

EASTERLY BAD FOR MARKET BOATS

BUT HERRING VESSELS WILL BE HELPED ALONG ON THEIR PASSAGE HOME.

There are no arrivals from off-shore this morning, indeed there has been none since last Thursday.

The weather since Friday has been bad for the market boats, though some of them succeeded in fishing on Saturday, while others got no chance to put over their dories.

Yesterday the fleet was also up against it and a large fleet was in here.

Last night a lot of them went out, hoping to get a chance to set today, but soon after daylight they were all stringing back again, their captains reporting that it was blowing a regular gale from the northeast outside, making fishing out of the question.

The easterly prevails pretty well down the coast and some of the Newfoundland herring fleet, bound home loaded, must be getting the whole benefit of it by this time and are tearing along toward this port in grand style.

A few of the market boats in this morning have a few thousand pounds of fish on board and may land at the Fort before the forenoon is over. Three of the pollockers also have small catches and will take out. Bait is scarce, only 40 barrels coming here since last report.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Valentinna, shore, 9000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Lafayette, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Emerald, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Torchers, 40 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Winnifred, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Galatea, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary Decosta, shore, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rebecca, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Hortense, shore.

Sch. Hope, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Thalia, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Jubilee, shore.

Sch. Eglantine, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. William H. Rider, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Buena, haddocking.

Sch. Appomattox, pollocking.

Sch. William H. Rider, pollocking.

Sch. Jubilee, pollocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, \$4.50 per bbl., Bonne Bay salt herring \$3.75 per bbl., pickled herring \$5 per bbl.

Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.55 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.

Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts. for gray, with the heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.

Herring Plentiful at Bonne Bay, N. F.

At St. John's, N. F., exchange says: "Assistant Collector LeMessurier had a wire from Bonne Bay stating that every receptacle there afloat is filled with herring. The Sub-Collector there reported to the Fisheries Department that herring are more plentiful at Bonne Bay than ever, but that there is very little sale for them, there being no vessels there to purchase the fish. This is a great loss to the people of the place.

GOOD SUPPLY OF FISH AT BOSTON.

VESSELS GET GOOD PRICES AND SOME CRAFTS WILL MAKE FINE STOCKS.

Six of the off-shore fleet at T wharf this morning secures the Boston dealers a fine supply of fish to start in the week on and besides them 15 of the market fleet and four pollockers are also there, the most of them with good catches, to help swell the total, which will go a little over the half million pound mark, an amount which will not bother the dealers at all to dispose of, especially on a Monday morning, with a heavy northeast wind and snow going and poor chances of a fish day along shore tomorrow.

As is to be expected prices are good and as far as the proceeds are concerned about every skipper there will be pleased that he struck in just when he did. The off-shore vessels, without exception have fine fares, ranging from 52,000 to 80,000 pounds each, sch. Lucania having the latter amount. Sch. Morning Star has 75,000 pounds, sch. Cynthia has 62,000 pounds and sch. Arabia 54,000 pounds, sch. George Parker hauls for 52,000 pounds. This craft put in at Portland Saturday with her fare, but Capt. McKay decided not to sell and put to sea again and came to Boston.

All the off-shore vessels are from the eastern fishing grounds on Western Bank or the Cape Shore spots off Liscomb and Green Island. Besides the off-shore sailing craft the steam trawler Spray is also in with 40,000 pounds of haddock. It is reported that she too, fished to the eastward this time.

The market boat catches range from 6000 to 23,000 pounds, sch. Metamora, which has had several fine fares recently, leading the bunch. Sch. Gladys and Nellie, which always seems to strike both fish and big markets, has 20,000 pounds, sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 14,000 pounds, sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan 19,000 pounds and sch. Maud F. Silva 13,000 pounds.

All the fleet in are well iced up and some of the off-shore crafts in particular are completely encased in icy coatings which run from the waterline to well up on sails and rigging.

Prices are good enough for anybody. Off-shore haddock brought \$3.65 and shore stock \$4.50. Off-shore large cod sold for \$4.50 and shores for \$6. Hake were still way up, small going for \$3 and large fetching \$5, while pollock were forked out for \$2.35 and \$2.75. Of these latter fish there were four trips in ranging from 6000 to 22,000 pounds, sch. Marguerite Haskins having the latter amount. The pollockers that strike any fish at all are certainly making big money this season.

For the week ending Thursday night, 111 fares of fresh fish aggregating 956,600 pounds of fresh fish were landed at T wharf against 134 fares aggregating 1,501,700 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. George Parker, 15,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Cynthia, 40,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Arabia, 22,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Morning Star, 40,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Lucania, 35,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Stranger, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Good Luck, 14,000 pollock.

Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Mattakesett, 3200 haddock, 1200 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. James and Esther, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 300 hake.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Steamer Spray, 40,000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Harriet, 7000 haddock, 900 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 4000 haddock,

4000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Athena.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 22,000 pollock.
Sch. Metamora, 18,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 hake.
Haddock, \$3.65 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$2.25 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.35 to \$2.75.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Slade Gorton was at Canso, N. S. Friday.

Sch. Esperanto was at Louisburg, C. B. Friday with 25,000 pounds of fresh fish on board.

Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston thus far this season have been 26,688 barrels against 22,588 barrels in 1909, 38,307 barrels in 1908, 18,842 barrels in 1907, 34,168 barrels in 1906, and 34,939 barrels in 1905, to date.

Gone to Bay of Islands.

Capt. Carl C. Young left today for Bay of Islands, N. F., where he will superintend the loading of his sch. Dauntless with a cargo of herring.

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Bound Home From Bay of Islands.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant is on the way home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring.

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Caught Shark and Lobster.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, which arrived at Boston this morning, has on board a large shark which she captured on Jeffries bank Saturday.

Sch. Cynthia, one of the off-shore fleet, which is also at T wharf this morning, has a mammoth lobster which two of her crew caught on their trawls a few days ago.

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ST. PIERRE BANK FISHERY.

Results Not So Remunerative as in Former Years.

The bank fishery at St. Pierre for the season just closed is not as good as last year. The results of the third trip were not very favorable. During August squid baiting was very scarce on all the banks, and also continual bad weather during the month of September made matters worse, constituting a large drawback towards a good ending of the season which had started very fairly. The 48 schooners composing the fishing fleet this year gave an average catch of 2,396 quintals at 18 francs per quintal, whereas in 1909 a smaller fleet of 43 vessels landed 2,951 quintals at 19 francs per quintal.

Five vessels were lost this year during the fishing season, but it appears that the metropolitan vessels shall be added to next year's fleet, and also four new vessels which have been purchased by several merchants in St. Pierre so that next year's fleet shall be a little superior to last.

The shore fishery turned out very badly, and the weather has been so very wet that the fishermen could not manage to dry their catches. Dry fish was worth about 29 francs a quintal and kept steady at that price.

STORM WAVES FULL OF FISH.

Enough to Furnish Tables Thrown on Deck of Ocean Liner.

A despatch from New York says that the American liner Philadelphia shipped several boiling crests when a storm she encountered at sea was doing its worst, and every crest was full of fish. The promenade deck was like an aquarium, and the stewards ran out with pans and scooped enough to supply the tables. Nobody seemed to know what the fish were except that they were about the size of smelt and were good fried.

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Canadian Vessels Loading Herring.

The Lunenburg sch. Earl V. S., sailed from her home port Friday, bound for Bay of Islands, N. F., for a cargo of frozen herring.

The British sch. Francis Willard is at Sandy Point, Bay of St. George, N. F., loading salt herring for Halifax.

FIND FISHING SPOTS BY SOUNDING.

Skippers Can Tell Locality by What Comes Up on the Lead.

The Boston Sunday Herald recently published an article on how expert the skippers of fishing vessels are in locating fishing grounds, telling just where they are in thick weather, making an accurate run even in a dense fog, to some particular spot or back safely into port with a fare, in the face of a blinding snow-storm and 60-mile an hour gale—all without accident or mishap, because they go by the wordless yet eloquent story which the bottom of the sea tells them through the buttered lip of the sounding lead. The writer says:

"Butter comes to his aid when science of the highest order as applied to navigation would be futile. The greasy heeling in his sounding lead brings up gravel, coarse or fine sand, mud or clay. The appearance of this tribute from the bottom, or maybe its odor, tells the story of position. Fishing skippers are so intimately acquainted with the configuration of the ocean bed, its characteristics at different depths, that they frequently take a vessel 1000 miles to the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, remain on the ground a week or more and come back to T wharf without even unrolling a chart or getting a sight at the sun. And there are so many instances where schooners have started for the Grand Banks in fog and with an easterly wind that compelled tacking the entire distance, with fog impenetrably dense while fishing and remaining so until the vessel took her departure for home, such performances are worthy but scant comment among crews and owners. The sextant is carried by nearly all the skippers out of Boston, but it is allowed to accumulate green rust and seldom is limbered out of its mahogany case.

Picked Out Spot Where He Fished on the Chart.

"At T wharf the other day, skippers were discussing the absence of fish from a certain locality in South channel, as the water between Georges and Nantucket is termed. One of the skippers produced a chart of the locality and with a toothpick touched the apex of a letter A in one of the descriptive words that appeared in a mass of figures denoting soundings on the southeast end of Georges, explaining he had fished at that exact place with fairly good results—and his fellow fishermen believed every word he said.

"Think of it! That skipper had taken a schooner by dead reckoning from Boston light to Highland light on Cape Cod, a distance of approximately 40 miles, then bent his course down past Cape Cod, a distance of 70 miles, far from land, and luffed after a passage on end almost the entire distance, over a spot beneath the apex of a tiny letter engraved on a chart. He had performed this feat entirely by use of the log, the sounding lead and exercise of horse sense that told him how much to forelay for currents coursing three or four miles an hour, and to estimate the leeway of the vessel as she worked by short and long legs to that particular pin point, printed over a depth, as shown by the chart, of, say, 30 fathoms.

"That's shaving the art of getting somewhere pretty close, and the professional navigator of a different and perhaps more aristocratic school might find himself up against difficulties, say fishermen, should he undertake to duplicate the performance.

"Not long ago a schooner headed out of Boston for Brown's bank, 200 miles to the eastward. The wind was strong from the east, and observation was blotted out by fog. The skipper intended to fish in 30 fathoms over a peculiar bottom that had yielded good results on previous trips. Two days later the schooner was on the sounding she had been aimed for and was jogged two days while her dories worked the trawls. A heavy gale now set in and for 24 hours the schooner was hove to under short sail. The skipper estimated her drift to be something like three miles an hour and in the direction of Cashes Bank, where good fishing is generally found on a section of the shoal known as the 'prong.' This clear-headed skipper figured that the gale would drive the vessel to the prong in about 24 hours.

At the expiration of that time the skipper buttered his lead and got a sounding which placed him over the exact locality. Holding the position till the gale moderated, the schooner then sent out her dories and made a fine catch. She was then headed for Boston, and without standing in toward the coast to get a departure romped back to port with vapor hiding the sea most of the distance.

Skipper Kept Within Sight of Vessel in Thick Fog.

"Not long ago a fishing schooner, in South channel was bothered by fog which rendered it impossible to keep track of the dories. The skipper accordingly anchored an unoccupied dory and planned to maintain his position in the swift tideway by keeping the boat in sight. His attention was distracted for a moment and the dory was blotted out. The vessel was jogged about the locality, her skipper endeavoring to keep close to the now invisible dory. The fog did not scale up for eight hours, during which time the schooner was under sail in a strong breeze. When it did clear, however, the dory was sighted not a dory berth away from the vessel. This performance may be regarded as one of the most clever feats of jockeying recorded at T wharf.

"Schooners may be several hundred miles from Boston light when a stinging blizzard sets in. Observation is completely blotted out, but the skipper if he chances to have a hold full of fish shapes a course for Boston light. As the vessel approaches the land, as told by readings of the log, soundings are taken. Ten to one the schooner will be no wider from her mark than Minots to the west or the lightship to the east, and the entrance to the Narrows is undertaken by the aid of the whistle on Boston light. Threading the channel in swirling snow, driven by a 60-mile gale, is no easy matter for there are many bends and obstructions. A man, possibly the skipper, crawls out to the end of the bowsprit to con the helmsman. Bug light is picked up, then Gallup's island and Nix's mate. From the end of Long Island, it is plain sailing till the end of T wharf looms into view. For sail lugging and keeping out of trouble these resourceful fishermen certainly deserve a niche in the mariner's hall of fame."

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Captured Monster King Snapper.

A monster fish known as a king snapper was brought to Galveston, Texas, from the Campeche banks by the fishing schooner E. F. Williams. The fish on being weighed tipped the beam at 63 pounds, being the second largest red snapper ever brought to Galveston, the one holding the record being brought in by the schooner Good Hope about a year ago and weighing two pounds more than did the one brought in by the Williams. These monster snappers are seldom caught and but very few are recorded among the fishermen. The age of the fish cannot be estimated the only difference in appearance from the regular run of snapper being that the red color is darker and there was that venerable appearance about him which indicated that he had been an inhabitant of the seas for many years. The head of the big fish has been carefully preserved and will be mounted by a local taxidermist to add to the collection of fish that can be caught around Galveston waters.

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Salt Cod Coming from Newfoundland.

The British schs. Emulator and Excelsa have loaded cargoes of salt cod at southern Newfoundland ports, for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company and now are on the passage here.

Imported Codfish from Newfoundland.

The imports of salt codfish from Newfoundland to the United States this year up to December 7 aggregated 8693 quintals, against 14,172 quintals for a similar period last year.

FEWER ARRIVALS SEND UP PRICE.

BOSTON FISH DEALERS EXPECT LARGE FLEET AT T WHARF TOMORROW MORNING.

The market at T wharf this morning is higher and stronger than the Monday opening, the arrivals being less and the good demand continuing in evidence. Fifteen crafts are in, including the steam trawler Foam with 42,000 pounds of haddock. Three other crafts are also in from off-shore with medium sized trips and six of the pollock fleet have small catches.

The four or five market boats at the wharf have pretty good catches as a whole, sch. Aspinet, with 22,000 pounds being high boat. With a good fish day today for the market boats and some of the eastern big fellows due to come along, tomorrow's list of arrivals should be a large one.

Haddock this morning sold for \$4 to \$4.75 and large cod from \$5 to \$6.10. Hake went from \$2.85 to \$4.50 and pollock were up to \$2.85 and \$3.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 11,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 4000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Steamer Foam, 42,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 14,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 7000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Eugenia, 17,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 8000 haddock, 1400 cod, 2500 hake.
Sch. Aspinet, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3500 hake, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Matian, 5500 haddock, 3500 cod, 4000 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 300 hake.
Sch. Rita A. Vistor, 1000 haddock, 700 cod, 1700 pollock.
Sch. Valentina, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Volant, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Viking, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Jubilee, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Lafayette, 7500 pollock.
Sch. Georgiana, 5000 pollock.
Haddock, \$4 to \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6.10; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$2.85 to \$4.50; cusk, \$2.45; pollock, \$2.85 to \$3.

Scallops Leave Buzzard's Bay.

The elusive scallop has again left the shoals of Buzzard's Bay and fishermen have given up the search in despair. On the western shore of the bay big beds have been located, but on the eastern side none are to be found, and the boats have been hauled up for the season.

In some of the lower cape towns the fishermen have been making big hauls, and with the prevailing high prices they expect to make plenty of money.

Along the shores of Vineyard sound, near Hyannis, the scallops are believed to have bedded in great numbers, and as soon as the beds in shore have been gone over the fishermen plan a campaign to attack those lying on the shoals in deeper water.

Everywhere along the coast of Cape Cod, where the scallops have been found, the fishermen are hustling to clean up the beds in shore before the ice forms as thick in the shoal waters there and kill the bivalves.

Off the south shore of Cape Cod, between Hyannis and Chatham, scallops are found in great numbers and that will be the center of the industry this season, and between flounder dredging and scalloping all the fishermen along the coast there are looking forward to a big and prosperous year.

Portland Fish Notes.

The Portland fishing schooner Mary E. Sennett went on the marine railways yesterday to have some repairs made to her keel, which was splintered some when the vessel struck a ledge last week to the eastward of Rockland. Capt. Orchard, her skipper, was well acquainted with the locality, but this time he sailed too near the buoy marking the ledge and it being a very low tide the keel touched. The schooner will also be furnished with a new suit of sails this week.

Sch. Edmund F. Black brought in 18,000 pounds of fresh fish Sunday.

Another fishing schooner to arrive Sunday was the Marjie Turner, which came in from Gloucester, where she has been engaged in pollocking for several weeks. She will now fit out for the Newfoundland coast, where she will take on a full load of salt cod for Portland parties.

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FULL CARGO OF SALT HERRING.

SCH. INDIANA FROM BAY OF ISLANDS, N. F., THE ONLY ARRIVAL AT THIS PORT.

The only arrival here during last night was sch. Indiana, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of salt herring, she being the first "outside" vessel to arrive with a cargo of herring thus far this season.

All the market boats have gone out and from all appearances they will have a fine fish day today.

Just before noon, sch. Rob Roy arrived from Bay of Islands with a cargo of salt herring and the Br. sch. Excelda from Newfoundland with a cargo of salt cod.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Indiana, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1460 bbls. herring, 60 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Lucania, via Boston.

Sch. Morning Star, via Boston.

Sch. Rob Roy, Bay of Islands, full cargo of salt herring.

Br. sch. Excelda, Newfoundland port, cargo salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Newfoundland herring trip.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Newfoundland herring trip.

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Sch. Elsie, haddocking.

Sch. Virginia, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Thalia, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Rebecca, haddocking.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, haddocking.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Hortense, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Vjator, Boston.

Sch. Lafayette, Boston.

Sch. Valentinna, Boston.

Sch. Grace Otis, pollocking.

Sch. Massasoit, pollocking.

Sch. Winnifred, pollocking.

Sch. Eglantine, pollocking.

Sch. Emerald, pollocking.

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Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts. for gray, with the heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Georges headline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.

Fresh round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt., gutted \$1.20.

HERRING FLEET MET GALE.

Several Vessels Forced to Harbor at Louisburg and North Sydney.

A heavy northeast gale raged along the Cape Breton coast yesterday, and several of the herring fleet from this port bound for the Newfoundland treaty coast were forced to seek harbor.

Schs. Olga and Ramona sheltered at Louisburg, C. B., and schs. Massachusetts, Annie M. Parker and Gossip harbored at North Sydney, C. B.

Also at the latter port and bound home with cargoes of salt herring were schs. Senator Gardner and Lucinda I. Lowell.

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HERRING GONE FROM BONNE BAY

DISAPPEARED ON FRIDAY NIGHT FOR NOBODY KNOWS WHERE.

VESSELS LOADING THERE HAVE GONE TO BAY OF ISLANDS.

There is no figuring out the vagaries of the herring, particularly those which frequent the treaty coast of Newfoundland in the fall and winter. They are here today and somewhere else tomorrow.

This is the case at present at Bonne Bay, where in all the history of the place herring have never been so plenty since the first fisherman ever put a net in the water there nobody knows how many years ago. They have been extra plenty there ever since the season opened, so plenty that many nets were lost and sunk by the great weight of the herring which filled them.

But all this was changed in a twinkling. On Friday they were as plenty there as ever, even more plentiful, if such a thing were possible. The vessels were all loading rapidly and the prospects of a quick finish up were bright, but when Saturday came, lo and behold, there were no herring. The nets positively had nothing in them and in no part of the bay was there a bubble or a ripple or anything else to indicate that a herring was or ever had been there.

It was a complete disappearance. The vast school had shifted its grounds—left in a night for nobody

knew where. All day Saturday not a herring was taken and the vessels which were there, some part loaded and others just getting ready to take on fish, hoisted their sails and went to Bay of Islands to finish up. At last reports there was good fishing at the latter place, but still no sign of frost.

Receipts at This Port to Date.

Thus far the herring arrivals this season have been 11 in number, 10 salt and one pan frozen, all American and bringing 12,335 barrels of frozen herring, 1152 barrels of pickled herring and 900 barrels of frozen herring. Last year, the herring arrivals to date numbered 10, all of them bringing salt herring, 10 being American and one English. No frozen cargo arrived until December 23 when sch. Annie M. Parker brought a load of pan frozen.

This season five of the arrivals have been from Bay of Islands and six from Bonne Bay. Last season to date, nine of the arrivals were from Bonne Bay and one from Green Bay.

Fare of Sch. Indiana Sold Before Sailing.

The fare of salt herring of sch. Indiana, which arrived at this port this morning sold to Fred Bradley, the trade having been made before the vessel sailed from here on her trip.

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Bait for French Sardine Industry.

The Fishing Gazette's correspondent in England, writing of the industry in France, says:

"A great difficulty attending the sardine, mackerel and sprat fishings is the cost of bait. It is the custom to fish by baiting the water with some attractive stuff thrown in by hand, and then to cast a seine around the fish when closely huddled together; drift nets, stop nets and traps being rarely used in France for this class of fishing. The usual bait is rogue, the roe of the cod, and all the product of the French cod fisheries at Newfoundland and Iceland is used up, besides a good deal of imported stuff from the Lofoten fisheries of Norway. The price of good bait is very high, about 26 francs for a small barrel, weighing half a hundred weight. As a substitute, gueldre, a mash of shrimp fry salted down is also used, and is cheaper than cod roe.

"It might be worth the while of the Louisiana and Mississippi fishermen to consider whether they could supply this stuff, for which there is a fair demand.

"An artificial bait is also being made upon the basis of the following formula: Coarse wheat flour, 1,000 parts; pulverized casein, 10 parts; pulverized albumen, from blood, 10 parts; fish oil, 4 parts. This should be mixed with boiling water into a thick paste and granulated in a machine.

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The dried granules are then mixed with one-fifth part by weight of finely powdered dry fish, and a similar weight of sea salt, and the mixture reproduces the appearance and odor of the natural cod roe.

"Americans have all the raw ingredients handy and cheap, and it might be well for some enterprising person to attempt the manufacture of this artificial product (which is highly recommended by the Viscount de France, one of the best authorities on the subject of the French fisheries), and to put it on the market in France; for the scarcity of natural bait is becoming a serious consideration, and its cost absorbs something like one-fourth of the fishermen's gross earnings."

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FISH RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER.

COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS RECEIVED AT THIS PORT AND BOSTON.

According to the returns of the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce and Labor, 120 fares, aggregating 954,613 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$34,848, and 3,652,930 pounds of salt fish valued at \$140,998, a total of 4,607,543 pounds valued at \$175,846, were landed at this port during the month of October, and 454 fares, aggregating 9,442,380 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$257,842, were landed at Boston for the same month.

For the corresponding month, October, 1909, 153 fares, aggregating 3,875,971 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$59,229, and 6,374,685 pounds of salt fish valued at \$210,544, a total of 10,160,656 pounds valued at \$269,773, were landed at this port, and 464 fares, aggregating 10,554,150 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$228,773 were landed at Boston.

The receipts at each port for October, 1910, were as follows:

Gloucester.		
	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod,.....	343,871	\$10,806
Salt cod,.....	3,292,549	124,447
Total cod,.....	3,636,420	135,253
Fresh haddock,...	82,335	1,882
Salt haddock,.....	43,295	692
Total haddock,....	125,630	2,574
Fresh cusk,.....	58,891	979
Salt cusk,.....	10,533	265
Total cusk,.....	69,429	1,244
Fresh hake,.....	271,532	3,293
Salt hake,.....	33,006	507
Total hake,.....	304,538	3,790
Fresh pollock,.....	66,306	925
Salt pollock,.....	115,214	1,441
Total pollock,.....	181,520	2,366
Fresh halibut,.....	57,978	6,231
Salt halibut,.....	145,128	12,589
Total halibut,.....	203,106	18,870
Fresh swordfish,...	2,600	364
Salt mackerel,.....	78,500	11,062
Salt herring,.....	5,800	95

Boston.		
	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod,.....	1,516,000	\$70,630
Fresh haddock,....	3,295,000	102,098
Fresh cusk,.....	178,700	3,060
Fresh hake,.....	2,652,100	44,703
Fresh pollock,....	1,776,900	34,566
Fresh halibut,....	17,500	2,653
Fresh swordfish,...	180	36
Fresh herring,.....	6,000	96

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Fulton Fish Market Notes.

Frozen fish entered largely into the transactions of the salt water fish market during the present week. Trade was fairly good, though receipts of green fish were light, outside of groundfish, Spanish mackerel and other southern fish.