Capt. Day reports fine weather coming along.

In the words of the Old Farmer's Almanac, "about this time" look out for word of a fare of mackerel at Fortress Monroe or possibly New York, should the catch be a very large one.

**Some Previous First Trips.**

Last year the first fish were taken April 10, sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine getting 20 mackerel in two sets of his seine. The first trip landed last season was at Fortress Monroe by sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissett, of this port, April 16. The fare was 14 barrels of large mediums. The fish, as will be seen by this, were also late last season.

The first fare landed in 1908 went to the credit of Capt. Solomon Jacobs in sch. A. M. Nicholson, he having 13 barrels of mediums at Fortress Monroe, March 30, this landing being one of the earliest on record.

Last season the first fare at New York was brought in by sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, on April 27, there being but 600 fish in the lot.

In 1908 the first fare at New York was brought in by sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons. He had 7000 fish in count and got in on the afternoon of April 1.

**Will Engage in Georges Drifting.**

Capt. Oscar Lyons has fitted sch. Corsair for two or three trips Georges drifting and then will shift over to dory handling.

April 7.

**BOSTON MARKET STILL GLUTTED.**

**Fish Still Continue to Sell at Low Prices.**

There is no change for the better in the market at T wharf this morning. A dozen of the market fleet are in, three of them from off shore fishing, with fares of from 70,000 to 85,000 pounds and they are on the way here now with their fares to go to the splitters. Shore haddock brought \$1.25, pretty handy the lowest price of the season and large hake \$1.50. A few off-shore haddock were moved at 75 cents and cod are at splitting price.

From Georges are schs. Hortense with 70,000 pounds, Mary DeCosta with 75,000 pounds and Mary B. Greer with 33,000 pounds, sch. Rose Cabral being here, the Greer first taking out some of her haddock.

The market boats have from 3000 to 33,000 pounds. Sch. Rose Cabriel being credited with the latter amount.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

**Boston Arrivals.**

Sch. Hortense, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1000 halibut.  
 Sch. Rose Cabral, 25,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1500 hake, 2000 pollock.  
 Sch. Mary DeCosta, 25,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 600 halibut.  
 Sch. Arbitrator, 14,000 haddock, 6000 cod.  
 Sch. Mettacomet, 1000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
 Sch. Emerald, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
 Sch. Olivia Sears, 500 cod.  
 Sch. Pontiac, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
 Sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 3000 cod.  
 Sch. Mary B. Greer, 35,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.  
 Sch. Harmony, 8000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 2000 cusk.  
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, 17,000 haddock, 7000 cod.  
 Off-shore haddock, 75 cts. per cwt.; shore haddock, \$1.25; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.50; pollock, 85 cts.; hake 70 cts. to \$1.50.

**Dominion Ice Report.**

The Dominion ice report for Monday was:

Lislet to Cape Rosier, inclusive—No ice.

Cape Despair—Very little ice.

Point Maquereau—Heavy close packed everywhere.

Point Escuminac, Tormentine, Traverse, Bear, Mulgrave, Cape North, Cape Ray, Cape Race—No ice.

Anticosti, West Point—Light open ice everywhere.

Southwest Point—Light open ice everywhere.

South Point—Light open ice inshore.

Point Amour—Light open ice moving east.

**Lunenburg Fish Notes.**

Sch. Beatrice S. Mack arrived from the banks late Monday afternoon with a fare of fish.

Sch. Colonia sailed for the banks Monday.

The new schooner Uda A. Sanders was launched from Smith & Rhuland's yard on Saturday. She will be commanded by Capt. Scott Corkum.

Sch. J. B. Young, sailed for the banks, via Halifax, Tuesday.

The keel of a 117 foot schooner for Capt. Reuben Ritcey is laid down in Smith & Rhuland's shipyard.

Sch. Douglas Adams, Zinck, sailed for the banks Tuesday.

**Successful Sealing Trip.**

Just one month out from port the steamer Harlaw steamed up Halifax harbor Sunday morning on a sealing trip in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Capt. Farquhar is looking in the best of health and is well satisfied with his catch, which consisted of 12,900 seals, valued at about \$22,200. The seals were landed at St. John's where they were disposed of. Capt. Farquhar has been going to the sealing grounds for 14 years and this is his most successful trip. This is the tenth trip of the Harlaw. Although the seals were scattered Captain Farquhar reports them plentiful.

April 7.

**Will Fit For Georges Handlining.**

Sch. W. H. Moody will now fit for Georges handlining under command of Capt. William Sheves.