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## POLLOCK LEADS AT T WHARF.

Five of the Eight Arrivals Have This Variety.

Pollock is king at T wharf this morning, but his domain is not very large, for altogether there are but eight trips of fish there and the largest but 28,000 pounds. The five fares of pollock range small but are bringing good returns. Outside of the pollockers one of the fresh drifters and two of the market boats are all that are in port.

Although it is the last day of the week and a day when big prices are not expected, the figures offered by the exchange dealers are about the highest of the week, with haddock going strong at \$3.75 to \$4 and large cod at \$5 to \$5.25. Market cod are well up, fetching \$3.50, hake at \$2.75 to \$3.25 and pollock \$2.50.

Many of the fishing vessels are being hauled off for a winter fixing, and others, which cannot find marine railroads free, are being overhauled as they lie in the water, and changing their sails for the heavy canvas in the stormy months.

Another lot of fine looking smelts arrived at T wharf yesterday morning from Maine. There were a number of boxes on the first express, and the "hering train" brought up about 25 boxes, making the full receipts about 50 boxes.

For the week ending Thursday, 102 fares aggregating 2,827,600 pounds of fresh fish were received at T wharf against 62 trips aggregating 1,742,800 pounds, for the corresponding week last year.

The fares and prices in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sloop Minerva, 1000 haddock, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Edward A. Rich, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Lafayette, 7000 pollock.  
Sch. Alcina, 1300 haddock, 16,000 cod, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Harmony, 6000 haddock, 5000 cod, 7000 hake.  
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 1000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1800 hake.  
Sch. Massasoit, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Eva Avina, 5000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.25; market cod, \$3.50; pollock, \$2.50; hake, \$2.75 to \$3.25.

### Through Western Spectacles.

Look here, ye fish men of Gloucester and see how they size up our cod fish situation out west. Here is what the Pacific fishermen says:

"All reports from the East indicate a remarkable scarcity of codfish on that coast this summer. So marked has been this shortage that some of the larger Gloucester producing concerns, unable to fill their requirements, have outfitted small vessels to cruise along the Maine coast and pick up small lots of fish from the local fishermen. The eastern market is very firm with an advancing tendency, and with all the old stock reported thoroughly cleaned up. All these conditions will help considerably in giving our western codfish producers a broader market for their fish."

### Nova Scotia Fisheries.

Fishing along the south shore of Nova Scotia is quite dull, but for weeks past large numbers of albicore have been caught. The H. and S. W. railway scarcely fail to take on as freight one or more of these huge fish at every station as far east as Mahone Bay. Four years ago these fish were thrown away. Now they are as much sought after as halibut.

Large catches of herring are reported from Seal Islands. Thirty barrels to a net were the highest catches.

Sch. Eldora, Peterson, sailed yesterday for the banks.

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### Menhaden Catch Increased.

More than 2,000,000 menhaden, were caught off the coast on North Carolina and brought to the guano mills at Beaufort on Thursday. More than 3,500,000 of these fish have been caught in the last two days and fishermen report that the fishing grounds are still filled with them. The mills which convert the flat-backs into guano and oil are working overtime and employing extra men to handle the extraordinary catches.

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## THREE ARRIVALS THIS MORNING.

Each Represents Different Branch of the Fisheries.

Three different branches of the fishing industry are represented in as many arrivals at this port this morning, an eastern shacker, a straight handline Georgesman and one Ripper.

The former, sch. Manhasset, has a fine fare, 110,000 pounds of salt cod, and everything points to Capt. Harding finding a very active market on which to place his salted goods. The craft has been gone quite a long while, like many others having found difficulty in securing enough bait to fish with and also striking fishing very "spotty." However, with the present fine prices a good stock will result.

The Georges handliner Arthur D. Story has 17,000 pounds of salt cod and the drifter Patriot brings a good comfortable fare of 40,000 pounds of salt cod.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Manhasset, eastern salt shacker, 110,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Patriot, Georges drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Arthur D. Story Georges handlining, 17,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston.  
Sch. Leo, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.  
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.  
Sch. Rebecca, drifting.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, drifting.  
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, pollocking.

### Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Trawl Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.25.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.35 per cwt.; medium, \$3.  
Drift Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Outside sales of Bank cod, \$3.75 for large and \$3.50 for medium.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.  
Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt hake, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Dory handline cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish:  
Western cod, large, \$2.25 per cwt.; medium, \$1.75.  
Eastern cod, large, \$1.90 per cwt.; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 60 cts.  
Western Bank cod, large, \$2.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$1.65.  
Cusk, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50 cents.  
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.15 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

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### Price of Lobsters Decreased.

Lobsters have dropped several cents in price since the summer hotels closed and the big demand for them fell off. The opening of the season is still several weeks off, but lobsters are coming from local fishermen and by boat from Maine.

### St. Pierre Fishing a Failure.

The Newfoundland cruiser Fiona reported the fishery at St. Pierre a failure last month, but for the shore men and bankers. Earlier the bankers did well and also the steam trawlers, but of late, owing to scarcity of bait the catch has been a blank.

### Crew Shared \$48 on Quick Halibut Trip.

Sch. Yakima, Capt. Robert Wharton, stocked \$2160 as the result of her recent quick halibut trip the crew sharing \$48 clear.

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## FISH RECEIPTS CONTINUE LIGHT.

Only Three Moderate Fares at This Port This Morning.

Arrivals here continue few in number and the trips are generally of moderate size.

On Saturday afternoon sch. Mattie Winship came in from a Georges handlining trip with a nice catch of 40,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Dauntless from a double dory handlining trip, brought in 70,000 pounds of salt cod this morning. Sch. Mystery, one of the fresh halibut fleet, which landed her halibut at Portland Saturday afternoon, came in during the night with 30,000 pounds of salt cod and 10,000 lbs. fresh cod.

### Todays Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Dauntless, Western Bank, 70,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Mystery, Quero Bank via Portland 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Squanto via Boston.  
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, via Boston.  
Sch. James and Esther, shore.  
Sch. Reliance, shore.  
Sch. Nokomis, shore.  
Sch. Edith J. Silveira, shore.  
Sch. Little Fanny, shore.  
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.  
Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, shore.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, Boston.  
Sch. Nokomis, Boston.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, Boston.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.  
Sch. Squanto, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary J. Ward, shore.  
Sch. Leo, shore.  
Sch. Stranger, shore.  
Sch. Cherokee, shore.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.  
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.  
Sch. James and Esther, pollocking.  
Sch. Almeida, pollocking.  
Sch. Actor, pollocking.  
Sch. Reliance, pollocking.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, pollocking.  
Sch. Lillian, pollocking.  
Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, pollocking.  
Sch. Lottie Byrnes, Provincetown.  
Sch. Preceptor, haddocking.  
Sch. Admiral Dewey, Eastern deck handlining.  
Sch. Fish Hawk, Georges.

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### Fishing Vessels Had Blow Heavy.

Many of the vessels arriving at T wharf this morning report a heavy blow on the fishing grounds Saturday. Sch. Mattakeesett had her fore gaff broken, sch. Annie Perry carried away her bobstay and sch. Ida S. Brooks reports loss of 15 tubs of trawls.

### Fitted With Gasoline Engine.

Sch. Marguerite, Capt. Jacob P. Barrett, is being fitted with a 25-horse power Lathrop gasoline engine.

### Herring Bait at Cape Porpoise.

Quite a lot of herring bait was reported at Cape Porpoise Saturday.

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# MACKEREL STILL IN NORTH BAY.

## Sch. Georgia, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, Reported With 95 Barrels.

### Several Other Vessels Took in Vicinity of 100 Barrels Each.

The most cheering news from the mackerel fleet for a long, long time comes to hand today from the North Bay. It tells of recent catches there and indicates that the fish are still in the bay and have not gone out around Sydney yet, and also that quite a number of the fleet are on them and made hauls last week.

A letter to the Times from its regular correspondent at Souris, P. E. I., this morning dated last Thursday, brings the cheering news. The letter says that sch. Georgia, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, arrived there Thursday with 95 barrels of salt mackerel on board. When last heard from Capt. Jacobs had only a few barrels and he had got his catch recently.

The letter adds that several other vessels in the North Bay took in the vicinity of 100 barrels this last week, and also that most of the fleet had returned to the North Bay from off Sydney, having done nothing off the latter place.

The fact that the fish are showing and the recent fine reported hauls is very encouraging. The fleet has before it now in the North Bay one of the very best months in the year to prosecute mackerel fishing operations there and it is hoped that the good fortune of last week will continue and that the fleet will be favored with good weather.

Sch. Arthur James has returned

from off Sydney to the North Bay. She had 40 barrels of salt mackerel on board when she left the former port.

Capt. Charles Martin of East Gloucester, who has been out as one of the crew of the seiner Monarch, has returned home, leaving the vessel at North Sydney. He reports her having 20 barrels when he left, two weeks ago.

A few mackerel were taken in nets at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday.

At Herring Cove, N. S., handy to Halifax the nets took from 50 to 150 mackerel each.

### MACKEREL AT BOSTON.

#### Small Lots Being Received from the Provinces.

Mackerel were received Saturday morning at T wharf, from the provinces, some coming by express and some by boat. Fifteen barrels came on the "herring train" with the smelt from Maine, and the Yarmouth steamer had eight more barrels.

The week has been a better one for mackerel than any for some time as the fishermen in the provinces seem to have struck the schools that still hover about the shore there. During the week there were 382 barrels of mackerel put on the market here, all but 32 coming from the provinces, while in the same week of last year, only 105 barrels were brought to T wharf.

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# SEVENTEEN TRIPS AT BOSTON.

## Expected Big Fleet Did Not Arrive Today.

The T wharf dealers did not get much of a bunch of fish to begin the week's business this morning. They were looking for a big fleet but got only 17 trips and only a few good sized ones among that number.

The steam trawlers Foam and Spray struck the dock with fine haddock catches, but the failure of the market boats to appear in large force and with bigger trips is undoubtedly due to the prevailing scarcity of bait. Prices rule high, with haddock at \$2.50 and \$2.75 and large cod touching \$5 and \$5.60. Other goods were in proportion.

Some of the Provincetown crafts had good fares, among these being schs. Rose Dorothea and Annie Perry Schs. Victor and Ethan, Edith Silvera, Mattakesett, Gertrude and Ida S. Brooks were also pretty well fished.

The first car of frozen smelt was offered for sale at the exchange at T wharf Saturday morning.

The fares and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Galatea, 15,000 pollock.
- Sch. Victor and Ethan, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Steamer Spray, 68,000 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 500 haddock, 5000 cod, 40,000 hake, 8000 cusk.
- Sch. Valentinna, 15,000 pollock.
- Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 8000 pollock.
- Sch. Nokomis, 1000 hake, 6000 pollock.
- Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1500 hake, 2000 pollock.
- Steamer Foam, 58,000 haddock, 500 cod, 8000 hake.
- Sch. Rose Dorothea, 8000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 6000 hake, 1500 cusk, 9000 pollock.
- Sch. Gertrude, 15,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 12,000 hake.
- Sch. Annie Perry, 25,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 16,000 hake.
- Sch. Edith Silvera, 35,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
- Sch. Appomattox, 500 haddock, 10,000 cod.
- Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 25,000 hake, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Mattakesett, 3000 haddock, 9000 cod, 36,000 hake, 18,000 cusk, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.60; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$1 to \$2.25; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2.

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#### Salt Cod Sale.

The fare of salt cod of sch. Manhasset sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

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### NEW BOSTON FISH WHARF. Contract for Building Pier Awarded to Boston Firm.

Immediately on receipt of information that all parties in interest had agreed to the terms of the lease under which the fish interests of Boston are to use the property of the Commonwealth known as the Commonwealth docks, the board of harbor and land commissioners yesterday awarded the contract for the reconstruction of Pier 6 at South Boston.

Bids were received by the commission on September 2 but the award was withheld until it was determined whether the fish interests would accept the terms offered. This being assured, the board has awarded the contract to the Boston firm of Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins, they being the lowest bidders. Eleven bids were submitted, ranging from \$760,000 to \$1,445,200.

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### PERFECTLY WHITE FLOUNDER.

#### First of the Kind Ever Seen at T Wharf.

George Mills of East Boston brought to T wharf Saturday morning what was a curiosity even to old fishermen. It was a medium-sized flounder, perfectly white on both sides. Men had seen flounders spotted with white blotches before, but none of them had seen a freak such as Mr. Mills had. The fish was caught off Booth's wharf, Marginal street, at Jeffries' point, Saturday morning, while Mr. Mills was fishing for smelt. The fish had other peculiarities beside its color. As far as could be made out, holding it against a strong light, the fish had no backbone, and it was translucent. The fish will be sent to some public museum.

### BAIT AT PROVINCETOWN.

#### Herring in Weirs May Indicate School Has Struck In.

The famine in the bait market is broken at last and the hearts of the market fishermen will be gladdened. A telegram to the Times this forenoon from A. Hughes at Provincetown states that there are plenty of herring in the weirs there today. Bait has been a very scarce article for some time, but for the past few days some small hauls have been made at Provincetown. The announcement that herring are now plentiful there may indicate that the fall school has struck in and that the spurt is on in earnest.

### First Bream of the Season.

The first bream of the season were brought to T wharf Saturday morning on the sch. Harmony. The appearance of these red-colored fish makes it certain that the water out on the fishing grounds is becoming cold, as the bream do not make their appearance while the water is warm. The fishermen did not get many of them, perhaps a dozen, but their coming is taken as a warning of the fast approach of cold weather.

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# POOR FISHING WITH CLAM BAIT.

## Capt. Ambrose Fleet Reports Bank Fleet at Virgin Rocks.

Capt. Ambrose Fleet of sch. Dauntless, which arrived this morning from a double dory handlining trip to Western Bank, reports seeing no vessels there recently. He found fish scarce and practically no squid on the ground. The fish would not look at salted clams, but when two of the crew could succeed in jigging a few squid, they had no trouble in getting a dory load of fish.

He spoke the dory handliner Athlete Capt. Thomas Benham, recently bound into the land to take on a baiting of salted clams which had been sent down to her from here. Capt. Benham reported that the fleet fishing on the Grand Bank had done practically nothing, and that there were neither fish or squid there. Capt. Benham had been to the Virgin Rocks and saw sch. Aloha there, that craft having got a good week's fishing when she got on the ground. After taking on his clam baiting he was going right back to the Virgin Rock ground.

Capt. Fleet says that he is of the opinion that by this time practically all of the dory handline fleet are down to the Virgin Rocks, as it seemed of no use to try to get a trip anywhere to the westward with salted clam bait, and it was well known that at "the Rocks" the fish took clam bait all right.