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LARGEST SHACK FARE ON RECORD

Sch. Thomas L. Gorton Weighed Off 254,225 Pounds of Codfish.

Vessel Was Gone Only One Month on Entire Trip.

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas L. Gorton, who arrived first of the week from a Cape North shacking fishing trip, has the honor of landing the largest fare by any vessels engaged in that branch of the fisheries from this port, and what is all the more noticeable, he was absent but one month.

The amount weighed off was 254,225 pounds, of which 153,502 were fresh cod and 100,723 salt cod.

This enormous fare, which was purchased by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., will ensure the owners a fine stock, and crew a good share for their month's work.

Capt. Thomas is noted for the many big trips he has brought in, but this one surpasses all previous records.

The stock realized from this enormous trip was $5600, while the crew of 22 men shared $142.59 each.

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SEINERS AND NETTERS IN PORT.

Bad Weather Prevents Both From Seeking For Mackerel.

There is no favorable news from the mackerel fleet this morning in any direction. Both seiners and netters are held in port by unfavorable weather, which is much to the regret of captains and crews, as the season is getting short in both branches.

At Newport the netters are reported in the harbor, as the weather is too rought for fishing. Yesterday none of the netters went out and all the fish reported there today is 1000, landed by two vessels. To these fishermen every day counts, as the season is getting short. Not more than two weeks more remain for those who intend to go swordfishing.

Cape Shore Seiners Held in Port by Bad Weather

From the Cape Shore today comes the news that rough weather prevails there, and the American seiners are in various harbors along that coast. This condition has existed most of the time during the last 10 days, which has been a great drawback to the seining operations.

The time down there is also getting short, for it is a well-known fact that the run of large spring mackerel do not remain long in those waters. This has been the case since the remembrance of the oldest inhabitant and the present situation has not changed. Those who have had practical experience in spring and early summer mackerel fishing along the Nova Scotia coast, know that the fish first make their appearance at Yarmouth, in the Bay of Fundy, and gradually continue their migrating course down the shore, only halting a day or two at various places until the reach Scatterie, when they appear to be lost to the seiners. As mackerel are reported being taken at Louisburg, only a short distance from the point where they disappear it is evident that the spring fishing down there has but a short time to procure trips.

At White Head, N. S., on Tuesday one drifter took 1000 large mackerel, and at Port Phelix a few were taken in nets.

The steamer Prince George at Boston yesterday from Yarmouth, N. S., had among her cargo 20 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Netters at Newport

Sch. Marguerite, 900 fresh mackerel.

Sch. S. P. Willard, 100 fresh mackerel.

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Loading Fish for This Port.

Sch. J. S. Glover of Portland, which is loading salt fish at Port Clyde, Me., for this port, has made some quick passages in the past two weeks. The schooner left Portland a little over two weeks ago for Round Pond, then to Port Clyde where she went on the railway for overhauling and painting. She then loaded salt fish for Gloucester, went to the Bay State port, discharged and is now back at Port Clyde. From the time she left that place until she returned she was gone half a day less than a week, and this included the time she took in discharging her cargo.

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ONE ARRIVAL FROM GEORGES.

Only Fish Receipts at This Port Today.

Receipts of fish at this port today were at low water mark, for since last report only one vessel has arrived from Georges with 35,000 pounds of salt cod.

The pollock fleet did not put in their appearance last night, as was expected, so it is evident they did not strike fish yesterday. All the larger vessels of this fleet are on the Nantucket ground, where pollock have been schooling the last two weeks, and some good catches were made. The shore boats are finding fish scarce, and receipts from this source are unusually light and disposed of for immediate consumption.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Georges drifting, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Corsair, dory handlining.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, haddocking.
Sch. Jubilee, drifting.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
Sch. Priscilla, Boston.
Sch. Almeida, halibuting.
Sch. Paragon, halibuting.

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Today's Fish Market.

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.

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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FISH RECEIPTS CONTINUE LIGHT.

Aggregate For Week Shows Respectable Proportions.

Fish receipts at this port today continue of a limited order, the principal arrival being sch. Onato from an eastern shacking trip, with 220,000 pounds of salt and fresh cod, and 1000 pounds of halibut, one trip from Georges of 45,000 pounds of cod and one of hake of 45,000, which together with 20,000 pounds of pollock, constitute all that is here.

However, the aggregate for the week, owing to a few large trips, which arrived earlier, make a respectable showing.

The shore fleet is still meeting with poor success, as seen by the few fish they are landing here. The rough weather of the last few days has retarded progress of the pollock seiners, who have been unable to prosecute this industry to any advantage.

In consequence of prevailing conditions, the market on all kinds of fish is active and prices well sustained.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

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Sch. Onato, Peter's Bank, 75,000 lbs. salt cod, 145,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Eugenia, Georges, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore, 45,000 lbs. hake.

Sch. Independence, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Marchant, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. William Keene, Cutler, Me., 47 bbls. salt clams.

Steamer Elthier, Portland, for Block Island, seining.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Olympia, drifting.
Sch. Harriett, haddocking.
Sch. Motor, swordfishing.
Sch. Pauline, Georges.
Schs. Senator Saulsbury, dory handlining.

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

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Atalanta, bound to the banks, arrived at Liverpool Tuesday last.

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PORGIE CRAFT SEINED MACKEREL

TWO FARES SECURED TEN MILES SOUTH of BRENTON'S REEF YESTERDAY.

FISH ARE REPORTED SCHOOLING FROM SHINNECOCK to BLOCK ISLAND.

There is no material change to note in the mackerel situation. The catch to date is about the smallest on record. The entire seining fleet are now at Cape Shore and the bad weather the past week has retarded progress of the netters which are in the vicinity of Block Island, while dense fog and strong winds have prevented the seiners on the Cape Shore from taking any fish, although mackerel in small quantities from Yarmouth to Louisburg are reported being taken.

The spring mackerel fishing season is fast drawing to a close and one more week will give a good idea what the result will be.

The fares of the porgie steamers George Hudson and Annie Wilcox, which arrived at Newport today were taken 10 miles south from Brenton's Reef. Both captains report many schools from Shinecock to Block Island and that the prospects are good for seiners.

This news is as was expected, for a good school of fish may be expected during the month of June in that section which will extend to the South Channel. It was hoped and expected that the vessels at Cape Shore would ere this, secure fares down there, in order that they would be home in time for the spurt off Block Island and No Man's Land.

The fleet has landed 2469 barrels mackerel during the week and 90 barrels have come to hand from Nova Scotia. The total fresh mackerel landed by the fleet to date have been 10,532 barrels, against 14,489 barrels last year, 7469 barrels in 1908, 19,989 barrels in 1907, 15,289 barrels in 1906 and 20,098 barrels in 1905.

The imports of salt mackerel for the week have been 200 barrels, all from Ireland. For the season to date the total importations of salt mackerel have been 33,351 barrels, against 43,887 barrels last year.

Late reports from Ireland indicate a good catch, the fish running about 350 to the barrel. The total shipments of Irish salt mackerel from Liverpool for the season to date have been 36,125 barrels autumn caught and 243 barrels new spring. The jobbing trade is still quiet, though the new spring Irish mackerel are attracting some attention and are being offered by the jobbers at $15@$15.50 barrel.

Seiners at Newport.

Steamer George Hudson, 90 barrels large fresh mackerel.

Steamer Annie Wilcox, 30 barrels fresh mackerel.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Carrie E., 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Hattie E., 100 fresh mackerel.

Seiners Now at Prospect, N. S.

A Prospect, N. S., despatch to the Halifax Chronicle says that bad weather for the past few days is responsible for the small catches of all kinds of fish made in that vicinity of late. The mackerel catch has so far this season proved a failure. The largest catches were between 200 and 300, and the fish were all large.

Several Boston and Gloucester seiners anchored there last Tuesday for shelter. They report taking 40 barrels. Capt. Hall is said to be the lucky man to get them. In all, five vessels got some. The Monica K. Thomas of Herring Cove is said to have got 60 barrels. The vessels in there were: Constitution, Diana, Dauntless, Electric Flash, Effie M. Prior, Lena Maud, Victor, Shenandoah, Saladin, Oriole, Rex, Veda M. McKown, Patrician, Fannie Prescott, Marguerite Haskins, Mooanam, Eveline Thompson, Premier and Judique.

The Canadian Fish Bureau of Wednesday report a few mackerel at Yarmouth, 700 taken by a drailer at White Head and a few in moored nets.

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SCH. ONATO HAS 220,000 LBS. FARE

First of Shacking Fleet to Arrive From St. Peter's Bank.

Reports Trawlers Doing Well But Handliners Poorly on Quero.

Sch. Onato, Capt. Henry Larkin, another of the eastern shacking fleet, arived today with a large fare of fresh and salt cod fish, consisting of 75,000 pounds of salt cod and 145,000 pounds of fresh cod. The schooner is from St. Peter's Bank, and is the first arrival of the cod and shack fishermen to come from that locality this spring.

Capt. Larkin said nothing of special interest had occurred since leaving home five weeks ago. "We waited," he said, "at the Magdalenes, where herring were plentiful and cheap. Our first baiting we used on Quero Bank, where we secured 75,000 pounds of salt fish. On the second baiting we changed the ground and went to St. Peter's Bank, and there found fish plentiful and secured the balance of our trip, 145,000 pounds of large, fresh cod. We found better and larger fish on St. Peter's than we did on Quero. Then there were no vessels at St. Peter's, while Quero Bank was covered with all kinds of craft, from one end to the other."

"Since leaving the gulf, the weather has been bad, but up Cabot strait it was fine and warm. On St. Peter's bank, it was extremely foggy and a strong breeze all the time, making it pretty hard fishing, and dory handline fishermen with only one man in a boat would not have been able to fish for the last 10 days."

Capt. Larkin said he saw no vessels on St. Peter's Bank, except one French steam beam trawler, which reported taking 2000 quintals of fish in 10 days. A week ago he saw sch. William E. Morrissey, which had just come on St. Peter's Bank from Quero, and Capt. Forbes reported having taken only 60 tubs of fish, and the dory handliners had done nothing.

There are only four French beam trawlers on the bank yet, but Capt. Larkin understood from them that 20 sail more would soon be out.

Trawlers Doing Better Than Dory Handliners.

When asked the prospect for the dory handliners to secure trips and get home early, he said that the dory handliners are fishing with salt clam bait, which was useless when a fleet of trawlers are around with fresh herring, as the American and Nova Scotia vessels were, and while the trawlers were getting good fishing, with new fresh herring, the handliners could not get a fish. He had taken 40 tubs at one set of the trawls, while a handliner but a short distance away did not get one tub for 18 dories.

The conditions will change when the squid comes on the bank, and they will have an equal chance, but this is a matter of conjecture, for squid are not a permanent fixture, as the captain had been on all the banks several seasons, and never saw a squid, but it is hoped this will not be the case this year.

Weather Foggy and Blowy on Homeward Trip.

Capt. Larkin said he left St. Peter's Bank last Monday and it was blowing a strong breeze from southeast, so heavy that all the sail he could carry was foresail, jib and topsail, until off Halifax, when a reefed mainsail was set. A dense fog prevailed all the time, making it impossible for the seiners on the Nova Scotia coast to do anything. During the passage he never saw any sign of mackerel coming up the Cape Shore, but it was thick all the time, and yesterday was the only fine day he had seen in two weeks. It seemed to him that mackerel seiners on the Cape Shore must have a pretty hard time and in fact it was impossible for them to do anything.

Capt. Larkin had the honor of bringing in the largest fare of shack fish at this port last year until Capt. Thomas of sch. Thomas L. Gorton has just taken it away in the trip just completed.

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ONE FISH ARRIVAL AT T WHARF

But Large Number of Vessels Expected For Monday.

As predicted, there is but one arrival at Boston today, so receipts are but a few thousand pounds of mixed fish. This, however, was expected, as the shore fleet have had no weather to fish, and those operating on the more distant grounds would not come in the last of the week, which is always a dull market day.

Monday doubtless will see a change for the better, as a large number of vessels will arrive in the meantime.

Prices today are firm, as they have been all the week. With a clean market on Monday, firm prices will doubtless prevail for some time to come. Indeed the number of vessels tending the market is not large, so that no over production need be expected.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Harmony, 13,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, $3 per cwt.; large cod, $4.50; market cod, $2.50; pollock, $2.50.

Nova Scotia Fishing Notes.

There are more fish traps set on the southern shore of Nova Scotia this season than in any previous year.

Parties at Little Harbor will try the experiment of a fish trap at Ram Island this season. It will be set about the 15th of June.

If the government would but allow purse seines to be used within three miles of shore, there would be little difficulty in securing a yearly supply of lobster bait.

There are now fourteen motor fishing boats owned by the union men at Little Harbor, all put into commission since last fall, and it is thought there will be double that number at the beginning of next lobster season, as several more are already ordered.

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NEWS FROM THE BANKERS.

Reports of Poor Fishing by Handliners Confirmed.

Capt. Malone of sch. Lillian, which arrived this morning from a shacking trip, brings the same story from the dory handline fleet as those who preceeded him. The weather he says was very bad, all the time they were on Bank Quero. He saw a large number of the handliners and sch. John J. Flaherty was the only one he reports with any fish and she had taken 100,000 pounds. Sch. Tattler when he last saw her had but 30 tubs.

He left the bank Wednesday last and spoke sch. Helen G. Wells on Middle ground but she had done nothing.