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POLLOCK FLEET DOING FINELY.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll Lands Another Big Fare.

The returning southern seiners and their usual hustle to get ready for the Cape Shore is the only thing which livens up the harbor today. Capt. Charles Forbes, who is running the "pollock mail" for the Rips, in sch. Thomas J. Carroll, is in again, and but for two days calm, would have been here Saturday night, although he did not go out until Thursday.

Capt. Forbes reports getting his catch on the Rips, taking the whole 140,000 pounds, and they are about all dressed fish, in two schools. The fish are regular "whales" and the captain estimates they average 14 pounds. The vessel was about as deep as they come, when she shot in round the Fort. She was all filled below and there was pollock on deck everywhere they could be stowed. It looks as though pollocking, right at home had something on mackereling, all right.

Sch. Helen D. Lane is here from Port Clyde, Me., with a cargo of cured fish for William F. Moore & Co., and sch. Edmund F. Black with a trip of 60,000 pounds of hake, is another arrival. Sch. Teresa and Alice is also bound down here from Boston with a lot of hake and cusk.

The pollockers did not hit them very heavy off here yesterday afternoon and about ten of the fleet are in, most of them with small catches, although a few struck them all right.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Helen D. Lane, Port Clyde, Me., 350 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, Maine coast, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Rips, 140,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Elthier, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Angelia B. Nickerson, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Reliance, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Steamer Independence, shore.

Steamer Alice, shore.

Steamer Mascot, shore.

Sch. Saladin, south seining.

Sch. Victor, south seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, cod and pollock seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 6¾c per lb., for white and 3¾c 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.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, $3.50 per cwt. for large and $3 for mediums.

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.

Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt., dressed pollock, 75 cts.

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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NINE FISH FARES AT T WHARF.

Large Cod Bring $5.75 and Haddock $4.50 Per Cwt.

There are but nine fares at T wharf this morning and the fine prices are still very much in evidence. Cod and haddock are today the principal items and every vessel in will fare well, for haddock are bringing from $3.60 to $4.50 and large cod from $5 to $5.75.

There is some hake and cusk in but the bulk of this will come to Gloucester to split, as a few large hake are all that the market wants and these are bringing $1.50. The fares run from 15,000 to 75,000 pounds, sch. Athena having the latter, over half of which are hake and cusk.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Matchless, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Athena, 5000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 30,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Gertrude, 30,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 22,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 19,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 10,000 cod, 25,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 1500 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Haddock, $3.60 to $4.50 per cwt.; large cod, $5 to $5.75; market cod, $3; large hake, $1.50.

FISHERMEN ASTRAY.

Two Newfoundland Fishermen Supposed to Have Perished.

The Harbor Breton, N. F., fishing sch. Excelda, Capt. Lewis, arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Friday afternoon, reports the loss of two of her crew, Peter Meaney, of Salmonier, and Isaac Rideout, of Garnist, Fortune Bay, on Tuesday, 3d inst., on Quero Bank. Meaney and Rideout left their vessel that morning to attend their trawls, but a heavy fog shut down on them and they were unable to find their vessel when they set out to return. Capt. Lewis cruised around in the neighborhood for a couple of days, but could find no trace of the men. Although there is a chance that they were picked up by some other vessel, it is feared that both men have perished from cold and exposure. Both were young men, Rideout being married and leaves a wife and one child at Garnist. Since her arrival in port the Excelda's crew has been still further reduced, one of her men having deserted Tuesday evening.

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Dogfish Bothering Market Fishermen.

Ravenous dogfish that infest the water over the haunts of the ground fish, destroying bait before it gets low enough to reach the feeding places, have been responsible for a scarcity of fish at T wharf for the past few days.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, which ran in Monday after a run of bad luck, reported that it was impossible to locate any ground fish except where they were protected by dogfish. When a likely place was tried and found free from dogfish, the ground fish were also absent.

Not content with taking the bait, messing up the gear and wearing out the temper of fishermen, the dogfisn, when a real fish had been caught, would have it half eaten before it came aboard.

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Sch. Aspinet Stocked $5100 in Three Trips.

Capt. Brigham of sch. Aspinet has had remarkably good luck in the past month. He made three trips, and stocked on the first $1400, giving each of his men a share of $40. The second trip stocked him $2000, and the men received as share $68. The trip he landed Monday gave him for stock $1700, allowing each of the crew for share $55. Fifty-one hundred dollars for a month's fishing is not a bad stock even for a hustling captain at this season, and $163 clear cash would be considered good pay in some positions thought better than that of a member of a fisherman's crew.

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MARKET FARES MORE PLENTIFUL

Some Fish at T Wharf May Go to the Splitters.

There are 18 arrivals at T wharf this morning with fish fares, two of them consisting mostly hake and cusk, being of large size. Prices still hold up and the market fares in run pretty good for size. Haddock are bringing from $3.50 to $3.75, with large cod at $5. Large hake are being taken out at $1.30 and large cusk at $1.60. Some of the two latter kinds may go to Gloucester to split.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, with 103,000 pounds, has the biggest catch and sch. Margaret Dillon is close up, with 94,000 pounds. Sch. Washakie has 56,000 pounds and the bulk of the three fares is hake and cusk.

The market fares of cod and haddock range from 1200 to 36,000 pounds, sch. Edith Silveira having the latter. There are no pollock in.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 1000 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage 23,000 cod.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spruling, 8000 cod, 85,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Viking, 1000 haddock, 26,000 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 16,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 14,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 10,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 4000 cod, 80,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 5500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Motor, 8000 cod, 5000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 14,000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5500 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 35,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 cod.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Marian, 1200 cod.

Haddock, $3.50 to $3.75 per cwt.; large cod, $5; market cod, $3; hake, 90c to $1.30; large cusk, $1.60.

Big Pollock Fare Landed at Portland.

Probably the largest amount of fish ever landed at Portland by a single vessel was the fare of 125,000 pounds of pollock brought in on Monday by sch. Marion E. Turner. This is the fourth big catch of pollock made by the Turner in the past few months, the aggregate weight of the four fares footing up over 400,000 pounds. Most of the pollock brought in go to the splitters, the market demand for this fish being very light, and Lord Brothers bought the whole fare for curing.

But few fish are now being brought in by the vessels of the local fleet, as they have about all hauled up to fit out for swordfishing. The boat fishermen manage to keep the market pretty well supplied and some of them are making good money, prices of late having been considerably above the normal.

Pollock are reported as schooling all along the coast, and one of the towboat captains who was out by the Cape Elizabeth lights Monday, reports the waters there alive with them and also sighted a big whale, which was sporting among them.

The fishing sch. Robert and Carr, which arrived at Portland about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon with a fare of 30,000 pounds of mixed fish, had a narrow escape from injury while trying to dock at Commercial wharf. The captain miscalculated his speed as he was approaching the wharf after droppings his sails, and a strong wind and tide set him directly toward the ferry slip. The anchor was quickly dropped and the schooner swung round, bumping pretty hard against the Swampscott, which was about leaving the dock, but fortunately doing no damage. The tug boat Lottie & May, which fortunately happened to be passing at the time, moved alongside and towed the schooner to a berth at the wharf.

Other arrivals at Portland Monday were sch. Priscilla, 10,000 pounds, steamer Quoddy, 4000 pounds.

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SMALL INCREASE IN PRICE OF FISH

Not Advanced Half a Cent a Pound For the Past Ten Years.

According to President Blanchard of the T Wharf Corporation.

While the quantity of fish handled in the Boston market has very greatly increased within the past ten years, it is the testimony of the dealers to the Massachusetts Commission on the cost of living that the prices have not materially increased.

The price of fish depends altogether upon the supply and demand at the particular moment each day when the market opens. If the weather, which is the chief factor to be considered, is good and the bait, which is necessary for nine-tenths of the fishing in Massachusetts, is plenty, fish are invariably cheap at wholesale. Bad weather and scarcity of bait bring about high prices.

According to Marshall F. Blanchard, president of the T wharf corporation, the advance in price on the common grades of fish in ten years has not exceeded a quarter or half a cent a pound. It is impossible to compare one year with another, owing to the difference in weather conditions. "We are," he told this commission, "anxious to have medium prices. It is a bad handicap to have high prices in the fish business, as when prices are high there is no margin for either the wholesaler or the retailer. I can cite cases away back in January when haddock sold at five or ten cents per pound. The retailer couldn't make any money, and I am sure the wholesaler didn't make any, and it must be apparent to you that it takes more capital to do business on a five or six dollar basis than it does on a three or three and a half basis. In the past three years the prices have averaged higher, owing to the increased demand."

While fish are among the cheapest of food products, the consumption varies but little, as fish are eaten on the average but once a week.

During the Recent Boycott the Consumption of Fish Increased

but it has now dropped back to a normal level. People are accustomed to pay a certain price and they will not pay much of an increase.

Maurice P. Shaw, manager of the Booth Fishing Company of Boston, states that dealers are governed largely by consideration of what the customer will stand. The entrance of the department stores into the fish business is stated by this witness to have had the effect of lowering "the price to consumers. These large department stores make a special line of fish Wednesdays and Fridays, and that has enabled the working people to get their fish cheaper. If you notice, in any large town where they make a special display of fish one day in the week, their prices are invariably lower than those of the man who makes a business of handling fish altogether."

It appears that the tariff does not affect the fish handled in Boston, with the exception of smelts and herring in the winter season. There is no tariff on shellfish, so that lobsters from the Provinces, which now furnish Boston, the only source of supply, are not dutiable. As to the fish from the northwest, practically all those coming to this market are American caught, and are shipped bond-free from Vancouver.

In the opinion of Mr. Shaw, the tariff does not give American fishermen in the northwest any monopoly on such fish as halibut. As to the duty on herring and smelts, Mr. Shaw stated that in his opinion it worked a hardship upon the poor people who eat them largely because of their cheapness. He expressed the opinion that if the suggested ad valorem duty on salmon is applied, it will stop that fish from coming into the market at all. Practically all the eastern salmon comes now from the Provinces.

Mr. Blanchard declared that there is

No Combination in the Fish Business,

and the margin of profit is very small The catches are sold mostly at auction and when prices are low, owing to an over-supply, there is a very keen competition to get rid of them. In that case large numbers are cut up and salted.

Figures obtained from the Boston market show that 60 per cent. of the fish sold at that market come from Boston boats, 30 per cent. from Canada and other parts of this coast, and the remaining 10 per cent. from the Pacific coast. As to the distribution, about 70 per cent. remains in greater Boston, 23 per cent, elsewhere in Massachusetts and the remaining seven per cent. is sent into the New England and Central States.

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MORE SEINERS FOR CAPE SHORE

Southern Mackerel Fleet Hurrying to Nova Scotia Coast.

This morning finds quite a number more of the southern seiners home to fit for the Cape Shore. Schs. Speculator and Lena and Maud came yesterday afternoon, following schs. Saladin and Victor, and during the night schs. Lucania, Arcadia, Veda M. McKown, Clintonia, Slade Gorton and Ralph L. Hall arrived.

Schs. Patrician, Effie M. Prior, Oriole and Elmer E. Gray, are among arrivals from the south this forenoon.

The fleet now has a fine breeze to come along with and without doubt crafts from the southward will be coming in all day, and tomorrow morning will find a big bunch, all in a hurry for ice and second boats and fittings and eager to get on their way to the Nova Scotia coast.

Had 50 Fresh Mackerel.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, which arrived this season, and also 10 barrels of mackerel, the first to arrive at this port

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this season ,and also 10 barrels of butterfish. The lot sold to Tarr & Lufkin, at the Fort, the mackerel bringing 32 cents each.

First Salt Mackerel of the Season.

Sch. Saladin, which came home from south seining yesterday, had two barrels of salt mackerel, the first to be landed this season.

Netters at New York.

The following netters are at New York today:

Sch. Hockomock, 1300 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Ellen M., 350 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Waif, 90 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 2000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Clara T., 250 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. C. A. Dolliver, 800 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 2200 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite, 1400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Hobo, 800 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Crustacean, 700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. E. A. Hooper, 600 large fresh mackerel.

Fresh Mackerel at Boston.

Boston had five barrels of fresh mackerel from Edgartown yesterday, and a few fish from the traps at Provincetown.

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POLLOCKERS HAD SMALL TRIPS.

Wind Too Strong Yesterday For Most of Fleet.

The pollockers didn't "kill a whale" yesterday and this morning most all of them came back after going outside to take a look at it, finding that it was blowing too hard for fishing operations. The trips yesterday afternoon were few and mostly small.

Sch. Teresa and Alice came down from Boston last evening with 45,000 pounds of hake and cusk for the splitters and outside of several more seining arrivals from the south, there was nothing doing along the harbor front this morning.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mary Emerson, shore 3000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Freedom, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mineola, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Elthier, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, south seining, 50 fresh mackerel, 10 bbls. butter fish.

Sch. Patrician, south seining.

Sch. Oriole, south seining.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, south seining.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Speculator, south seining.

Sch. Lena and Maud, south seining.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, south seining.

Sch. Slade Gorton, south seining.

Sch. Arcadia, south seining.

Sch. Lucania, south seining.

Sch. Clintonia, south seining.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, south seining.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 3300 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Winifed, Georges, drifting, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Arcadia, south seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, haddocking.

Sch. Grace Darling, Georges, drifting.

Sch. Grace Otis, pollock seining.

Sch. Selma, halibuting.

Sch. William H. Moody, Georges, handlining.

Today's Fish Market.

Large fresh mackerel 32 cts. each.

Bank halibut, 6¾c per lb., for white and 3¾c 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.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, $3.50 per cwt. for large and $3 for mediums.

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.

Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt., dressed pollock, 75 cts.

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.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Romance and Mabel D. Hines were at Canso N. S., on Saturday.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Romance, Monitor and Ella M. Doughty were at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., on Monday, bound to Magdalenes for bait, also a dozen sail or more of Lunenburg vessels, bound north.

Sch. John Hays Hammond was at Mulgrave on the same date bound to Magdalenes

Schs. Margaret and Mabel D. Hines were reported at Canso on Monday.

Sch. Margaret sailed from Canso, N. S., on Wednesday for the fishing grounds.