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# TRAWLER SPRAY HAD HADDOCK.

## Sch. Metamora Had 130,000 Pounds of Hake.

Fish receipts at Boston are quite liberal and prices for all kind of fresh fish are fair. Haddock, which is in good demand, is in light receipts, and confined principally to a large fare brought by the beam trawler Spray, which craft is making quite a record, and proving that such mode of fishing can be carried on successfully.

The largest fare was landed by sch. Metamora, which has 145,000 pounds, of which 130,000 are hake. Included in the arrivals are also several of handliners who are fishing on the Rips.

There are no big off shore trips and receipts are mostly from the shore fleet, and are composed of a mixed variety, all of which command a good price.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 23,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 7000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 15,000 cod.

Sch. George A. Lane, Jr., 13,000 cod.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 3500 haddock, 29,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 11,000 cusk, 15,000 pollock, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Galatea, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 8000 salt fish, landed 80,000 fresh fish at Port Clyde, Me.

Steamer Spray, 60,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 3000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Mettacommet, 800 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Gertrude, 11,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 7500 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Metamora, 7000 cod, 130,000 hake, 8000 cusk.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3, large cod \$4 to \$4.50, market cod, \$1.75, hake, 93 cts. to \$1.25, cusk, \$1.25, pollock, \$1, halibut 10 cts. per lb.

### SCARCITY OF HADDOCK.

#### Fish Much Less in Number Than in Former Years.

Haddock, one of the most prized of ground fish, are very scarce on the shore grounds, where once they were in abundance. It can be observed that the large trips of fresh mixed fish that have arrived at Boston recently but few haddock are among them. Consequently prices are high and have been all the winter and spring.

A few years ago large surplus quantities of this fish were brought here from Boston, and sold to the curers. So plentiful was this fishery product that it was often sold to the splitters at 25 to 40 cents per hundred weight. The market at the present time for consumption fresh and for finnan haddies could use double the quantity.

It was nothing unusual a few years ago to see haddock schooling in enormous hords off the Maine coast and thousands of them were brought in every day by the small boats, and the fishermen made good money. Now these much desired food fish seem to have disappeared entirely from the waters of the New England coast.

Many remember when the vessels would leave the docks here after midnight, run off 10 or 12 miles or not farther than Middle Bank, set the trawls, and after an hour in the water haul them and secure from 20,000 to 30,000 pounds. They would then run into Boston, Gloucester or Rockport, and dispose of them, and the crew for their days work make from \$25 to \$35 each. But this is now a thing of the past and catching a hundred haddock at one haul on these near home grounds would be like discovering one of the lost arts.

It may be possible that the dogfish pest that swam in the near home waters has been the means of driving away the haddock as they have other fish for these scavengers the last few years have been in great numbers on this coast.

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Haddock are much prized. But it is only a short time ago that a fisherman would no more think of taking a haddock off his hook and saving it than he would a dogfish. If a craft went out after cod and a haddock was caught the disgust of the crew could hardly be expressed. There are fishermen living today, who can tell you they have thrown away enough haddock when they had been after cod to load a good-sized vessel.

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# SINGLE FARE OF SALT COD.

## Only Fish Arrival at This Port This Morning.

Receipts of fish at this port today are confined to one trip of 60,000 pounds of salt codfish brought in by sch. Eglantine. The shore fishing boats found it too rough yesterday, so that there are no receipts from that source, and like Boston quotations are firm.

The whole pollock fleet went out yesterday and as it blew a good breeze from the southward that made quite a sea, they failed to get any fish and returned to port last night where they now remain. The skippers of those crafts think that the pollock season off here is about over and the Nantucket ground will be the ideal place from now out.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Eglantine, Georges, drift fishing, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston.

Sch. Priscilla, via Boston.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.

Steamer W. Starling Burgess, shore.

Steamer Water Witch, shore.

Steamer Pet, shore.

Steamer Bryda F., shore.

Steamer Joppaite, shore.

Steamer Mineola, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Cape Shore, seining.

Sch. Winnifred, drifting.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, pollocking.

Sch. Marion E. Turner, pollocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore fishing.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, haddock-ing.

Sch. James and Esther, drifting.

Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Today's Fish Market.

Large fresh mackerel 32 cts each. Bank halibut, 6 3-4c per lb. for white and 3 3-4c 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.

### Propagating Shad in New York.

For the purpose of stocking New York waters the Metropolitan Aquarium is hatching 1,000,000 shad eggs brought there from the government hatchery at Havre de Grace, Md.

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### Laid Keel for New Vessel

John Bishop, the Vincent Point ship builder, has commenced work upon a new 135 ton vessel for Sylvanus Smith & Co., which will be ready for launching about the last of July. Capt. Lemuel Firth will command the new craft.

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# LARGEST HALIBUT FARE OF SEASON

## Sch. Senator Secured 70,000 Pounds in Four Weeks Trip.

Sch. Senator, Capt. George Marr, which arrived yesterday noon from a fresh halibut trip, brought in 70,000 pounds, the largest fare received here this season. The Senator has been absent but four weeks, and the fine fare was secured northeast of Anticosti and about nine miles from the island and just in sight of Esquimaux Point on the Canadian side of Labrador.

Capt. Marr, secured herring bait at the Magdalenes at \$7 a dory load, and when he arrived off Anticosti there was a snow storm for two days, after which the weather was fine and warm like mid-summer. There was no wind and during the eight days they were on the ground, the vessel was not anchored. A light was put on the trawl buoy and with the vessel under sail they jogged around it all right.

The last set of the trawls 20,000 was secured, but the bait was all used and they could not stay any longer.

The only vessel seen was sch. Essex there the evening they left. She was right from Magdalenes with fresh bait and had already taken 35,000 pounds of fitchers and Capt. Marr was of the opinion that she could get some good fishing up there. He thinks that the halibut school would go up the St. Lawrence to Seven Island and Point Demond, which is good fishing ground, but within territorial jurisdiction. This was a noted halibut fishing ground some years ago, and large fares secured, close in shore when the Americans had the privilege of fishing there, but since the abrogation of the treaty, Gloucester vessels have not gone up there.

The fare was bought by the New England Fish Company at 5½ cents per pound right through.

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### Took Halibut to Portland.

Sch. Agnes, which arrived here Monday with 10,000 pounds of fresh halibut, did not sell them here, but the captain decided to go to Portland, and dispose of his trip and sailed for that port yesterday.

### To Fit for Swordfishing.

Schs. Mary E. Sennett and George H. Lube will abandon shore fishing and now fit out for swordfishing.

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### Pacific Salmon Fishing.

According to John Crawford, superintendent of the state hatcheries of Washington, the salmon pack on the Columbia river if it hold out as it has started it will be ahead of anything that has ever been known in that section.

"At the White river hatchery all of the take has been turned out into the ponds and the fish are still being fed. A large number of improvements are to be made here and we are getting ready to install a series of concrete ponds that will cost from \$4000 to \$5000.

"At the Nisqually hatchery we are turning out this season's take and about 100,000 fish are still left. About 5,000,000 have been turned out from this hatchery so far this season.

"All the fish have been turned out at the Kalama hatchery and we are now at work on the installation of concrete ponds.

"A good take has been made at the Lewis river salmon hatchery which has now been closed up for the season.

"At the Lewis river trout hatchery we are getting ready for more spawn, while at the Wind river hatchery everything has been turned out and we are getting ready for extensive repairs to the bums and ponds.

"A wonderful showing has been made at Battle Ground lake, about 20 miles north of Vancouver. About the first of the month two years ago a large quantity of steelhead trout, varying in size from an inch to an inch and a quarter in length, was placed in this lake. Prior to this time a fish was never known to have been there. Last week one angler caught 19 fish, of which the smallest was 17 inches in length and the longest about 30 inches. This is a splendid proof of the growth of steelhead trout in fresh water."

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# IMPROVEMENT IN FISH RECEIPTS.

## Fares from LaHave and Grand Bank, also via Boston.

Receipts of fish at this port today show a decided improvement over that of the past two or three days, there being some good fares to be landed here, including one trip from Boston of 120,000 pounds of hake. Three trips by the drift fishermen, and one from Georges make a most respectable aggregate. From LaHave is a good fare of 80,000 pounds of mixed fish and 4000 pounds of halibut, also a good fare of 50,000 pounds of choice Grand bank halibut and 18,000 pounds of salt and fresh fish. Taken collectively, today opens with very pleasing features.

The only thing absent this morning is no word from the Cape Shore mackerel seiners, but before the trade rooms close something of an encouraging nature may be heard from them.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Kineo, Grand Bank, 8000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish, 50,000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Dictator, LaHave Bank, 80,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish, 1000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. E. C. Hussey, Georges, drifting, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Volant, Georges, drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Metamora, via Boston, 120,000 lbs. hake.
- Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, via Boston.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, via Boston.
- Sch. Yankee, via Boston.
- Sch. Leo, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
- Sch. Grace Otis, pollocking.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, had-docking.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

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### Good Trips.

The fare of halibut brought in by Capt. George Marr, in sch. Senator weighed off 78,247 pounds, from which a stock of \$3,890.30 was realized. This is the best halibut trip both for amount of fish and share by the crew made here this season. Capt. Percy Firth who arrived yesterday in sch. Eglantine, landed 60,000 pounds of codfish, the result of a two weeks drifting trip, and stocked \$1,900. This is the largest trip and best stock made in this fishing since last year. Capt. Firth is being congratulated by his many friends for his good luck. Sch. Eglantine is owned by the Gorton-Pew Company.

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### The Norway Fishery

The Norwegian fishery up to the present time has amounted to 48,600,000 against 50,600,000 for the same period last year. This indicates an improvement latterly, but the section of the fishery now in progress is not that which affects other places.

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# SMALL TRIPS AT BOSTON.

## Prices Are Firm For Cod and Haddock.

The receipts of fish and arrivals of vessels at Boston today are very light and prices well sustained. The half dozen vessels at that port today consist of shore boats, all of whom have smaller trips, which is of a mixed variety.

The market for cod and haddock is firm and unless receipts are larger the next day or two, prices will soar.

At Boston butterfish is so plenty that those received sold slowly, while porgies or scup can be had in any quantity. Weakfish have appeared along Cape Cod, and some came up from the yesterday morning.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, 35,000 pollock.
- Sch. Matchless, 8000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Emerald, 4000 haddock, 700 cod.
- Sch. Grace Darling, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 8000 cod, 112,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
- Sch. Josie and Phebe, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 26,000 hake.
- Haddock, \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1.35; pollock, \$1.

# GRAND BANK HALIBUT FARE.

## Sch. Kineo, Capt. Greenleaf, Brings Fare of 50,000 Lbs.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, the oldest fresh halibut skipper in years of active service sailing out of this port arrived today from Grand Bank, with a remarkably fine fare of 50,000 pounds of halibut, 8000 pounds of salt cod and 10,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish.

Capt. Greenleaf did not go up the Gulf of St. Lawrence as many supposed he would, but instead went to the old-time halibut rendezvous on the southern edge of Grand bank in latitude 43.08, longitude 51.10 and anchoring his craft in 210 fathoms of water struck fairly good fishing, although it was hard work for the crew in hauling trawls in that enormous depth of water, 350 fathoms. Being alone, however, they succeeded in securing a fine trip.

Capt. Greenleaf said that take it all through, it was a hard trip, for dense fog prevailed all the time he was on the ground accompanied by a strong breeze just enough to make hard and dangerous work. Indeed he said it was a mystery how the crew found their vessel and did not get astray. It was only those well acquainted with dory trawl fishing on Grand Bank, who were familiar with the strong current that continually runs southwest that could accomplish such things.

Not a vessel was seen or sound of a steamship whistle heard during the time they were on the ground, and as a matter of fact it never was clear enough to get either a lunar, midday or afternoon observation. But the crew were eager for a trip after coming such a long distance and so bucked right down to their work. Nothing daunted them and they never missed a set of the trawls during the time they were on the ground.

It was a relief, said Capt. Greenleaf, when they weighed anchor and started homeward, for they did not know what time an ocean greyhound would come down upon them, and being at anchor made it more difficult for any to escape. But as regard to this fortune smiled upon them and they returned without meeting with any accident. Both skipper and crew say that during the many years they have been on Grand Bank that they never saw such impenetrable fog before.

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After sailing from home, a good leading wind sprung up just enough so as to carry the sheets aft the beam, and with all sail set they came along at a rapid rate, making the passage in five days covering a distance of 1000 miles. But it remained thick and not being able to get an accurate observation, everything being by dead reckoning, they gave Sable island a wide berth. On the fourth day after leaving the bank the log showed that they had run their longitude up to the westward of Cape Sable.

In crossing the Bay of Fundy they held fair and strong, so that they arrived here early this morning.

The sound of the fog whistle on Thacher's island was the first they heard which showed that Capt. Greenleaf was remarkably accurate in navigating his good craft.

### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Margie Turner, Capt. Samuel Colson, of this port, arrived at Portland with 18,000 pounds of fresh halibut, 3000 pounds of salt fish and 2000 pounds of fresh fish.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Manhasset sailed from Canso for Magdalens Monday last.

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# FISH RECEIPTS FOR APRIL.

## Comparative Amounts Landed at Gloucester and Boston.

According to the report of the United States bureau of fisheries, department of commerce and labor, 234 fares aggregating 5,221,585 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$82,592 and 778,799 pounds of salt fish valued at \$18,416, a total of 6,110,384 pounds, valued at \$101,008, were landed at this port in April and 344 fares, aggregating 7,542,800 pounds valued at \$146,637, landed at Boston.

The total amount landed at both ports was 13,543,183 pounds, valued at \$244,645, of which 12,764,385 pounds valued at \$226,229 was fresh fish and 778,799 pounds valued at \$18,416 was salt fish.

The receipts at each port were divided as follows:

Gloucester.		
	Pounds	Value
Fresh cod	1,733,001	\$30,949
Salt cod	357,586	11,851
Total cod	2,090,587	42,800
Fresh haddock	1,115,469	9,233
Salt haddock	1,122	14
Total haddock	1,116,591	9,247
Fresh cusk	356,172	5,697
Salt cusk	2,548	64
Total cusk	358,720	5,761
Fresh hake	220,695	1,987
Salt hake	1,370	16
Total hake	222,065	2,003
Fresh pollock	1,438,379	10,150
Salt pollock	4,351	66
Total pollock	1,442,730	10,206
Fresh halibut	377,869	24,576
Salt halibut	22	2
Total halibut	377,891	24,578
Salt herring	411,800	6,314
Boston.		
	Pounds	Value
Fresh cod	1,830,900	\$45,708
Fresh haddock	3,919,400	5,764
Fresh cusk	375,300	5,764
Fresh hake	811,300	12,364
Fresh pollock	445,700	6,446
Fresh halibut	160,200	12,033

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### Portland Fishing Notes.

Fishing schooner Albert D. Willard was hauled out on the marine railway Tuesday for repairs, on the completion of which she will start out in search of swordfish.

There are herring off Cape Elizabeth. Not only are they fairly plentiful but they are also large, as big as the famous Labrador variety. Tuesday morning schs. Lizzie May and Robert and Carr were off the lightship netting for pollock. When the nets were hauled, a large amount of herring were found. Sch. Lizzie May had eight barrels which were sold to the Portland Cold Storage Co., and the Carr had 25 barrels, which were sold to Lord Bros. A much larger amount would have been brought in by the Lizzie May for she had about 100 barrels in the nets, but the ropes had to be cut when it was found they had caught on bottom.

Several of the Portland boats will now fit for swordfishing, having withdrawn from shore fishing which is unprofitable at this time.

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## LITTLE MACKEREL NEWS REPORTED.

### Nothing Heard From Either Seiners or Netters.

There is no report today from the mackerel fleet, either from the netters at New York or seiners on the Cape shore. One arrival is reported at Newport today, sch. Dart, with 500 large mackerel.

At New Bedford are a number of boats with small catches, but to date the mackerel netting fishing is not what was expected.

Steamer Prince George at Boston today from Yarmouth, N. S., has among her cargo 35 barrels of large fresh mackerel taken in traps down there. By this small consignment it is evident that but few mackerel are now being taken along the Nova Scotia coast or more would have come forward by this steamer. The facilities for forwarding fish from the outposts along the south side of Nova Scotia is all that can be desired for forwarding fish to Yarmouth, both by train and steamer, to be transhipped to Boston, so that the small lot received shows that none of any consequence have been taken by shore fishermen down there.

The Iron Mine trap near Yarmouth, N. S., took 40 barrels of mackerel on Friday and 60 barrels on Saturday. The Cranberry Head trap also took 135 barrels and the Bunno Point trap 26 barrels on Saturday.

#### Netters at New Bedford.

The following netters arrived at New Bedford, yesterday.

Sch. Florence, 500 large mackerel.

Sch. Active, 950 large mackerel.

Sch. Lena, 250 large mackerel.

Sch. Garfield, 300 large mackerel.

Sch. Jennie, 500 large mackerel.

Sch. Barbara, 11 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Vesta, 22 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Rattlo, 13 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Braganza, 13 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Torpedo, 3 barrels fresh mackerel.

Steamer Florence, 8 barrels fresh mackerel.

One barrel from Vineyard Haven and five barrels from Wood's Hole were also received at that place.

#### Netters at New York.

The following netters were reported at New York on Tuesday:

Sch. Mildred, 7000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 3000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lillian, 2500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie, 1200 fresh mackerel.

#### DRIFTERS SAY POOR PROSPECTS

##### Fish Less Plentiful Than Last Year and Dogfish Troublesome.

The captains of three vessels which arrived today from drift fishing, say the prospects are not nearly so good as at a corresponding period of last year. They have tried the ground from the western part of Georges to Sable Island and cannot speak in very favorable terms of the outlook. Dogfish they say, are in abundance, even in 100 fathoms of water, where they tried, this pest was in swarms, so that it was almost impossible to get a line to the bottom. It made no difference what kind of bait was put on the hook, these ravenous wolves would bite it. They think as the season advances the dogfish will go nearer to the shore, so that the cod fishermen will have a better chance on the off shore grounds and in deeper water.

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#### Portland Fish Notes.

Despite the rough weather of yesterday the little steamer Elthier, Capt. John Seavey, came through without any trouble from Gloucester. She arrived here about 4 o'clock and had a loaded seine boat in tow. Capt. Seavey reported a rather rough trip along the coast, but said, as the wind was with him, he experienced no difficulty. The steamer will be engaged in herring fishing here.

The Atwood & Paine Fish Company has given up operations at this port and the steamer Quoddy which they have been operating with the men in the offices has returned to Gloucester. Dogfish off the coast which raised havoc with nets and fish alike are given as the cause of the removal from the city.

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## FIRST OF CAPE NORTH FLEET.

### Sch. Richard Arrived Today With Fine Fare.

Sch. Richard, Capt. Miles Somers, of the Cape North shacking fleet, arrived this morning. The craft was well down in the water, and the habits about the wharves pronounced her having a good trip.

When Capt. Somers was seen, he said the trip had been one of considerable hardship. Not only rough weather, but a good deal of sailing around to drum up any kind of a decent fare. However, he succeeded by hard work in securing about 60,000 salt cod, which he took on his first baiting and 90,000 fresh cod, on the second baiting.

He baited both times at Magdalenes, where herring in abundance was procured quite cheaply. From there he fished off Neils Harbor, St. Ann's and Ingonish, eastern Cape Breton. The second baiting, he fished off St. Paul's island, and Cape North, and further up the gulf.

Fish was found very scarce, but the three last days they were on the ground they struck a small spot and succeeded in securing a fair trip.

Capt. Somers reports seeing most of the fleet at Magdalenes, and gulf coast of Cape Breton, and all of them were poorly fished. He did not believe that any such trips as were landed last season would be in evidence this year. It was doubtful if many of the vessels down there would secure any more than a half fare, for the prospects when he left were very poor, and a large fleet of American and provincial vessels were scattered all over the ground. It was nothing unusual to see half of them underway at one time, which indicated that they found fish scarce.

#### THE SALT FISH MARKET.

##### Present Indications Point to an Increase in Prices.

The salt fish market shows most favorable features for prices are firm and demand more than comes up to expectations at this season. Since the arrival of sch. Arethusa, the first of the salt bank codfishing fleet, and the report of her skipper as seeing a large number of vessels who had done nothing and the outlook not favorable for early or large trips, salt fish from vessel shows an upward tendency in price. There has been no salt fish come forward since last fall, and shipments have been so liberal the past six months that last season's stock is about depleted.

The arrival of new fish will find a situation seldom seen with an active demand and will be confronted. Another aspect of the situation is that there has been no fresh ground fish of any consequence landed here, and cured, as has been in past years.

A number of the larger vessels of the winter haddock fleet operating around the Magdalenes and east Cape Breton, who intended to bring their products here to be sold to the splitters, have not met with any degree of success when last reported and their catch may not be sufficient to carry dealers along until new Grand bank cod arrive.

The supply of hake, haddock, cusk and pollock is unusually light, and demand for this fishery product, is very active.

The Porto Rico market has been very active for the lower grade of ground fish and large shipments have been forwarded during the winter and spring and the trade out there is still calling for more. The supply sent to this insular possession, has been the means of using a large quantity of fish that at one time were of but little commercial value.

The outlook at the present time for a large supply is not favorable. So that prices of all kinds will necessarily be high.

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#### Cod a Good Ways Off.

There are only two great cod banks in the world's oceans as far as is known. Of course the one we know best is off Newfoundland, but the other is off Cape Agulhas on the southern tip of Africa. It is said to be equally rich in fish but it is so far away from any market that it will be a long time before fisher people use it much.

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## ONLY ONE FARE AT T WHARF.

### Lightest Fish Receipts at Boston For Many Months.

At Boston today receipts are confined to one small fare of mixed fish of 26,000 pounds and prices of all kinds are extremely firm.

As at other places the complaint is that the shore boats are not landing the usual quantities so noticeable in past year.

Herring, shad and in fact all other gill net variety are scarce and demand is firm.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 11,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2500 hake.

Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3; hake, 1 to \$1.50; halibut, 8 cts. per lb.

## NO MACKEREL NETTERS IN PORT

### Meagre Reports of Fish Along the Cape Shore.

There are no mackerel arrivals at New York on any of the Vineyard Sound ports reported today. So it is evident that the netters are finding poor fishing or some of them would have been reported today. There is no news from the Cape shore fleet and while some of them are reported at various provincial ports, none are reported as having taken any fish.

At Boston yesterday 150 barrels of fresh mackerel were received from Newport and New Bedford, but today there are none at that great fish mart.

The only mackerel reported by the Canadian Fish Bureau of Wednesday last was a few being taken in traps at Spry Bay. It is time that good reports should be received from that source, but incoming vessels tell of that coast being enveloped in fog for several days may be the cause of delay.

Capt. Somers of sch. Ricard came up the entire length of the Nova Scotia coast from Cape North to Cape Sable and did not see any mackerel, although much of the time it was foggy, and he was about 20 miles off shore.

Sch. Massachusetts was at Halifax on Tuesday, and reported having taken no mackerel.

#### Netters at New Bedford.

Sch. Muriel, 7 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mamie, 5 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lizzie Foster, 4 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Crescent, 3 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Jennie, 13 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Albert Brown, 9 barrels fresh mackerel.

#### HAD RUDDER DISABLED.

##### But Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood Completed Trip on the Banks.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, Capt. John Atwood, which is now at Boston undergoing repairs, had a trying experience on the trip home. She was fishing on Quero Bank, two weeks ago, when it was discovered that her rudder had become useless in some unaccountable manner. As there was a large amount of bait aboard, Capt. Atwood did not care to cut the trip short. Instead he continued until a fair catch was secured, after which he headed for the nearest American port, which happened to be Port Clyde, steering the craft for 700 miles by the sails only. There the fish were sold, and the vessel then came to Boston to make the needed repairs.