

LARGEST STOCK EVER MADE IN GLOUCESTER FISHERIES.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton Has Earned
\$45,000 in Less Than Year.

Share of Crew Was \$960 and Cook
Received \$1300.

A most remarkable stock for the fishing year, one never equalled at this port and probably excelled but once in the history of the New England fisheries is that which goes to the credit of Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas S. Gorton of this port. From November, 1909, to the present time, Capt. Thomas has stocked \$45,000.

It is believed that this large amount, as a year's fishing stock, has been exceeded but once, sch. Mary C. Santos of Provincetown, which a few years ago, went something over this mark.

Capt. Thomas has made his remarkable stock in the winter haddock and summer shack fisheries. During last winter he made many quick trips, bringing in new fish and striking fine prices for them, and the past summer season his shack trips could fairly be called monsters, one of them making a new record in this line of fishery.

On this gross stock of \$45,000, which really represents less than a year's work, the net stock was \$43,000, the crew taking \$960 each for their part of the net earnings, while the cook of

the craft profited to the extent of \$1300. Capt. Thomas carries on his vessel 10 dories and 23 men.

Gross Stock for Three Years Has Been \$119,000.

His record for 1909 was a gross stock of \$39,000, or net of \$36,000. His record for 1908 was \$35,000 gross and \$32,000 net. So that in three years he has harvested from the deep a total of \$119,000 gross, or \$110,000 net, which is going some, and shows Capt. Thomas and his expert crew to be consistent performers.

Capt. Thomas' reputation as a master mariner of the highest ability is known from New York to Burgeo, and all along the coast he is conceded to be without a peer in his lines of fishing. At this port and T wharf, Boston, where he is especially well known, he is considered as one of the most competent and successful skippers that has ever sailed in or out of these two ports. He is a general favorite, a hard worker, possessed of remarkable fishing judgment and taking it all around can fairly be termed an ideal master mariner. His success is deserved and on all hands he is being showered with congratulations on his big year's work.

VESSELS COMING ALONG SLOWLY.

DORY HANDLINERS NOT YET EXPECTED BUT HALIBUTERS AND SHACKERS ARE DUE.

The vessels do certainly come along very slowly and when they do come, the majority of them lately have been bringing small fares. Several of the halibut fleet are looked for and some of the shackers should be dodging in.

The majority of the dory handliners are supposed to be at the Virgin Rocks, which means that they are not looked for until November, but some of them which have been fishing on Quero and Sable Island banks may be along most any day. A number of the trawl bankers are known to be west fished and the majority of this fleet is expected to put in appearance before the dory handliners and some of them are now looked for along the latter part of next week.

This morning sch. James W. Parker, from an eastern cod shacking trip to the eastward brought in a small catch of both salt and fresh cod, selling the latter at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company. Sch. Hope, which has been on a dory handline trip and which recently lost her rudder during a gale on the bank and had to go to Hawkesbury for a new one, came in shortly after 7 o'clock. She has 15,000 pounds of salt cod.

The torchers this morning had about 75 barrels of fine herring bait and the trap boats brought down about 40 barrels more. Bait is in good demand, and as most of the fleet are now coming here for their supply it keeps the two wideawake bait concerns hustling day and night looking after the catch and filling orders.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. James W. Parker, Sable Island Ground, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 15,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Elsie, Block Island.
Sch. Hope, dory handlining, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.
Traps and torchers, 115 bbls. fresh herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.
Sch. Harriett, haddocking.
Sch. Jubilee, drifting.
Sch. M. Mediline, shore.
Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, pollocking.
Sch. Reliance, pollocking.
Sch. Joseph H. Cronwell, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.
Trawl Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.25.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.70 per cwt.; medium, \$3.37.
Drift Georges cod, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.
Eastern double dory salt handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.55 for mediums.
Bank halibut 11 cents per lb. right through for white and gray.
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.
Swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.
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 cts.
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.15 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

Sch. Meteor Put Into St. John's, N. F., for Water.

Sch. Meteor, one of the dory handlining fleet of this port, put into St. John's, N. F., recently, short of water. The vessel had been operating on the banks for the last five months and did exceptionally well. Four days ago the water was beginning to run short and the captain headed the schooner for St. John's. The captain reports fish plentiful, but operations are marred by bad weather. The captain has not yet abandoned the voyage, and after replenishing his stock of water as well as provisions, she left for the banks to continue operations there.

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BAD WEATHER BOTHERED.

NORTH BAY MACKEREL FLEET
WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE
MADE GOOD HAULS.

Capt. Albert Hudder, who has been on a North Bay mackerel trip as one of the crew of sch. Electric Flash, arrived home yesterday from North Sydney, C. B., and reports the vessel on the way home.

Capt. Hudder, says, as have those who have come home from the fleet before him, that had they had a good spell of weather following the one fine day's fishing which several of the vessels got off East Point, there would have been some fine fares secured and that all the fleet would have done well.

After the long spell of stormy weather they were unable to raise any fish on the various grounds in the bay and the fleet then went to the grounds off North Sydney. Here again they struck almost continuous bad weather, although they had one day when about all the fleet got some fish, some of the vessels getting as high as 20 barrels for their day's work, others getting various amounts down to five barrels.

He thought the non-success of the fleet as a whole could be laid almost entirely to bad weather, as at one time there was surely a fine body of fish in the bay.

MACKEREL SOLD READILY.

Shipment of Tinker Mackerel Reached
New York in Good Condition.

The recent venture of Neal & Cooney in making a large shipment of tinker fresh mackerel, Essex river caught, turned out successfully, as the fish reached their consignee, Chesebro Brothers, in fine condition and sold readily.

The Italian boats landed no mackerel yesterday or this morning, but they are still sticking to it. The men say that the nights are too light for "owling" and that soon as they get a little dark they feel confident that they will find the fish again.

Portland Herring Fleet.

The Portland herring fishing fleet came up again Tuesday and a total of about 400 barrels had been landed at noon. The steamer Elthier was really the high liner for she sold 100 barrels to the Portland Cold Storage Company. There were so many boats discharging herring at Central Wharf Tuesday the Elthier was forced to take her herring out at the end of Commercial Wharf.

The steamer Geisha, which came into Portland Monday with 150 barrels only to find that her fare could not be sold, went down to Broad Cove again Monday night, but her crew were not very lucky for they only caught about 14 barrels. Her herring were large ones, however, and instead of receiving \$1 a barrel her crew received \$2.

Portland Arrivals.

Although their fares were not record breakers the two Portland fishing schooners Albert D. Willard and Hockomock came into that port Tuesday morning from the fishing grounds with nearly 30,000 pounds of mixed fish. The Willard landed 15,000 pounds and her fare was sold to F. S. Willard & Co. The Hockomock brought in 13,000 pounds and she sold to J. W. Trefethen & Company.

The skippers of both vessels report that there is a great scarcity of cod and haddock and that few fish are being caught because of the poor bait. At the present time the herring fishermen are catching plenty of fish but the herring are so small that they are not suitable for bait.

Bids on North Bay Mackerel.

The fare of North Bay salt mackerel of sch. Victor has not been sold. The first offer on the fare was \$23 per barrel and two more bids brought the bid up to \$24. Capt. McFarland thinks his fish should bring more money and probably will not sell at that figure.

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Shipping Fish By Rail.

Some of the fishing captains, fearing a repetition of the bad weather of last week, are running into Provincetown and other shipping ports and sending their fish to Boston by rail or disposing of it to dealers where they land. The schooners Gertrude and Mary E. Silveira ran into Provincetown Monday and unloaded their fish there to be shipped to Boston by rail.

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FISH RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST.

9,250,675 POUNDS LANDED AT THIS PORT AND 11,440,000 POUNDS AT BOSTON.

According to the returns of the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce and Labor, 161 fares, aggregating 4,113,156 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$72,423, and 5,237,519 pounds of salt fish valued at \$177,297, a total of 9,350,675 pounds, valued at \$249,720, landed at this port during the month of August and 409 fares, aggregating 11,432,200 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$307,379 and 7800 pounds of salt fish valued at \$819, a total of 11,440,000 pounds, valued at \$308,198, were landed at Boston for the same month.

For the corresponding month of last year, the Bureau of Fisheries returns gave 143 fares, aggregating 2,503,309 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$49,165 and 6,031,444 pounds of salt fish valued at \$203,013, a total of 8,534,753 pounds, valued at \$252,178, as landed at this port, and 362 fares, aggregating 8,289,950 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$267,826 and 54,400 pounds of salt fish valued at \$4706, a total of 8,344,350 pounds valued at \$272,532, as landed at Boston.

The receipts in detail for the past month at this port and Boston were as follows:

Gloucester.		
	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod	1,674,393	\$29,214
Salt cod	4,892,978	169,194
Total cod	6,567,371	198,480
Fresh haddock	467,333	5,190
Salt haddock	78,146	1,074
Total haddock	545,479	6,176
Fresh cusk	675,711	10,732
Salt cusk	41,996	976
Total cusk	717,707	11,708
Fresh hake	807,976	8,874
Salt hake	39,413	551
Total hake	847,389	9,425
Fresh pollock	96,974	1,057
Salt pollock	155,718	2,060
Total pollock	252,692	3,117
Fresh halibut	226,111	14,969
Salt halibut	17,268	1,362
Total halibut	243,379	16,331
Fresh swordfish	7,535	990
Fresh mackerel	3,168	312
Salt mackerel	12,000	2,078
Total mackerel	15,168	2,390
Fresh herring	1,900	14
Fresh bluebacks	13,267	137
Fresh shad	5,463	161
Whiting or silver hake	131,933	712
Fresh butter fish	2,292	151
Boston.		
	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod	3,965,600	\$100,655
Fresh haddock	4,542,550	83,737
Fresh cusk	51,000	813
Fresh hake	1,067,400	18,937
Fresh pollock	1,010,000	20,634
Fresh halibut	102,300	7,017
Fresh swordfish	551,650	68,266
Fresh herring	53,000	600
Fresh mackerel	86,700	6,560
Salt mackerel	7,800	819
Total mackerel	94,500	7,379
Fresh shad	2,000	160

Boston Dealers Awaiting Smelt Shipments.

Wholesale fish dealers at Boston are waiting for the first big shipment of barrel smelts from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The closed season on netted smelts ended in the provinces last Saturday, and it was expected that the fishermen would begin at once to take the fish. If they did so the first shipment, started Monday, should reach Boston yesterday.

In former years when the tariff charges were three-quarters of a cent a pound on packages of more than 100 pounds, and much higher on smaller packages, many of the shippers in the provinces, especially at Prince Edward Island, sent their smelts floated in barrels. Now that the tariff is three-quarters of a cent a pound regardless of the weight of the packages the dealers are anxious to know how the shippers will pack their fish.

While the fishermen hereabouts have to content themselves with taking a few small mackerel, the fishermen in the provinces are still getting good quantities of fine large ones. The Boston market profits from the catches wherever they are made, and large and small come there. Yesterday morning the dealers received 32 barrels of large mackerel at T wharf, from the provinces by express.

FARES LARGE AND PLENTIFUL.

INFLUX OF FISH CAUSED MARKET TO DROP ON EVERYTHING BUT COD.

There are some large fresh fish fares at T wharf this morning, larger ones and more of them than for quite a while. Quite a lot of the offshore fellows came in in a bunch, and under the pressure of the amount of fish they brought, the market sagged off on haddock, hake and pollock, though cod still hung firm above the \$6 mark.

The banner fare was brought in by sch. Catherine and Ellen which hailed for 78,000 pounds, while close behind her was the steam trawler Foam with 75,000 pounds, 70,000 pounds of which were haddock. Others in with fine catches are sch. Regina, Josie and Phebe, Benjamin F. Phillips, Alice M. Guthrie and Francie J. O'Hara, Jr.

Of the shore market boats schs. Genesta and Harmony also had fine fares.

While the off-shore vessels had mostly haddock, the market boats continue to find cod and haddock both scarce and are bringing in mostly hake. The pollockers, seven of which are included in the fleet of 28 vessels in, had fares ranging from 1000 to 21,000 pounds.

Haddock could not be called "low" as sales were from \$2.50 to \$3. Large cod were at \$6 and \$6.60, with market cod well up, \$4 to \$5. Hake sold at \$1.25 and pollock for \$1.30 and \$1.40.

Sea scallops are plenty in the market, and a large lot were received yesterday morning from Maine, but the fishermen on Cape Cod are still holding back their small scallops for higher prices and only enough to supply actual orders are sent along.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Genesta, 16,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. Harmony, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod 18,000 hake.

Sch. Arbitrator, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 24,000 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 15,000 hake.

Sch. W. H. Reed, 2000 cod.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2000 haddock, 400 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 1200 haddock, 700 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 2000 haddock, 2500 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 13,000 pollock.

Sch. Morning Star, 400 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Julietta, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 22,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 16,000 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 40,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 2000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Valentina, 18,000 pollock.

Sch. Pontiac, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 18,000 hake, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Olympia, 21,000 pollock.

Sch. Regina, 21,000 haddock, 25,000 hake.

Sch. Josie and Phebe 29,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 50,000 haddock 8000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 28,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 19,000 hake.

Str. Foam, 70,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 1500 cod, 31,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.60; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.30 to \$1.40.

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Herring in the Merrimac River.

Herring in limited quantities have made their appearance in the Merrimac river and at low tide on Monday afternoon, Capt. Nestor Thurlow and his men secured about 16 barrels, which were sold at the Consumers Fresh Fish wharf. The fish were of excellent quality.

Gulls in large number have been seen hovering over the river as far up as Salisbury Point and this is regarded as good indication that fish are in the water.

The fishermen made another effort to seine the herring in the river this afternoon, and believed that good hauls will be made.

Will Go For Herring.

Capt. Wallace Parsons, one of our leading skippers, who has been at his home at St. George's Bay, N. F., since the close of the mackerel season, arrived here yesterday and will as usual command one of the Cunningham & Thompson Company fleet in the Newfoundland herring fishery at Bay of Islands. Capt. Parsons does not talk of getting away very early, as when he left down there he had heard no encouraging reports of herring at Bay of Islands.

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FISH AT VIRGIN ROCKS.

Prospects Good if Fleet Get Favorable Weather.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Patrick Shea, one of the dory handling fleet of this port, is at St. John's, N. F., with her rudder gone. She will have a new one made there and proceed on her voyage.

Capt. Shea had been to the Virgin Rocks and in sending word of the accident, also stated that he considered the prospects on that famous fishing ground good, provided the fleet got any good weather. The vessel was hauled on the ways as soon as she arrived at St. John's, and the work of making and hanging the new rudder will be hurried along as fast as possible, as Capt. Shea is anxious to get back to the Rocks to complete his fare.

A letter to Capt. Thomas A. Cromwell of Boston from Capt. William Goodwin, skipper of sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, owned by him, who was in at a Newfoundland port recently, stated that he had heard that fish had struck at the Virgin Rocks and that he was going there to try and complete his trip.

GANGING WOUND ON ARM.

Hook Caught Trawl With Several Hundred Weight of Fish.

A most singular thing happened to two men of sch. Arbitrator while she was fishing in South Channel on Monday. Joachin Sardo and Antonio Nanin were in their dory hauling in the trawls. The two men worked together on a trawl, and while pulling the line broke between them, and a ganging swung around Nanin's forearm, binding tight, and the hook caught the trawl holding the broken line with its several hundred weight of fish. Sardo came to Nanin's assistance, and loosed the trawl from his arm, which had already begun to swell from the pressure of the weight of fish on the trawl.

MAIN KEEL NOT DAMAGED.

Sch. Teazer Proceeded on Fishing Trip After Examination.

An examination of sch. Teazer which was recently ashore near Tusket, N. S., and floated and put on the railways at Liverpool, N. S., showed that her shoe and false keel were pretty well gone, but that the main keel was all right and that she was not leaking. Capt. Peter Dunsky, who is a hustler and was anxious to get out and continue his halibut trip, decided not to wait for a new shoe and false keel there, but had the workmen smooth off the rough parts and started off his voyage again, leaving the permanent repairs to be made here when the craft gets home.

WILL SELL AT THIS PORT.

Fares of Provincetown Schs. American and Monitor on the Market.

Phillip A. Whorff of Provincetown is at this port and has put the fares of doryhandline salt cod of his two schs. American and Monitor on the market. The crafts arrived at their home port a few days ago, one with 200,000 and the other with 230,000 pounds. Yesterday there was quite lively bidding for the trips and by evening Mr. Whorff had been offered \$4.12 1-2 per hundred weight for large, \$3.87 1-2 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers. The fares will probably be sold some time today and the price is likely to go some over the above bids.

Captured Sharks on Trawls.

The sch. Eva Avina landed a large shark at T wharf on Wednesday morning, undressed, and three small ones, all of which had been taken on the trawls.

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The crew of sch. Alice M. Guthrie, at T wharf yesterday, shared \$52 each as the result of their week's haddocking trip to South Channel.