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## NO FISH FARES IN PORT TODAY.

### Arrivals Confined to a Few Vessels From Boston.

Today is another dull day among the fish producers, there having been no arrivals the past 24 hours.

A number of vessels of the shack and dory handliners are due, and liable to arrive at any time, but the non-appearance of the latter is evident that they are finding fish scarce, or they would have been home before this time, in order to refit for a second trip.

The shore boats as usual are taking but few fish which is sold for immediate use.

The pollock seiners have discontinued this fishing for the prolific schools early in the season, seem to have abandoned this section and will probably not be seen again before October.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Emerald, via Boston.  
Sch. Mina Swim, via Boston.  
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, via Boston.  
Sch. Eva Avina, via Boston.  
Sch. Minerva, shore.  
Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, Maine ports,  
130,000 lbs. cured fish.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Metamora, haddocking.  
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, shacking.  
Sch. Avalon, dory handlining.  
Sch. Monarch, seining.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, drifting.

#### 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.

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, 70c per cwt.

Outside sales dory handline bank cod, \$3.65 per qtl. for large and \$3.37½ for medium.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2.25 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.80; Eastern cod, large, \$1.75; medium cod, \$1.60; cusk \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, \$1; hake, \$1; pollock, round, 65c; dressed, 70c.

#### May Start Halibut Business at Bay of Islands.

Capt. Frank Forward of Lingan, C. B., managing director of the Fresh Fish Company at Burgeo, spent several days at Bay of Islands, N. F., studying conditions with a view of opening a similar business in that neighborhood next spring. He travelled all round the Peninsular interviewing the fishermen with a view of engaging them to fish halibut for his company next year. He considers that there is a promising field here for such a venture and expects to be on the ground early next season.

#### Now Employed in Buying Fish.

Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, at one time a crack fishing vessel sailing out of this port, looks today as about a thing of the past. Instead of being one of the crack Georgesman of North Bay hook and line mackerel fisherman, as she was in her early career, she is now converted into a trading craft, and is engaged along the Maine coast buying fish for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, and is now landing 125,000 pounds of salt mixed fish at the wharf of this celebrated concern.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mooanam arrived at Liverpool for bait and ice on Saturday and cleared for fishing.

Schs. Monitor and Flora S. Nickerson arrived at Canso on Saturday, and sch. Esperanto sailed from there on the same date.

Sch. Blanche of this port, Capt. Goodwin, put into Louisburg, C. B., from Quero Bank on Saturday. This is the vessel from which James Lebruk and John Mense got astray in the early part of June, while fishing on Quero, and after four days of fatigue and hunger landed at Little Lorraine.

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## SOME MAY GO TO NORTH BAY.

### Seiners Abandoning Shore Mackerel Fishery.

A special to the Times from Newport, R. I., today reports the arrival at that port of sch. Clara T., with 1200 mackerel, and sch. Alice with 7600 small mackerel. The prospects are reported excellent for small boats with seines. The price paid today was 10 cents.

This is the first news received from Newport for a considerable time and shows a change in conditions that have prevailed out there the past two months.

Sch. Pontiac will go out again, as Capt. Nickerson thinks there will be something doing yet. He reported numerous schools of mackerel on the Rips, but hard to catch.

Schs. Premier and Diana will now fit out for North bay, and probably a few others, if they can obtain a crew. The outlook for a good trip down there is most favorable and there is plenty of time in which to make it.

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#### TWO DORY HANDLINE TRIPS.

Sch. Elector Weighed Out 153,000 Lbs. and Sch. Madonna 138,000 Lbs.

Capt. Daniel Ryder, in sch. Elector, from a dory handline trip, weighed off 153,000 pounds of salt cod and stocked \$5100. This is \$200 better than Capt. Ryder's first and similar trip last year. It is just a year ago yesterday when he sailed on his second trip and he arrived early in the fall with a full fare of 250,000 pounds, and he believes that the chance is fully as good at the present time to duplicate that of last year.

Sch. Madonna, Capt. Firth, loaded 138,000 pounds of salt cod, and is now fitting out for a second dory handline trip.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James D. Goodwin, that has just completed a successful dory handline trip, is now fitting out for a second voyage.

Sch. Avalon, Capt. Lewis Wharton, sailed yesterday on a second dory handline trip. These two skippers were high line in this fishing on their first trips, which they have just completed.

#### Changed Their Voyages.

Sch. Catherine C. Burke has withdrawn from seining and is now being fitted out for shack fishing under command of Capt. Joshua Stanley.

Sch. Rex has also been fitted for shack fishing under command of Capt. John Grady.

Sch. Clintonia has also been withdrawn from mackerel seining and will now be fitted out for a dory handline trip, under command of Capt. Ralph Webber.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Onato and Senator Gardner arrived at Liverpool, N. S., for bait and ice Monday last, and cleared for the fishing ground.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport arrived at Lunenburg on Monday last.

#### Sch. Princess Arrived.

The old familiar Nova Scotia coaster Princess, Capt. John Ryan, which has been running to this port for many years, arrived here yesterday afternoon with lumber and wharf material for Davis Bros. and wood for other local parties.

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## BOSTON PRICES MAKE ADVANCE.

### Although Fish Is in Liberal Receipt.

Although the receipts of fish at Boston today are quite liberal, prices for cod and some other fish have reached one of the highest prices paid this season. Haddock appears to have the call and is quoted at \$5 to \$5.75 per cwt., and cod and other ground fish in proportion. These are extremely high prices for July, especially after such a large quantity of fish has been landed the past week, indeed it is predicted in some quarters prices will go higher, before the close of the week, and that next week may also see a very firm market.

A number of the drift handline fishermen are at Boston and have good catches of fresh cod, which are being profitably marketed there. Heretofore the drift fishermen at this season brought their fares in salted, which were marketed here, but they are gradually running their fish fresh to market and disposing of them for immediate consumption.

Bait is quite plentiful, so that the vessels can keep employed and not lose several days in hunting for a supply, as they did earlier in the season.

One swordfisherman at Boston today with 50 fish which sold at 16 cents per pound, but the catch of this commodity does not equal to date that of last year.

The fares and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Galatea, 14,000 cod.  
Sch. James and Esther, 12,000 cod.  
Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 5000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 4000 haddock, 24,000 cod.  
Sch. Grace Darling, 40,000 cod.  
Sch. Genesta, 3300 haddock, 7500 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Mattakesett, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Marion, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 cod, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 2300 cod, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 41 swordfish.  
Sch. Harvester, 7000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake, 9000 pollock.  
Sch. Matiana, 8000 haddock, 20,000 cod.  
Haddock, \$5 to 5.75; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1 to 1.25; swordfish, 16 cts. per lb.

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#### Shark on Exhibition.

At the store of Freeman & Cobb on T wharf, Boston, yesterday there was a curiosity, rare particularly on account of the manner in which it was caught. It was a shovelnose shark of large size, with a mouth that would easily take in a good-sized child. The shark, which was caught in a trap at Chatham, was about 10 feet long, and when taken about four feet in circumference below the head. The peculiar shaped head and the small eyes set away over on the sides, gave it a strange look, and made it an object of curiosity to visitors, many of whom took snapshots of it with their tourist cameras.

Smaller sharks are making life miserable and fishing almost profitless for the vessels that go to Jeffries bank. The sharks abound there and seize fish from the lines. Sch. Georgiana II., which came in this morning with a trip of pollock from Jeffries, had considerable trouble with these sharks, and the crew brought in a half dozen averaging six feet in length, to show what they had to contend with while fishing.

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## ANOTHER DORY HANDLINER.

### Sch. John R. Bradley Hails For 200,000 Lbs. Salt Cod.

The receipts of fish at this port this morning were confined to one dory handline fare of sch. John R. Bradley, 200,000 pounds of salt cod, and one fare via Boston with 75,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish. These are unusually light receipts at this season and in no way compare with that of one year ago, at which time full fares were in order, so that producers stock was the heaviest in many years.

The dory handliners have plenty of time to make a second trip, should they find squid bait, on the fishing ground as they did last year. At the best, however, stock will be light and not equal demand, when the season arrives to fill the many orders that must follow the advance of autumn.

No pollock or blueback herring were taken yesterday by the seiners and the small shore boats are also doing nothing.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. John R. Bradley, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 200,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Flavilla, via Boston, 75,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.  
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, via Boston.  
Sch. Geo. E. Lane, Jr., via Boston.  
Sch. Harmony, via Boston.  
Sch. Minerva, via Boston.  
Sch. Arcadia, seining.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.  
Sch. Harriet, haddocking.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.  
Sch. Thalia, haddocking.  
Sch. Jubilee, drifting.  
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, drifting.  
Sch. Waldo L. Streams, halibuting.  
Sch. Selma, halibuting.  
Sch. Juno, halibuting.  
Sch. Paragon, halibuting.  
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shacking.  
Sch. James W. Parker, shacking.  
Sch. Madonna, dory handlining.  
Sch. Elector, dory handlining.  
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, swordfishing.

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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, 70c per cwt.  
Outside sales, trawl bank cod, \$3.35 per qtl. for large and \$3 for medium.  
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#### Fishermen Sent Home.

Four fishermen, including William Wentzell, the 16-year-old boy who went astray from sch. Atalanta and rowed to Burin, N. F., Albert Roberts, David Campbell and William Mabson, who went astray from various vessels, have been sent to the United States by U. S. consul Benedict of St. John's, N. F., having been first supplied with a complete outfit of clothing.

#### Largest Swordfish Landed.

Yawl Eclipse of New Bedford landed the largest swordfish yesterday ever brought to Newport. It weighed 503 pounds and was caught off No Man's Land last Wednesday. It was sold for 14 1-2 cents a pound. The same vessel landed two other swordfish weighing about 150 pounds each.

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## MACKEREL SEASON CONTRASTED.

### Fleet Numbered Hundreds Under Hook and Line Catch.

There are no reports of any mackerel being taken, and it looks now as if this season would go down in history as the worst ever seen in this branch of the Gloucester fishery.

Only 41 barrels of mackerel were offered for sale yesterday morning at the Boston fish exchange. There was some encouragement for the dealers in the news received from Newport that the netters Alice and Clara T. were there, the former with 2800 mackerel, and the latter with 1200. Bullseye mackerel, which were got in such large quantities last year, and helped some of the seiners make up for their earlier losses, have again appeared and one barrel of them was offered for sale on the exchange yesterday.

The seiner Pontiac, Capt. Enos Nickerson, which arrived at Boston Tuesday morning, after a three weeks' vain search for mackerel, has been repainted and will sail again this afternoon. Capt. Nickerson feels that as there are mackerel out on the usual grounds, they will be found before long.

#### Large Fleet When Mackerel Were Caught by Hook and Line.

During the hook and line period of 50 years ago at North Bay and on this shore, a dozen vessels daily would be arriving with trips of mackerel, ranging from 250 to 450 barrels. This was before the purse seine was thought of in catching mackerel.

The large fleet from this port of 400 vessels or more, made two trips to North Bay and an occasional one made three. It can also be remembered that some of the vessels passed through the strait of Canso as early as July 6, bound home with 250 barrels of mackerel, which was done by Capt. William P. Gray, who now recalls that event.

These were the days of the mackerel fishing prosperity, when there were packed and inspected at this port more than 200,000 barrels, which was an average annual catch. There was no trouble in getting crews, as there is at the present time, for those who shipped the first of June generally remained by the vessel until she hauled up in October or November.

At present time, no comparison is necessary for the situation tells its own story.

The cause of this is well known, and cannot be controverted, for the purse seine, the ingenious device of the "get rich quick," the engine of wholesale waste and destruction is the cause of the scarcity of mackerel. What a condition in mid-summer, with not more than a dozen vessels engaged in this once remunerative branch of the New England mackerel fishery, where there used to be more than 800 sail on this shore and at North Bay.

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#### Cruelty to a Turtle.

Because he kept a big Florida turtle on its back 24 hours, thereby "inflicting unnecessary cruelty," according to agents of the Massachusetts Society for prevention of cruelty to animals, John Weimer was fined \$25 in the municipal court, Boston, yesterday.

#### On the Railways.

Schs. Effie M. Prior and Harmony are on Burnham Brothers' railway. Sch. James and Esther is on the Rocky Neck railways.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mildred E. Nunan arrived at Liverpool and cleared for fishing Tuesday last.

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## TWO OFF SHORE FISHING TRIPS.

### Also One Fare From Boston Here This Morning.

Receipts of fish at this port continue light, there being only two arrivals from off shore today with fish, sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., with 100,000 pounds of fresh mixed and sch. Pythian with 75,000 pounds of fresh and salt fish. Sch. Grace Darling brought down from Boston 20,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish, which was sold to the splitters.

The shore boats continue to find fish scarce, so that their catch does not increase receipts held in first hands. The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

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Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Western Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish, 500 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Pythian, Western Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish, 13,000 lbs. salt, 1000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Grace Darling, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.  
Sch. Miriam, via Boston.  
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Sch. Galatea, via Boston.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Gladys and Sarah, drifting.  
Sch. Mina Swim, drifting.  
Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.  
Sch. Rex, shacking.  
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shacking.  
Sch. Flirt, dory handlining.  
Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, handlining.  
Sch. Massasoit, swordfishing.  
Sch. Florida, swordfishing.  
Sch. Premier, seining.

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#### New Schooner Named.

The new knockabout schooner built by A. D. Story of Essex and sold to Boston parties has been named Virginia. The craft was rigged at this port, and is now fitting out for dory handline codfishing under command of Capt. Kendrick, who will carry 16 dories and a crew of 18 men. The attractive appearance of the new craft is favorably commented upon by habitués of the water front.