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## FOR NOVA SCOTIA FISHERMEN.

## H. S. Nickerson Shows Reciprocity Would Be Good Thing for Them.

In the Nova Scotia house Saturday, H. S. Nickerson, one of the members, and editor of the *Clark's Harbor Coast-Guard*, a staunch supporter of the rights of the Nova Scotia fishermen, spoke in favor of Mr. Armstrong's reciprocity resolve.

He spoke, he said, on behalf of the fishermen, on whom depend the restoration of our mercantile marine. Nova Scotia expects every man to do his duty today, said the speaker, and he hoped to see the house united on this question.

The reciprocity treaty of 1854, which came into force the next year, and which continued for 10 years, resulted in great gain to the fishing industry of the province. At the commencement of the operation of the treaty the value of our fisheries was \$1,200,000. At the abrogation of the treaty the value of the fisheries was \$3,400,000. The value had reference to a bigger price rather than to the quantity of fish, as prices went up on account of the bigger market. The abrogation of the treaty was deplored in this country, said the speaker. He quoted Rev. Mr. Andrews to show how fishermen in West Halifax and Lunenburg were left in a state of destitution. The people were pleading for employment. The distress of fishermen all over the province was great, and grants had to be made for their relief by the province.

The Washington treaty had lasted only 12 years, like its predecessor. He quoted figures showing the comparative value of the fisheries by countries in 1878 and 1910 respectively. Coming to Halifax county, in particular, he showed how the decrease had taken place, the value of the fisheries of Halifax county decreasing from \$966,000 in 1878 to \$611,000 in 1910.

From these figures Mr. Nickerson argued that reciprocity was profitable to the fishermen of Nova Scotia. At the close of the Washington treaty the value of the fisheries of Nova Scotia was \$9,000,000 or \$1,200,000 more than at any time before and after. Shipbuilders and shipmasters had been forced out of the country.

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## TRYING TO SAVE FUR SEALS.

The conference between Great Britain, Japan, Russia and the United States, for the negotiation of an international agreement for the protection and preservation of the fauna of the Pacific Ocean will be held in Washington during May, according to an official announcement made by the state department. First consideration will be given the protection and preservation of fur seals threatened with extinction unless international restrictive measures are adopted.

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## Scallops Up From Maine.

Unexpectedly a large quantity of sea scallops have come to the Boston market from Maine.

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## Capt. Parsons Expected Tomorrow.

Capt. Wallace Parsons, who has been at his home at Sandy Point, Bay of St. George, N. F., during the latter part of the winter, is expected here tomorrow and as soon as he comes will start right in fitting out sch. *Saladin* for the southern mackerel seining fishery.

## Wrecked Crew Bound Home.

The crew of the wrecked sch. *Colonial* are now on the way home from Burgeo, N. F., and are expected in a few days. Capt. Upshall will probably stay by the craft until it is decided whether or not she can be raised and floated.

## Codfish Spurt in Ipswich Bay.

There was quite a spurt of codfish over in Ipswich bay for about a couple of weeks, and the netters did pretty well off it, but the captains say that the spurt is now over and they will turn their attention and their nets to other grounds.

## Fitting for Pollock Seining.

Capt. John Keoughan is fitting sch. *Jennie B. Hodgdon* for pollock seining and later will go mackerel seining in the same craft.

## Off-shore Haddock Season Nearly Over

Many of the skippers of the big off-shore haddockers are of the opinion that the market is about done for this season, and that most of their trips from now out will go to split. They will, however, make one more market trip and then turn their attention to shacking or fresh and salt trips to the eastward.

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## Haddockers Made Good Stocks.

Some of the haddockers at T wharf the first of the week made fine stocks. Sch. *Onato*, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, stocked \$2040 and sch. *Cynthia*, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, stocked \$2130, the crew sharing \$52.15 clear. Sch. *Vanessa*, Capt. William Firth, stocked \$1850 and sch. *Lucania*, Capt. Martin L. Welch, stocked \$2200, the crew sharing \$45 clear.

## Sold Halibut at Portland.

Sch. *John Hays Hammond*, at Portland yesterday, sold her halibut fare at the fine price of 11 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray. She will come here to fit out again. Her stock will be a good one.

## Will Resume Command.

Capt. Fred Thompson, who has been laid up for a while, will resume command of sch. *John Hays Hammond* when she arrives here from Portland, where she is now taking out a fare of halibut.

## Fishing Out of Scranton, Miss.

Capt. James R. Clark, formerly of this port, is now fishing out of Scranton, Mississippi, and doing well. He has command of a 50-foot gasoline fishing craft and carries a crew of five.

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## Sighted Salt Cod Fleet.

Some of the recent halibuters which have arrived home report seeing quite a fleet of salt cod fishermen on the Peak. They did not go near enough to speak any of them, but they could recognize the big knobabout *Arctusa*. The fleet were not shifting about much and it looked as though they were getting some fish.

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## WOMEN WEAR FISH SKIN DRESS

## Curious Garments Worn by Natives of East Siberia.

Among the most wonderful garments worn at the present day are the curious fish dresses of the wealthy women of the Gold tribe, living along the Amur river, East Siberia. Though they can neither read nor write these people are producing astonishing ornaments; designs and embroidery work.

The dress is composed of several layers of fish skin, the undermost representing the skin of the garment proper, the uppermost showing the ornaments in their cut out forms. Between these two layers is inserted a middle layer, which serves as a background, throwing out distinctly all parts of the ornaments. The pieces of fish skin forming the ornaments are generally colored blue. The front and back of the dress is adorned with three cut out pieces of fish skin sewed with fish skin thread.

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## These Will Help Some.

There were only 234 crates of live lobsters on the steamer at Boston from Yarmouth yesterday morning, and only three on the Halifax steamer. The Yarmouth steamer had a large quantity of salmon for this season, 29 boxes with about 50 fish. Of these there were 15 boxes for Boston dealers, the rest going to New York.

## First Herring From Maine.

The first herring of the season came yesterday to T wharf, Boston, from Boothbay. There were 18 barrels, each having about 200 pounds of fish. Frank R. Neal put them up at auction and got as high as \$17 a barrel for some.

## May Start Today.

Capt. Manuel Silveira, who is to take out the new fishing schooner *Jorgina*, expected to start on his first trip yesterday, but it is doubtful if he will leave now before Saturday.

## Second Seiner Sails.

Sch. *Arthur James*, Capt. Archibald Devine, sailed south mackerel seining this morning, being the second of the fleet to get-away this season.

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FISH RECEIPTS  
A CLEAN BLANK.NO BOATS OUT YESTERDAY AND  
BOSTON VESSELS BROUGHT  
NO FISH.

A clean blank is the fish story here this morning. The boats were not out yesterday and the big chaps down from Boston brought no fish. A trip of halibut is looked for any day now and some of the Georgesmen should be shooting along.

Today it is blowing, but the pollock seiners and shore netters went out to have a look while the market boats and off-shore haddockers made no move. The "glass" is still low.

Along toward noon, two of the halibut fleet, several of the big haddockers and a few of the market boats hoisted sails and went out and will take advantage of the favoring wind for a good run to the fishing grounds.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. *John Hays Hammond*, via Portland.  
Sch. *Manomet*, shore.  
Sch. *Morning Star*, via Boston.  
Sch. *Thomas S. Gorton*, via Boston.  
Sch. *Mary B. Greer*, via Boston.  
Sch. *Annie and Jennie*, shore.  
Sch. *Walter P. Goudart*, shore.  
Sch. *Harmony*, via Boston.  
Sch. *Esperanto*, via Boston.  
Sch. *Mabelle E. Leavitt*, shore.  
Sch. *Clara G. Silva*, shore.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. *Juno*, haddocking.  
Sch. *Monitor*, halibuting.  
Sch. *Annie and Jennie*, shore.  
Sch. *Ingomar*, haddocking.  
Sch. *Susan and Mary*, haddocking.  
Sch. *Mary E. Cooney*, haddocking.  
Sch. *Emily Cooney*, haddocking.  
Sch. *Arthur James*, south mackerel seining.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

## Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.  
Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.  
Haddock, \$2.  
Pollock, \$2.  
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.75.  
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

## Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10.  
Large cod, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.25; snappers, 60c.  
Dressed pollock, \$1.10; round, \$1.  
Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.  
Halibut 10c per lb., right through for white and grey.

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## Portland Fishing Notes.

In addition to the halibut fare brought in by sch. *John Hays Hammond* at Portland and some of the small boats Wednesday, receipts of fish were very light, the principal arrival being the steamer *Carrie* and *Mildred*, which brought in about 5000 pounds of haddock, taken off Cape Elizabeth.

Wednesday the steamers *Ethier*, *Pet* and *E. N. Brown* left Portland after pollock. The black-backed fish have been schooling off the coast to some extent lately. These three steamers have just been put in condition so that now practically the whole of the steam and sailing netting fleet is in commission.

## Halifax Fish Market.

Fresh cod and haddock are in fairly good supply, but somewhat below the average for the season. There are only a few small salt mackerel on the market, but pickled herring are in good supply, the quality of the stock being good. This is the season when the demand for herring is heaviest and all the jobbers report heavy sales. Salt cod is also selling freely. Most of the finan haddies on the market are storage stock, the dealers having been unable to get a sufficient quantity of fresh fish ahead to cure any new stock.

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FOUR FISH FARES  
AT T WHARF.HADDOCK AND HALIBUT PRICES  
DROPPED DESPITE LIGHT  
RECEIPTS.

T wharf does not say much in the fish line this morning, four fares, all good and all from off-shore, being the sum total of arrivals.

Schs. *Valerie* and *Buema* have been to the eastward, on *Brown's* bank, each having a nice little bunch of halibut to help out their haddock and cod. Schs. *Mary C. Santos* and *Frances P. Mesquita* are from Georges and as usual Capt. *Joseph Mesquita* of the latter craft brings a load. Capt. *Joe* generally gets what he goes after, and this time is no exception. He hails for 104,000 pounds and has them all right. The *Valerie* and *Buema* are also well fished.

Haddock were off a bit, the lowest price for a long time, some selling at \$1.35, while the new fish brought \$2. Large cod were \$2.35 and \$2.40 and halibut dropped to 9 cents per pound, for what reason nobody, except the men who bought them, can fathom.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. *Valerie*, 60,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 9000 cusk, 1500 pollock, 4000 halibut.  
Sch. *Mary C. Santos*, 22,000 haddock, 41,000 cod.  
Sch. *Frances P. Mesquita*, 40,000 haddock, 64,000 cod.  
Sch. *Buema*, 45,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Haddock, \$1.35 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.35 to \$2.40; market cod, \$2 to \$2.05; cusk, \$1.60; pollock, \$2.50; halibut, 9 cts. per lb.

## Made Another Good Stock and Share.

Sch. *Conqueror*, Capt. *Robertson Giffin*, stocked \$2000 as the result of her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$43 clear. Capt. *Giffin* has had a fine season and has been carting them in in grand style with the result that he has the *Conqueror* right up in the front stock and share row.

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## Will Be in the Ice for Several Weeks.

Capt. *Thomas Cromwell*, managing sch. *Thomas A. Cromwell* of Boston, which is frozen in the ice at the Bay of Islands, received a letter recently from her captain, *William Goodwin*, who has remained on the vessel. Capt. *Goodwin* said that the winter had been a hard one, with a series of storms, the last one a day or two before he wrote, being something terrific. He offers no hope that the vessel will get clear of the ice for some weeks more.

## Sch. Valerie Kept Lead.

When Capt. *Albert Larkin* left Boston on his recent trip in the *Valerie* he had a sailing match with his old captain, for Capt. *George Nelson* started out with sch. *Thomas S. Gorton* when Capt. *Larkin* had got well down the harbor. Seeing that the latter had not put up his mainsail, Capt. *Nelson* did not hoist the big sail of the *Gorton*. After they got outside Capt. *Larkin* kept his lead and a little better until Capt. *Nelson* lost sight of the *Valerie* in the darkness.

## Sch. John Hays Hammond Stocked \$2535 on Halibut Trip.

Sch. *John Hays Hammond*, Capt. *John Olson*, stocked \$2535 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$63 clear. Capt. *Olson* did a good trick to pick up such a fine trip in such a short time, being gone less than three weeks, in the face of the bad weather which has prevailed.

## Captain Ill with the Grip.

Capt. *Antone Brown*, of sch. *Mary B. Greer*, which arrived at T wharf yesterday from Georges, was quite ill with the grip and probably will have to stay ashore a trip. He was taken sick soon after getting on the grounds, but fisherman-like decided to stick it out and doctor himself and get a trip of fish before coming in.

## Stocked \$10,000 Since New Year.

Sch. *Thomas S. Gorton*, Capt. *George Nelson*, has been "going some" since the new year came in, for since January the handsome stock of \$10,000 has been placed to her credit, with a crew share of \$270. Capt. *Nelson* is the same great fisherman he always has been; indeed he seems in anything to improve with age.

**Sch. Yakima Spoken.**

Capt. John Olson of sch. John Hays Hammond reports speaking sch. Yakima on Quero bank recently.

**Bucksport Schooners Will Fit Here.**

The Bucksport, Me., schs. Hiram Lowell and Gladiator, which are now here, will fit out for dory handlining here instead of going back to their home port to fit out.

**Crew Shared \$35.50.**

The crew of sch. Moanam, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, shared \$35.50 as the result of their recent short haddocking trip.

**LANDED SICK MAN.**

Sch. Clintonia of Southern Seining Fleet in at Delaware Breakwater.

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber, put in at the Delaware breakwater yesterday and landed one of her crew, Jerry Daniels of this city, who was quite ill and was hurried to the hospital for treatment. The Clintonia has been out from here two weeks, and must have had very hard weather. Capt. Webber made no report as to mackerel, and evidently came to port for the sole purpose of landing his sick man.

**The Scotch Beam Trawlers.**

The Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast-Guard says editorially:

"The secretary of the Montreal fish combine did not score much of a point in pleading for his steam-trawlers in his letter to the fisheries department. No doubt he thought its contents would never come to light, but when it was read in the Commons the other day, it became a fair mark for criticism. Mr. Brittain will discover that the fishermen of Canso, with their unimproved methods can read and write as well as those of Grimsby, and perhaps better.

"Anyhow, some of his statements, so it would seem, were calculated to mislead the unwary. His boats were by no means at the head of the list in landing haddock, neither did his prices go up and stay at a 'better figure than ever before.' The cat is not out of the bag. His inducement was only held out to the fishermen to supplement his trawler catches which were short, and two days were enough to produce a glut.

"It will be remembered that the Scotch herring drifter when operating off Cape Sable, had to fall back on some such expedient. In order to get enough fish for a demonstration in curing, the local men were called in to hand over their hauls at a fair price for a single day. But the pay was not forthcoming for months. These 'improved methods' from the Old-Country are awfully 'fishy.'"

**Poor Herring Season at Nanaimo.**

So poor have been the catches of those engaged in the herring industry at Nanaimo this season that many fishers will end the year in debt while others barely made expenses. No year in the history of the herring industry has been so disastrous as the season that closed March 1st.

Approximately 7000 tons of herring were caught and cured this season against 28,000 tons last year and the season was almost six weeks behind that of last year.

One fisherman, who was engaged in the herring industry for more than 10 years, attributes the poor run and the depth at which the fish were found to the increasing number of gasoline launches continuously cruising on Departure Bay and Pender Harbor. These noisy little boats, it is said, frighten the fish into deeper water beyond the reach of the seines.

Prices ranged from \$1.50 to \$1.65 for herring brought to the curing establishments this season. This is a slight increase over last year's market figures.

After the fish are salted and cured they are shipped to Seattle and Tacoma and transferred to outbound liners for the Orient, where the product finds a ready market.

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**Alewives at Edgartown.**

A big haul of alewives was made at Edgartown, Mass., Thursday, and soon the Georgesmen and halibuters will be going "over the Shoals" for fresh bait. A message to the Times from its Edgartown correspondent states that on Thursday 11,000 alewives in count were taken at one draw, a fine haul indeed.

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**Lunenburg Salt Bankers.**

Sailings of salt bankers from Lunenburg, N. S., on Wednesday were: Schs. Amelia, Watanga, Alhambra, Shamrock, Hiawatha, Oregon, Eldora, Madeira, Novelty, Nahuda and Ronald G. Smith.

**TWO TRIPS FROM BOSTON.**

**NO FISHING ARRIVALS FROM OFFSHORE AT THIS PORT.**

There are no arrivals here today from offshore. Yesterday afternoon sch. Esperanto came down from Boston with 35,000 pounds of fresh fish, and during the night, sch. Frances P. Mesquita also came down with 60,000 pounds, mostly codfish. The shore boats did not go out during the night and this morning were still fast at the wharves, as it was blowing quite hard outside.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:  
Sch. Esperanto, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Nomad, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Weazel, shore, 3700 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Elizabeth N., salt bank cod trawling.  
Sch. Monitor, halibuting.  
Sch. Corona, halibuting.  
Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibuting.  
Sch. Stiletto, haddocking.  
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, haddocking.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.  
Sch. Jorgina, (new), haddocking.  
Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, (new), haddocking.  
Sch. Lillian, haddocking.  
Sch. Harmony, haddocking.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.  
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, haddocking.  
Sch. A. C. Newhall, haddocking.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET.**

**Salt Fish.**

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.  
Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.  
Haddock, \$2.  
Pollock, \$2.  
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.75.  
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

**Fresh Fish.**

Haddock, \$1.10.  
Large cod, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.25; snappers, 60c.  
Dressed pollock, \$1.10; round, \$1.  
Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.  
Halibut 10c per lb., right through for white and grey.

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**New Outlet for St. John's Cod.**

The St. John's, N. F., Trade Review says:

"The fish prices are merely nominal, for of course, there is nothing doing at this season. With regard to prices later in the spring, they will be at least as high as at present, and they may be higher. There has lately been inquiry for dry codfish from entirely new sources. A local business man who lately visited the United States, has been asked by a provision man in a town in Pennsylvania to supply him with from 3000 to 4000 quintals a year to begin with, and good prices are assured. This only amounts to one cargo, but it might be noted in this connection that there are hundreds of towns in the United States where similar contracts could be made, if the matter were thoroughly looked into."

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**Some Recent Haddock Stocks and Shares.**

Sch. Harmony, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, stocked \$1830 as the result of her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$35.55 clear.  
Sch. Stiletto, Capt. Reuben Cameron, stocked \$1650 as the result of her recent trip haddocking, the crew sharing \$34.70 clear.  
The crew of sch. Morning Star, Capt. Freeman Decker, shared \$46.15 as the result of their recent haddocking trip.

**SINGLE ARRIVAL AT T WHARF.**

**BUT DEALERS HAVE AMPLE SUPPLY OF FRESH FISH FOR PRESENT DEMANDS.**

T wharf closes its fish week with one lonesome arrival, and that one a shore sloop, one of the "smoke boats," with 1500 weight of codfish, which sold at \$3.75 right through.

The concerns have fish enough and have had enough all the week, but even at that, the Monday morning market will be all right. The boats will not fish today. They may get a chance tomorrow if it does not blow too hard.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are.  
Sloop Morning Star, 1500 cod.  
Cod, \$3.75 per cwt.

**Fishermen Up in Arms.**

New Orleans fishermen in general are up in arms against the state fish commission, for its recent announcement that the close season will be enforced by all means. The fish dealers are also indignant on account of the latest ruling, which states that fish during the close season can be shipped to Louisiana from Texas and Florida. The fish commission will not permit salt water fish to be brought in from nearby points, namely, Mississippi, and Alabama. This is a direct violation of the Intercommerce laws, and an appeal will be made to the federal authorities at Washington for redress. The fish dealers, as well as the shippers, have come to the conclusion that it will be advisable to test the law by securing an injunction against the fish commission, restraining them from permitting the importation into Louisiana of fish from favored states. The claim of the fishermen is that the Louisiana fish commission has not the right to grant permission to bring in fish from Texas and Florida, while restraining the importation of fish from Mississippi and Alabama.

**Portland Fish Notes.**

Practically no fish were brought here Thursday, as the weather was so rough that neither trawlers nor netters could get a chance to land a fare. Thursday the price being paid fishermen for bale lobsters was 50 cents a pound, the highest ever known, but no advance over the price of the day before.

The fishing schooner Rebecca, bound from Boston for the Bank shack fishing, came in about dark Thursday evening. The captain reported that his glass having fallen to 29, with indications of a hurricane, he thought it best to run in here for shelter.

**Shad and Alewives in Boston.**

Shad and alewives came over from New York to T wharf yesterday morning in larger quantities than before this season. The shad were offered on the market at a very low price tentatively with the expectation of opening the market at Boston for the southern fish, which are now coming to New York in considerable numbers.

The alewives came just in time to please some of the fishermen, who, now that the fish have begun to come nearer shore, have been anxious to get fresh bait. For bait the alewives were far from cheap, but the dealers who had them found ready buyers.

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**Week's Receipts at Boston.**

For the fish week ending Friday there were landed at T wharf, Boston, 86 fares of fish aggregating 3,440,150 pounds of fresh fish, against 78 arrivals with 1,702,700 pounds for the corresponding week last year. The week's receipts is one of the largest on record at the pier in recent years, although there have been days, a few years ago, when nearly 2,000,000 pounds were at the pier when the bell rang.

**Sailed on Maiden Trips.**

The handsome new schs. Jorgina and Eleanor DeCosta sailed on their maiden trips this forenoon with bunting gaily flying and the friends of the captains and crews giving them a send-off as they left the wharf. The tug and whistles about the harbor front gave them a good luck salute as they passed out by. Both crafts are going haddocking.

**Landed Golden Codfish.**

A golden codfish, measuring 18 inches and weighing four pounds, was brought into T wharf, Boston, yesterday by the fishing sch. Mary C. Santos, and attracted much attention from fishermen and dealers. This species of cod is very rare and it is the first one captured for several years. It was caught on Georges bank.

**Salt Mackerel Imports.**

Imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the catch of 1910 are 33,678 barrels against 32,868 barrels at this time last year, of the catch of 1909.

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**Digby Fishing Notes.**

Sch. Quickstep, Capt. William Snow, was towed out of the Racquette a few days ago by tug Moto and is ready for the fishing grounds with a full crew and full supply of bait and ice. The Quickstep has been thoroughly overhauled, newly painted and is the first vessel to get away in her summer rig.

Sch. Albert J. Lutz, Capt. John Apt, which is fitting out for halibut fishing, sailed from the Racquette to Port Wade, Monday.

Sch. Effie Morrissey, Capt. Ansel Snow, is receiving her summer rig and will soon be ready to sail on her first trip of the season.

**Yarmouth, N. S., Arrivals.**

The schs. Grace Darling, with 3500 halibut and Oliver T. Killam with 3500 halibut arrived at Yarmouth, N. S., Thursday morning. The fares were shipped to Boston by W. A. Killam.

**Fitting for Seining.**

Sch. Sylvania, Capt. Lemuel Firth, began to fit out for a southern mackerel seining trip this morning, and will get away this week.

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**Japanese Goldfish are Popular.**

The Japanese goldfish having become very popular in London as a result of the Japan-British Exposition, an experimental spawning has been accomplished. It is now said that some Englishmen are to make a thorough experiment the next three years, preparatory to forming a goldfish company. At the same time the authorities of the Imperial government and of the Tokyo Prefecture are planning to encourage the export of this fish, in co-operation with the United Industrial Association of Tokyo.

**Will Inspect Sch. Colonial.**

John Tuck of North Sydney, C. B., one of the best divers of the Provinces, has been engaged to make an inspection of the sch. Colonial, which was wrecked off Burges, N. F., two weeks ago. Mr. Tuck left with his diving outfit a few days ago for the scene of the wreck.

**Salt Bank Dory Handliners Sailed.**

Schs. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, and Flirt, Capt. Robert Winslow, the first of the salt bank dory handline fleet to make a start this season, sailed from here this morning.

**Stocked \$1550 on Haddock Trip.**

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Asa Baker, stocked \$1550 on her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$30.33 clear.

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**Fish Rivals Meat in Manitoba.**

Wheat, for years the leading product of Manitoba, Canada, has now a contender for that honor in fish, according to Consul General John E. Jones at Winnipeg. The fishing industry there has developed to such an extent that it ranks second to wheat in importance, says the consul.

For years the states along the international border were dependent upon Manitoba for fresh fish, but recent years have witnessed the introduction of Manitoba fish on the general markets of the United States. The middle states are the principal consumers, but frequently fish from that district have found their way to the markets as far south as Maryland. The catch is made in Lake Winnipeg.

**For Rips Fishing.**

Capt. Clifford Hopkins is here to fit sch. E. C. Hussey for Rips fishing. Capts. William Forbes and William Goodwin are expected Wednesday to fit schs. Muriel and Mina Swim for Rips fishing.

The weather has been so cold that no cockles have yet been taken, so the early drifters will have no easy task in securing their favorite bait.

Quite a number of fishermen arrived here yesterday to engage in Rips fishing.

