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TWO ARRIVALS WITH FISH TRIPS.

Many Vessels Delayed by Weather Sail Today.

There are but two arrivals here this morning but more than usual interest attaches to one of them, sch. Indiana, from Bay of Islands, N. F., where the ice embargo has held her for some time, with a full cargo of salt bulk herring. This is the third salt herring trip of the 1909-10 season for this craft.

Sch. Mary DeCosta is here from Boston with 35,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters at the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The wind has come on the western board at last and there will be quite a lot of sailings in consequence. The pollock fleet got out early, eager for another try at the schools.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Indiana, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1500 bbls. salt herring.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.
- Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
- Sch. Actor, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Mary C. Santos, Provincetown
- Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, Boston.
- Sch. Conqueror, shacking.
- Sch. Admiral Dewey, flitched halibuting.
- Sch. Florida, south netting.
- Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
- Steamer Nomad, netting.
- Steamer Mystery, pollock seining.
- Steamer Mascot, pollock seining.
- Steamer Bryda F., pollock seining.
- Steamer Alice, pollock seining.
- Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining.
- Steamer Water Witch, pollock seining.
- Steamer Independence, pollock seining.
- Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, Maine coast fishing.
- Sch. Oregon, flitched halibut.
- Sch. Pauline, Georges.
- Sch. Agnes, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

- Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 3-4 cts. for gray.
- Georges halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. per lb. 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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MACKEREL MOVING NORTH.

Large Bloaters Taken Off Long Island Tuesday.

Some large bloater mackerel were taken Tuesday off Gardner's bay, Long Island. This brings the fish nearer to the Boston market, and as another mackerel was found Tuesday night in one of the weirs at Cape Cod there is every reason to expect that the netters will soon begin to make catches between the Cape and Block Island.

The seiner Georgia which sailed from Provincetown Monday evening, put back after going a short distance around the Cape as her captain found the fog so thick that he thought it dangerous to try to get south.

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Pacific Halibut at Boston.

Three cars of Pacific halibut arrived at Boston yesterday.

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SCH. NIAGARA SUNK OFF CANSO, MAY BE TOTAL LOSS

Disaster Occurred in Dense Fog and Craft in Dangerous Position.

Crew Obligated to Row Ashore in Their Dories.

Sch. Niagara, Capt. Melvin Kilpatrick of this port, one of the fresh halibut fleet, is sunk near Canso, N. S., harbor, and will probably be a total loss. While making Canso harbor yesterday during a dense fog, the craft struck on the end of the Southeast Breaker, poured badly, then slid off into deep water and sunk.

Capt. Kilpatrick and his crew were forced to take to the dories and rowed ashore at Canso. It was quite rough at the time, and the dense fog, which prevailed at the time, was responsible for the accident.

The craft, which under Capt. Kilpatrick's command, has been doing big work fresh halibuting, left here a few days ago, bound to Canso for a fresh herring baiting and was bound for that port when the accident happened.

The vessel's position must have been a dangerous one, as the crew were forced to leave her and row ashore in the dories.

Schooner Struck on Rock and Later Slid Off and Sunk.

Later Capt. Kilpatrick went down to the scene of the wreck in a steamer and found that the schooner had slid off the rock and was on bottom with eight fathoms of water over her.

Dispatches to the agency of Charles H. M. Hazel, through whose office the craft is insured in the Providence-Washington Insurance Company for \$6500 on the vessel and \$2500 on outfits, has received telegrams from A. N. Whitman of Canso, stating that outside of the dories, nothing has been saved and that it looks as though the craft would be a total loss.

The Niagara was a fine vessel, 112.23 tons gross, 78.59 tons net, built at Essex in 1899 and owned by Samuel G. Pool & Sons.

It is probable that a steamer with wreckers and divers will go down to the craft today to ascertain her condition and if there is any chance of raising and saving her.

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PACIFIC COD FLEET SAIL.

Will Seek for Fish in the Waters of Behring Sea.

At 3 o'clock on April 17, sch. Joseph Russ loosed her moorings at the Robinson Fisheries Company's dock at Anacortes, Wash., and started on her journey to Behring sea. Great difficulty has been experienced in shipping the crews, but Captain Foss was finally able to round up a crew. The men were signed hurriedly, loaded on board and the craft was off.

The Russ achieved the distinction last year of bringing in the biggest cargo of cod taken by a single vessel, her catch for the season being 204,155 fish in 58 days' fishing. The Russ was the first ship to arrive home last season in spite of the fact that she was the last to get away.

The beginnings of the Russ' voyage last year were discouraging, and as fishermen are a superstitious lot, this fact somewhat hindered in obtaining a crew. As it is, the crew is practically a new one.

Last year the Russ, when 100 miles off Cape Flattery, her salt began to melt. Putting back, she lodged on a reef near Port Angeles and was towed to port by order of the underwriters for examination. In spite of all this delay, the Russ was second at the

fishing banks and was the first home with the largest cargo of cod ever brought in on a single vessel. Capt. Foss was in command of the Russ last year as well as this.

The officers and crew of the Russ are as follows: Capt. Charles Russ, first officer, R. J. Moore, second officer, H. Cavanaugh. Fishermen and sailors, Knut Sunde, Albert Meinseth, John Wik, Christ Rian, Harry Highland, Charles A. Smith, S. Osterman, J. Abrahamson, C. Hubbard, C. Engman, O. Anderson, Otto Sandberg, James Hill, Louis Hanson, Arn Olson, Richard Williams, A. E. Reeve, Archie Turner, Angus McKay, Al Dailey, A. E. Lind, Harry Hanson, Carl Nelson, Nels Johansen, William Sullivan, William Falls, Dave Magnuson, Wlwin Sheldon, Patrick Kelliher and Frank Leon.

The Fannie Dutard, of the Matheson Codfish Co., sailed from Seattle, April 15, in command of Capt. Norman Matheson. The Fannie Dutard is a three-master of 265 tons burden, is 126 feet in length and has a 31-foot beam.

All of the cod fisheries have experienced great difficulty in signing crews this season. Fish men say that the halibut fishers have offered enticing terms to the cod fishermen and represented that the halibut fishing was much more easy and pleasant than the work in Behring sea. This is supposed

to have been an important factor in rendering difficult the obtaining of crews.

Here's how the Anacortes American describes the get-away of one of the Behring Sea salt cod fishing crafts for its summer trip:

"A tragedy was averted last Saturday and a desperate situation turned into a farce when a seaman aboard the Alice leaned far over the rail of the boat and affixed a boat hook to the seat of the trousers of a drunken sailor, who had jumped overboard, holding him up in this fashion until men in a dory rescued the man and hoisted him back aboard.

"The days preceding the departure of codfish boats are days of convivial joy with the sailors and fishermen. Indeed, the main difficulty with getting away is the task of catching the fishermen when they are sober enough to sign up and sober enough to be gotten on board.

"With a portion of the crew signed and aboard, the captain decided to anchor the Alice in the stream in order to hold the men he had. Longing for the bibulous joys afforded by the city, one of the sailors jumped overboard into the chilly water.

"It is said that the man cannot swim a stroke, and had it not been for a sober comrade with a boat hook, the anxious sailor would have been food for fishes."

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NEWFOUNDLAND NEWS.

Codfish is reported plentiful at Codroy and the fishermen there have secured very good catches during the past week. William Collier, a veteran of three score and ten, with two assistants in a small boat, secured 14 quintals on Saturday week, and others also did good work.

Both codfish and bait have been plentiful at Channel and vicinity for the past week and bankers and small boats secured good catches. The schooners are soon expected home to land their present catches, after which they will leave for the Gulf.

Whales are reported so numerous on the Southern shore this year that Bowrings will resume operations at Cape Broyle with the whaler Hawk, which last year was at Cape Charles. A message from Cape Broyle recently says that 20 whales were disporting themselves almost in the harbor the whole day.

A splendid new schooner, named the Grace Tibbo, and owned by S. Tibbo & Sons, was launched at Grand Bank last week. The new vessel, which measures 117 tons, was built during the past winter by John Forsey, one of the best shipbuilders in the country, and is a splendid piece of workmanship. She will be used as a banker in the summer and for foreign fish carrying during the winter months.

A message received in St. John's from Magdalen Islands indicates that the seal fishery there for this spring has been a failure, as there were only about 1000 seals taken on all the islands. Four vessels prosecuted the fishery from various points and two of them arrived back practically clean, one having 10 seals and the other one 12. The other schooners have not yet returned. The message further stated that herring are now plentiful in Pleasant Bay.

The brig. Galatea, Capt. Connors, which loaded codfish at James Baird, Ltd., arrived at Oporto April 18, after a good passage of 15 days. This was the Galatea's first trip for two years, she having been burnt in the Baird fire, purchased by J. H. Taylor, and rebuilt by him. That she has made such a good run is evidence that the vessel is now in as good, if not better condition than previously.

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Newfoundland Fleet Being Overhauled at St. Pierre.

Dozens of fishing schooners from Fortune Bay, N. F., and neighboring places have gone to St. Pierre to receive their spring overhauling before commencing the summer fishery. They have not the proper facilities at their own ports.

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FISH PRICES CONTINUE GOOD.

Ten Shore and One Offshore Arrivals at T Wharf.

There is but one off-shore craft among the ten arrivals at T wharf this morning. Trade is good and about all in sight will go at market prices. The fares range from 2000 to 86,000 pounds, sch. Elva L. Spurling, which has been fishing "down east" and has about all hake, having the latter amount.

Sch. Jessie Costa, from Brown's bank, has a nice catch of 64,000 pounds of cod and haddock, and 1500 weight of halibut. Her two missing men, who were picked up off Cape Cod Tuesday, after rowing and sailing 200 miles in their dory, were on the wharf to meet their craft as she came to the pier and the half-mast flag was quickly hauled down.

Sch. Reliance, Capt. John Nelson, had 24,000 pounds of pollock and struck a \$1.75 market.

The fares of the market boats run from 10,000 to 33,000 pounds, sch. Ida S. Brooks having the latter amount and 1000 pounds of halibut besides.

Haddock sold at from \$2 to \$3.50, with large cod \$4 to \$5. Hake were down to \$1 and \$2. Halibut brought 9 and 12 cents per pound.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Reliance, 24,000 pollock.

Sch. Nokomis, 6500 haddock, 4900 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 300 haddock, 10,500 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 12,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 27,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 1000 cusk, 4000 pollock, 1500 halibut.

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

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 5000 cod, 75,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Marian, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3.50; cusk, \$1.50; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1.75; halibut, 9 to 12 cts. per lb.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Mattie Winship sold to the New England Fish Company at 9½ cents per pound for white and 7½ cents for gray.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Harvard sold to the American Halibut Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 7½ cents for gray.

Large Market Haddock Stocks.

Sch. Aspinet, Capt. Jacob Brigham, stocked \$2000 on her recent haddock trip landed at Boston Tuesday. This is an unusually large stock of a fare of market fish at this season of the year.

Blackburn's New Boat.

The new boat which has been built for Howard Blackburn measures 5.14 tons. It is understood that Mr. Blackburn has some pleasant cruises planned for the coming summer season.

Sch. Grampus in Port.

The fish commission sch. Grampus, now engaged in cod egg collecting for the Ten Pound island hatchery, is in port.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Herring are reported schooling in Casco Bay, large quantities being seen in the vicinity of Falmouth Foreside. The Davis weirs at the foreside will be ready for operation in a few days and in connection with others just established at different localities in the bay great catches are expected to be made.

Capt. Clarence Turner of the fishing schooner Marion E. Turner has a record that can be equalled by few skippers along the New England coast. He has been engaged in fishing for 25 years and during that time he has never lost a man or brought in a broken trip. Capt. Turner began fishing out of Bass Harbor and has carried on his business all along the coast.

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TWO GEORGESMEN WITH GOOD FARES

Only Arrivals at This Port Except Pollockers.

Only two off shore arrivals here today, sch. Mattie Winship, Capt. William Gould, coming in during the night with a nice handline fare, 25,000 pounds of salt cod and 5000 pounds of halibut, while sch. Harvard from the same line of fishing is also in with a small fare.

Some of the pollockers made small hauls yesterday and six of them brought fares here ranging from 2000 to 14,000 pounds. During the night the wind breezed up hard northwest and sent the whole fleet scurrying to this port for harbor, so they are all tied up to the wharves this morning.

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Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Viking, via Boston.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, via Boston.

Steamer Unknown, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Alice, shore, 14,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Yankee, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Joppaite, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Bryda F., shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Jeffery, shore, 1500 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Hope, pollock seining.

Sch. Harvard, Georges, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 2500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.

Sch. Lottie Byrnes, Provincetown.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

Sch. Yakima, halibuting.

Sch. Grayling, flitched halibuting.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, south seining.

Sch. M. Madeleine, south netting.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

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Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

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Lockeport, N. S., Fish Notes.

Fish appear to be very plentiful off shore and the men engaged in this class of fishing are doing very well indeed. Off shore fishing has been carried on all winter and on greater or less extent by Capt. George Benham on the auxiliary sch. Lulu S. and by Capt. James Benham on sch. Mariana, both of whom have done well. The latter craft is at present being given a thorough overhauling and in a few weeks will be put in the fisheries again in command of Capt. Stronach Decker with a picked crew. Sch. Lulu S. still in command of Capt. George Benham has made some very successful trips of late and on Monday landed over 5000 pounds of fresh fish as a result of two sets of the trawls. The sloop S. M. Stephens, Capt. Alfred Swim, has likewise landed very considerable fares during the past fortnight. Capt. Edmund Locke has recently returned from Gloucester and now has his trim craft, the Togo, all ready for fishing offshore. Capt. William McIntosh has recently purchased a trim two topmast schooner, which he commands in person and has manned by his sons, Capt. Eugene Locke will take command of the schooner Altona on her return from the Bay Shore, whither she has gone on a clamming trip.

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Digby, N. S., Fish Notes.

Sch. Loren B. Snow, Capt. William Snow, is being painted and made ready for her summer rig. She has been very successful during the past winter fishing season and is high line at this port.

Sch. Emerald, Capt. Rupert MacWhinnie, is ready to sail for the fishing grounds with a full crew. The Emerald has been newly painted throughout, including her cabins, and presents an attractive appearance.

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Kennebec Shad at Boston.

The first consignment of shad from the Kennebec river came to Boston yesterday morning by boat. There were not many fish, only enough to fill two barrels, but there were enough to indicate that, when the shipping season opens next week, there will be a considerable quantity coming with each sailing of the Kennebec steamers.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell of this port sailed from Canso, N. S., Monday, bound to the Magdalen Islands for bait.

Sch. Selma was at Edgartown, Tuesday, for bait.

Sch. Lottie Byrnes is at this port from Provincetown to fit for dory handlining.

Large Haddock.

Sch. Mattakeeset, at T wharf today, had among her catch a big haddock which weighed 14 pounds.

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PURCHASED SCH. INDEPENDENCE II.

Craft to Be Added to Cunn- ham & Thompson Co.'s Fleet.

The splendid sch. Independence II, formerly of this port, and which was sold in the fall of 1908 to King Adams and intended for use in the southern pineapple and cocoanut trade, to be run in connection with Mr. Adams' large establishment on one of the West Indies islands, is to return to this port and will once more be seen in the list of vessels of the Gloucester fishing fleet. The purchaser is the Cunningham & Thompson Company and the deal is being completed today.

Sch. Independence II, first engaged in her southern work under command of Capt. George G. Hamor of this city, but it was found that although she was a fine craft, her draft was too much for the shallow entrances to southern harbors, whose mouths were generally guarded with sand bars, making the services of a pilot necessary every time she arrived or sailed, making of course quite a bill of expense. Vessels of 10 or 11 feet draught went all right, but the Independence II, with her 16 feet below the waterline was a different proposition.

Before sailing she was thoroughly overhauled at this port and her bottom coppered. The vessel, which is 145 tons gross and 109 tons net, was built at Essex in 1904, for Gardner & Parsons and was commanded in the Newfoundland herring and salt bank cod-fisheries by the late Capt. Joseph V. Cusick.

She was accounted an ideal salt banker and herring craft, and at the time of her launching was considered one of the finest all around vessels of the New England fishing fleet. In actual service she fully lived up to that reputation, so the Cunningham & Thompson Company is to be congratulated in securing such a fine piece of vessel property. The craft, only last year, was given a Lloyd's 18 year rating, which means a great deal.

It is pleasant to record the return of such a fine craft to the local fleet. The sale was made through the agency of Capt. William Foley of this city. The craft at present hails from Boston and Capt. George M. McClain of Rockport, who went to Mobile, where she now is, to inspect the craft will ship a crew there and bring her to this port at once.