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MADE LONG
SEARCH FOR BAIT

TWO FISHING CRAFT RETURN
WITHOUT FARES AS THE
RESULT.

As an instance of the scarcity of bait, both in this vicinity and to the eastward, it is only necessary to report the arrival here this morning of schs. Thomas S. Gorton and Joseph H. Cromwell after a long and vain search for this very necessary article.

Capt. William H. Thomas of the former craft is one of the leading fishermen of the coast, and to return empty handed is for him most unusual. The captain reports, however, that he had cruised everywhere and found no bait, therefore he could do no fishing. He tried at St. Pierre and found no caplin there, and then he had a try with jigs on the fishing banks and there were no squid there. After this he went way to the coast of Labrador, where it was the same story, "no bait."

Capt. Thomas then came back to the Nova Scotia coast, went into Canso and there was no bait there. He telegraphed around and heard of the bait which had been reported at Liverpool and vicinity, and accordingly, came to the westward, but when he got up there, the supply had been all taken up and no more had been taken in the traps, so he just made up his mind to come home, and call the trip off and fit out for another start.

The Cromwell did not go as far as did the Gorton, to the Labrador coast, but like her, she was unable to secure any bait on the Nova Scotia coast.

Visited T Wharf.

T wharf was surprised Thursday by a visit from Henry Putnam, head of one of the lobster concerns on Commercial wharf, who is here from West Palm Beach, Florida, on a visit to his son John. About two years ago Mr. Putnam went to Florida to care for some fisheries he had purchased there and was so much taken with the southern state that he chose to make it his residence. The men about T wharf organized a reception committee, and headed by Arthur Johnson and Edward Devere, will give him a reception at his son's home in Winthrop Centre next Monday evening.

Portland Fish Notes.

The only herring fare landed at Portland on Friday was about 50 barrels of bluebacks landed from the sloop Isabel Parsons. It is reported that the fishing vessels are baiting outside, purchasing directly from the herring catchers.

Capt. F. M. Harty, representing the New England Fish Company, is again in the city, making his headquarters as before with the F. S. Willard Co. on Central wharf. Capt. Harty reports that quite a number of the Massachusetts halibut catchers are now on the way home from the Banks and he expects that several of them will take out their fares at Portland.

Hauled Out for Examination.

After taking out her swordfish trip at T wharf Saturday, sch. Mabel E. Bryson, which reached the wharf in an almost sinking condition, was hauled out on the ways at East Boston for examination and repairs. It is thought that the leak may be around the shaft aft or that a swordfish may have driven a hole in the bottom with its sword.

Schooner Spoken.

Capt. Horace Wildes of sch. Ingomar reports speaking schs. James W. Parker and Harmony on Quero Bank there. Capt. Wildes also reports seeing quite a number of the market boat fleet fishing on Quero and among them he recognized sch. Matthew S. Greer.

Good Shacking Stock.

Sch. Rex, Capt. John Grady, stocked \$4366.24 as the result of her recent shack trip, the crew sharing the fine amount of \$123.65 each.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Juno did to the American Halibut Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Corona was at Portland Saturday with 7000 pounds of halibut and a small lot of fresh and salt fish.

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SOME GOOD-SIZED
TRIPS LANDED.

FISH RECEIPTS SHOWED MARK-
ED INCREASE OVER LAST
WEEK'S FIGURES.

The number of arrivals here with fish since last report is larger than for several days of last week combined, and included in the list are several with fine fares.

Sch. Oriole, Capt. Louis Wharton, of the dory handline fleet, is home with a pleasing trip, hailing for 235,000 pounds.

This is the best fare of the season to be landed by any of the dory handline fleet and encourages the hope that as Capt. Wharton has struck good fishing, others of this fleet may have done the same. Capt. Wharton has done big work in the dory handline fishery for several seasons in succession, and bids fair this year to live right up to his reputation.

Two of the salt cod drifters also have dandy catches, the best in their line this season, sch. Patriot, Capt. Alex Surette hailing for 65,000 pounds of salt cod, caught off Liscomb, while sch. Volant, Capt. Allen Dolman, brings 45,000 pounds, about all large fish, from a spot he struck on Western Bank.

Sch. Juno, Capt. John G. Stream, from Georges halibuting, has a fare which will pan out a fine stock and share, for the craft has in the neighborhood of 25,000 pounds of halibut and some fresh and salt fish beside.

The big snacking schs. Ingomar and Morning Star came in yesterday each with a good big lot of fish. Capt. Wildes of the Ingomar hails his catch for 35,000 pounds of salt cod, and 135,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly cod, with 8000 pounds of halibut on the side, to sort of help out on the expenses with, while Capt. Decker of the Morning Star, his second shack trip this season, and out but short while, hails for 160,000 pounds of fresh fish, hake predominating.

Several of the mackerel fleet have come in since Saturday afternoon, most of them having small lots of fish. Schs. Georgia, Constellation and Saladin have from 1600 to 4000 fresh mackerel each, mostly small fish, while schs. Lena and Maud and Indiana bring small lots of salted mackerel.

Schs. Thomas S. Gorton and Joseph M. Cromwell are back after a long and fruitless search for bait to the eastward. Two of the shore seining steamers landed about 100 barrels of fresh bluebacks at the freezer this morning.

Another of the shack fleet in this morning is sch. Jorgina, one of the market boats, fishing on the Cape Shore. She brings 90,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, which came in here yesterday with 7000 fresh mixed mackerel, later went to Boston, where she is marketing her trip today.

Sch. Mattie Winship of the straight Georges handline fleet, is in with a small trip, the skipper hailing for 12,000 pounds of salt cod.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, handlining, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Juno, Georges, halibuting, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 7000 lbs. salt cod, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, off Cape Cod, 7000 fresh mixed mackerel, (went to Boston.)

Sch. Saladin, off Cape Cod, 4000 fresh mackerel, mostly small.

Sch. Constellation, off Cape Cod, 1600 large and medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lena and Maud, off Cape Cod, 8 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Morning Star eastern shacking, 160,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ingomar, Quero Bank, fresh and salt shacking, 135,000 lbs. fresh fish, 35,000 lbs. salt cod, 8000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Volant, deck handline drifting, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Patriot, deck handline, drifting, 65,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Georgia, off Cape Cod, 2300 fresh mackerel, mostly small.

Steamer Joppaite, shore, 50 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Steamer Hurricane, shore, 50 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, shacking, returned on account of lack of bait.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shacking,

returned on account of lack of bait.
Sch. Indiana, seining, 4 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Jorgina, shacking, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Oriole, salt bank dory handlining, 235,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Dorcas, shore.

Sch. Robert and Carr, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibuting.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines, salt trawl banking.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Boston.

Sch. Julietta, swordfishing.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.

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MACKEREL TAKEN
IN SMALL LOTS.

Three Fares at This
Port and Three at
Boston.

Mackerel continue to be taken in small lots off Chatham and this morning finds three vessels at Boston and three at this port with small fares of mixed fish. Sch. Ralph L. Hall at Boston, has the largest catch, hailing for 7000 fish, about 1700 of which are large and the rest tinkers.

The other fares at Boston are schs. Marguerite Haskins with 4000 fresh mixed mackerel and the little sch. Mary Emerson with 3400 mackerel.

Late Saturday afternoon sch. Georgia came in here with 2500 fresh mackerel, mostly small, and last night schs. Saladin and Constellation arrived, the former with 4000 fresh mixed mackerel and the latter with 1600, mostly large and mediums. This morning also sch. Lena and Maud came in with 8 barrels of salted mackerel.

Fleet Made Small Hauls off Chatham
Saturday.

Some 15 sail of the seining fleet are reported to have made small hauls off Chatham on Saturday and Sunday, but did not get enough to come to market with. The fish are reported in small pods, but some of the seining skippers feel greatly encouraged to see the small and medium fish mixed with the large ones and are of the opinion there will be some good fishing yet this season. They seem to think that when the fish get ready to move from their present location they will bunch up in bigger schools, and then the ones who are fortunate to be on the spot and make hauls will get stocks which will repay them well for hauling on.

But Little Talk Yet of Going to North
Bay.

As yet there is little talk of going to North Bay, but some of the skippers have been considering the matter and if the fish play out entirely soon down around the Rips and off Chatham and none are reported elsewhere will probably go to the Bay, although at present none of them want to go so far away from this shore.

Many of the skippers are much interested in the report of Capt. George Peeples of sch. Lafayette, of the red schools of mackerel seen recently 25 miles southeast of No Man's Land and which from the closest observation he is positive were mackerel, and some of the crafts will take a look out that way when they go out from here again. Some of the skippers say they have no doubt the fish are there and that they have been there for some time and hold to the opinion they are the schools of big fish which came up to the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship some time ago and then did not come this way, but went back to the westward as they have been known to do before. If these fish should hang long around the vicinity where they were seen last week by Capt. Peeples, some of the captains say that some good hauls are liable to result.

Just at present a few fresh mackerel are pretty valuable property for at Boston this morning, the large fish are selling at the grand price of 35 cents each, while the mediums are bringing 20 cents and the tinkers 5 cents.

Sch. Lucania did not shift over to haddocking as was expected, but sailed again Saturday, with boats and seines to rejoin the fleet off Chatham.

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CLAM FLATS ARE
OWNED BY STATE

INTERESTING DECISION AF-
FECTING THE FENCING IN
OF THE TERRITORY.

In response to his request for information concerning the law relating to the culture and protection of clams, Representative Curley has received a letter from George M. Bowers, U. S. commissioner of fisheries, stating that the matter is one of jurisdiction solely and that the federal government is without jurisdiction, unless general navigation is interfered with in which case it would come under the jurisdiction of the war department.

Acting upon this statement and the information he has received from other sources, Mr. Curley wrote to ex-representative Joseph H. O'Neill of Boston, telling him that, so far as he could learn from consulting government officials and legal authorities Mr. O'Neill and other owners of shore property have a right to build clam pounds on their own property, cultivate clams and enjoy the full use of them.

The general law covering the question of ownership of shore lands is that the owner's title runs as far out in the ocean as the low tide point. The U. S. supreme court so held in a recent Virginia case, where the question of oyster beds was under dispute. The possibility of interfering with general navigation by building a clam pound does not, Mr. Curley thinks, enter into the question as a clam pound would hardly extend far enough out in the water to interfere with anything except free larce clam diggers.

In a second letter to Mr. Curley, Mr. O'Neill suggests that inasmuch as the clam supply of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has been so reduced in recent years a closed season for clams should be established. Mr. Curley informed Mr. O'Neill that this was a matter solely in the power of the legislatures of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to determine.

July 25.
CAUGHT TRIP
WITHOUT BAIT.

CREW OF SCH. ORIOLE CAUGHT
ENTIRE FARE ON
"SLICKERS."

It is something most unusual to catch a whole trip of fish, and a big trip, too, without using any bait, but that is the experience of Capt. Louis Wharton and the crew of sch. Oriole, which arrived yesterday from a dory handline salt cod fishing trip.

The craft, as do all the dory handliners, carried a good supply of salted clams to use to catch fish with, but when she got on the fishing grounds at St. Pierre bank, the fish did not seem to want clams and fought shy of baited hooks. As he was fishing in shoal water, Capt. Wharton decided to try the slickers, or "jiggers," as the fishermen generally call them.

These worked all right, as there was a goodly body of fish. Later the Oriole went to Grand Bank and here again, on the eastern part, the fish would not look at the clams and again the jiggers came into play and again proved their efficiency for they did good fishing and resulted in the fine fare of 235,000 pounds, or better, of salt cod which the Oriole brought home.

Capt. Wharton reports fishing on St. Peter's and Grand Banks and on the last of it came up on Quero Bank. Here he struck only few fish but did find however some squid.

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MANY VESSELS FROM BOSTON.

BROUGHT THEIR FISH TO THIS PORT FOR THE SPLITTERS.

There was a regular stream of vessels down from Boston yesterday afternoon, bringing their fares here to split. Sch. Gov. Foss brought down a big load, fully 125,000 pounds, after taking out 25,000 pounds of halibut at T wharf, so her stock for her two weeks out will be most satisfying.

The others which came down with fish to split, having catches ranges from 60,000 to 70,000 pounds, were schs. Flora J. Sears, Mary E. Cooney, Mary DeCosta, Walter P. Goulart, Frances V. Sylvia and Alice M. Guthrie.

Sch. Paragon also came down, bringing her fare of 25,000 pounds of halibut, which were brought to take out here, and 40,000 pounds of fresh fish beside.

Yesterday afternoon the salt trawl banker Mystery came in with 180,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Stiletto from off Chatham, brought 30 barrels of salt mackerel, while the shacker Muriel, which like many others, has been bothered greatly for bait, came in with 40,000 pounds of salt cod.

This morning sch. William H. Rider, of the salt drift fleet, came in hauling for 45,000 pounds of salt cod.

During the forenoon sch. Raymah, another of the shack fleet which has been hung up to the eastward for bait and searched about everywhere on the chart for it, arrived with a small catch of salt cod which she got on her first Maglalen baiting.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Gov. Foss, via Boston, 125,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Paragon, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston, 65,000 s. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 70,000 s. fresh fish.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mystery, salt trawl banking, 17,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Wm. H. Rider, Georges, drift- ing, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Stiletto, Off Chatham, 30 bbls. sa mackerel.
- Sch. Elcetra Flash, seining.
- Sch. Muriel, shacking, 40,000 lbs. sa cod.
- Steamer Jeffery, shore, (Monday), 21 bbl. fresh bluebacks.
- Sch. Raymah, shacking, 30,000 lbs. sa cod.

- ### Vessels Sailed.
- Sch. Florida, swordfishing.
 - Sch. Emily Sears, swordfishing.
 - Sch. Lafayette, swordfishing.
 - Sch. Valerie, shacking.
 - Sch. Laverna, (new) shacking.
 - Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, shacking.
 - Sch. Effie W. Prior, shacking.
 - Sch. Volant, salt drifting.
 - Sch. Pythian, salt drifting.
 - Sch. Corsair, salt drifting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.
 Salt mackerel, \$23 per bbl. for large, and \$16 per bbl. for tinkers.
 Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.12 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
 Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87½, medium \$4.37½, snappers \$3.
 Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62½, medium \$4.25.
 Salt bank dory handline cod \$4.37½ per cwt. for large and \$3.87½ for mediums.
 Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½, medium \$3.62½.
 Haddock, \$2.00.
 Pollock, \$1.75.
 Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
 Hake, \$1.75.
 Eastern shack cod, \$4.25 for large and \$3.62½ for mediums.
 All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.
 Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.
 Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
 Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.
 Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.35 per cwt. for large and \$1.90 for mediums.
 Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$.90.
 Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.
 Bank halibut 10 cts. per lb. for white and sets. for gray.
 Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.
 Cape North cod, \$2.20 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
 Fresh mackerel, large 31c; mediums, 22c; tinkers, 5c each.
 Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.
 Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

GOOD PRICE PAID FOR COD.

BUT ONLY SMALL LOTS WERE TAKEN BY T WHARF DEALERS.

The fine prices on codfish quoted for Boston yesterday were only for a few fish, as the great bulk of what arrived was sent to the splitters at Gloucester. This morning large cod are quoted at \$4.50 and \$6, but this is only for a few fish, and the most of the receipts in will either go to the splitters or sell at a much lower price.

There are 13 fares of ground fish in this morning, two of the steam trawlers, the Crest and Foam, having good catches, while the sailing vessels all have fair catches.

There are four swordfishermen in and the price was raised to 5 and 5-4-5 cents per pound, which certainly is gratifying to the men who catch them. The fares range from the sloop Sylvester with 35 fish, to sch. George H. Lube with 132 fish.

Haddock sold at \$1.25 and \$1.50 and pollock brought \$2.75 to \$3.50, while hake went at \$1.25 to \$2.50.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Harriet, 1000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 5000 pollock, 2 swordfish, 600 halibut.
 - Sch. Robert and Arthur, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.
 - Steamer Crest, 53,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 hake.
 - Steamer Foam, 68,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake.
 - Sch. Edith Silveira, 25,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
 - Sch. Jessie Costa, 28,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 5000 hake.
 - Sch. Mary C. Santos, 25,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 5000 hake.
 - Sch. Harvester, 20,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 6000 pollock.
 - Sch. Maronless, 17,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.
 - Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1500 cod, 1000 pollock.
 - Sch. Eva Avina, 500 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 pollock.
 - Sch. Cherokee, 40 swordfish.
 - Sch. Sylvester, 35 swordfish.
 - Sch. Mettaomet, 91 swordfish.
 - Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
 - Sch. Washakie, 14000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 6000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
 - Steamer Bethula, 30 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
 - Sch. George H. Lube, 132 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$6; market cod, \$2.25 to \$4.50; pollock, \$2.75 to \$3.50 hake, \$1.25 to \$2.50; cusk, \$2; swordfish, 5 to 5 4-5 cts. per lb.

Codfish Sales.

The dory handline salt cod fare of sch. Oriole sold to William H. Jordan & Co.
 The trawl bank salt cod fare of sch. Mystery sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.
 The fare of salt cod of the shacking sch. Raymah sold to Davis Bros.

Halibut Sale at Boston.

The fare of halibut of sch. Gov. Foss sold yesterday at Boston at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray, the same prices which were paid here.

DETAILS OF CAPTURE OF DORIES.

Men of Sch. Arethusia Were Caught While Seining Caplin.

Pleaded Guilty to Charge When Arraigned in Court.

The St. John's, N. F., Chronicle of Thursday has the following details of the seizure of the seven dories and capture and trial of the 17 men of sch. Arethusia of this port, who were surprised taking bait illegally at Long Beach, Trepassey Cove, N. F., a week ago Monday:

It will be of more than usual interest here to note that capture was made by Minister of Finance and Customs, M. P. Cashin, well known to vessel owners and skippers here The Chronicle says:

"At noon yesterday the cruiser Fiona arrived in port and Hon. M. P. Cashin, Minister of Finance and Customs, turned over to the police the 17 men of the Gloucester schooner Arethusia, whom he had captured while illegally taking bait at Long Beach, Trepassey Bay. The schooner, which had been on the Banks, touched into the coast on Sunday and Mr Cashin, who was then at Cape Broyle, learning of this fact, took the cruiser Fiona, which had arrived there the previous night and proceeded round Cape Race, where he saw the seven dories belonging to this vessel actually engaged in the work of seining caplin.

"The Arethusia was in the offing and on sighting the steamer, immediately put to sea beyond the three-mile limit to avoid capture. Mr. Cashin stood in for the shore and the Arethusia's men abandoned their dories and took to the woods where they spent the next 20 hours, the cruiser lying by after towing away the dories to prevent the men getting to sea again in them. After spending a night in the woods, the men were willing enough to surrender and Tuesday evening gave themselves up to the constables from Trepassey who arrived there by carriage for the purpose of formally arresting them. They were then put aboard the Fiona, which stayed the night at Ferryland to embark a sick man for hospital and came here yesterday forenoon. On arrival they were met by Supt. Grimes with a squad of police and taken to the police station, where they were held until last evening. The men admitted their offence

and Insp. O'Reilly took their official statements during the afternoon, Consul Benedict subsequently giving bonds on which they were allowed freedom and put up at boarding houses last night.

"At 11 a. m. today the 17 men—whose names are Richard Power of Mortier Bay; Francis Redmond of Carbonear; James Kenny of Bay Bulls; Daniel Dooley of St. Brendan's; Denis Fagan of Salmonier; William Budrow, William Mews, Andy Burke, Frank White, Albert Mews, Thomas Thorburn, Adolph Burke, Leonard Goodwin, Dermin Emerico, Albert Burvem, Aldoph Mews and Alby Mews—were arraigned before Judge Conroy in the police court on the charge that they "did take, ship, put or haul on board or assist in taking, putting, shipping or hauling on board a ship or vessel a quantity of bait fishes. To wit, about 25 barrels of caplin, without a license." Pleading guilty to this charge the judge imposed a fine of \$50 on each, with the alternative of three months imprisonment in default of paying it; and directed the confiscation of the dories, seine and gear captured with them.

"They will be held at the lock-up to give them time to communicate with their vessel, which it was learned last night, had arrived at St. Pierre, to await news of them.

"In addition to the foregoing fine, which represents \$850, and the confiscation of the dories, seine and gear which means another 250, the captain of the Arethusia, on his own part, is liable to prosecution and punishment if he ever comes within our jurisdiction again, and the vessel is also liable to confiscation, if she is ever found in Newfoundland waters, even with another captain on board.

"The practice in the past with Gloucester vessels when they have transgressed our laws is to subsequently make an amicable arrangement with the government rather than run the risk of seizure and confiscation and this will probably be done in the present case."

A St. John's dispatch of last evening says the men paid their fines yesterday and immediately left for St. Pierre to rejoin their vessel.

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Salt Cod Advanced.

Salt cod advanced in price this morning when the fare of sch. Muriel sold to the Gloucester Salt Fish Co. at \$4.25 for large and \$3.62½ for mediums. This is an advance of 12½ cents on the large fish.

Fulton Fish Market Notes.

Considering the large quantity of fish in the salt water fish market and the attractive prices at which it was offered, business was slow this week says the Fishing Gazette. The regular market smacks brought in over half a million pounds of bluefish, porgies, sea bass and weakfish, while large lots of bluefish were sent in from New Jersey and Long Island.

Cod—Steak fish sold at 7c. to 10c., and market cod at 3c. to 5c.
 Fluke and flounders brought 2½c. to 4c. Haddock brought the same price.
 Hake sold at 2c., with the exception of Thursday, when it was half a cent a pound higher.
 Halibut—Eastern whitefish was quoted at 14c. Western whitefish brought 8c. and 9c.
 There were no Boston mackerel in the market this week.
 Pollock sold at 4c. to 5c.

Poor Fishing at Trepassey Bay, N. F.

Hon. M. P. Cashin reports the fishery in Trepassey Bay, N. F., as being practically the worst on record. When he was at Portugal Cove, beyond Cape Race, in the Fiona Tuesday, 120 men were lying on the beach, there being not a fish in their traps and they having taken none up to date. In Trepassey harbor the largest fare is 20 qtls., and the great majority of the people have scarcely a cod's tail in salt. He was told that many of the fishers there who are "sharemen" were on their last barrel of flour and the outlook for this section is going to be a serious one the coming fall and winter.

Will Sail on Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Laverna, owned and commanded by Capt. Albert Larkin, will sail on her maiden trip today. The new craft is one of the finest afloat and the captain's many friends wish him success in her.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Paragon sold to the American Halibut Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

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CAUGHT HIS FISH ON GRAND BANK.

CAPT. RUDOLPH OF SCH. MYSTERY SAW BUT FEW VESSELS ON BANK.

Capt. Charles Rudolph of the salt trawl banker Mystery, which arrived home this morning, reports fishing recently on Grand Bank, to the southeast of the Whale Deep, but say no American vessels except sch. Terra Nova, which came home a few days ago.

Capt. Rudolph says there are no fish yet at the Virgin Rocks and that the "white water" is very much in evidence. Leaving Grand Bank, he came up to Sable Island, where he found some fish and also a few squid off the island. It looked to him as though squid were just coming on.

On Quero Bank he spoke sch. Flora S. Nickerson and her skipper reported getting about 12,000 pounds of cod to a set.

Capt. Rudolph, who is the dean of the salt bank fleet in point of years of service from this port, having been commanding vessels from here for over 40 years or more, feels quite badly from the fact that on this trip his craft went ashore at the island of Anticosti and had to go on the ways at Hawkesbury for repairs. In all his going, this is his first mishap and his friends tell him he shouldn't feel so badly for but one accident in over 40 years of command is a record to be proud of.

New Digby, N. S., Schooner.

Joseph McGill, of Shelburne, N. S., has construction well advanced on the fishing schooner he is building for Captain Joseph E. Snow, of Digby. She is of the most up-to-date model for fresh fishing, from lines specially prepared by McManus, the noted designer of Boston. The keel will also be laid at once for a semi-knockabout fishing schooner of 125 tons, for parties in Newfoundland.

Favor Enforcement of the Law.

The Harbor Grace, N. F., Standard says editorially:

"It may be called an open secret that American bankers have been obtaining herring for bait on our south coast in direct violation of the bait act for a long time past. In view of the fact that this country holds its bait supply as of very great value for the use of its own fishermen, and as a means to obtain reciprocal advantages from the United States it is imperative that this should be stopped, and violations punished. We are, therefore, pleased to see that Inspector O'Reilly, of the Steamship Flona, has had one violator, the master of the United States fishing schooner Harmony, brought before Magistrate Way, of Harbor Breton, and fined \$800, with an alternative of nine months' imprisonment, for infringement of the bait act, and \$400 for violation of the Customs act. There are others that, from what we can learn, amenable to punishment, and we trust it will be meted out to such as the authorities have reliable information against in their possession."

Pensacola Fish Notes.

The Pensacola correspondent of the Fishing Gazette writes to his paper:

This would have been a fine week for the fishermen if the smacks had made good catches, which they did not. There were eleven smacks in port with a total catch of only 96,000 pounds of fish, of which 8,000 pounds were grouper and the balance red-snapper. The biggest single haul was made by the smack Caldwell H. Colt, of the Warren Fish Co., which carried 14,000 pounds of redsnapper and 3,000 pounds of grouper. The Akoma, of the same company, had 14,000 pounds of redsnapper. Ten thousand pounds was the highest catch of redsnapper of any of the other vessels.

Of the eleven vessels which made port eight were to the Warren Fish Co., and three to the E. E. Sanders & Co. The grouper were carried by vessels of the Warren fleet. That concern had a total of 65,000 pounds of redsnapper and 8,000 pounds of grouper. E. E. Sanders & Co. in their three vessels had 23,000 pounds of redsnapper.

The arrivals to the companies were: Warren Fish Co., smack Clara P. Sewell, 4,000 lbs. redsnapper; smack Ariola, 4,000 lbs. do.; smack Alcoma, 14,000 lbs. do.; smack Mineola, 4,000 lbs. do.; smack Chizepee, 10,000 lbs. do., 3,000 lbs. grouper; smack Emma do., 3,000 lbs. grouper; smack Emma Wixon, 5,000 lbs. redsnapper, 3,000 lbs. grouper; smack Osceola, 10,000 lbs. redsnapper, 2,000 lbs. grouper.

July 25.

ONE MACKEREL FARE IN PORT.

SCH. STILITTO LANDED 30 BARRELS FROM OFF CHATHAM YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

There are no fresh mackerel fares in today, either here or at Boston. Yesterday afternoon sch. Stiletto arrived here from off Chatham with 30 barrels of salt mackerel which were sold to William H. Jordan & Co. Capt. Carritt reports that sch. Lucania, which was in company with him Monday, has gone to Georges, Capt. Welch heading her for the southeast part, to have a look. This morning sch. Electric Flash is here with no fish.

The Foreign Mackerel Catch.

A mail report from Dingle, Ireland, says that of 10,000 mackerel landed there one week only 2000 were cured.

News from Norway by mail reports mackerel fishing good. At one place 100,000 fish sold for curing. Sales were made as low as one-half cent each. Some of the boats would give up fishing as the low prices prevailing did not pay them.

Writing from Dublin, Ireland, a traveling correspondent of the Chicago News, who has been talking with Irish fish curers, says there is a combined effort on the part of fishermen and curers to recover the position which Ireland formerly held as an exporter of mackerel to America. The American market is worth fighting for. Last year the import of mackerel into the United States was valued at over \$1,500,000. At one time Ireland supplied a great part of the American demand, but the industry has been declining in recent years, and one curer declares that owing to the steady fall in prices the American market is now almost closed to Irish cure.

Norwegian fourth grade mackerel, he says, fetches something like \$3 per barrel more than Irish. He advocates a government brand for cured mackerel, similar to that which has already been established for cured herrings and argues that the establishment of such a brand would lead to a higher and more uniform quality and to better marketing of the fish.

The mackerel caught off the coast of Korea are of much superior quality than those of Japan proper, and there is an abundance of the fish. The Japanese authorities and men engaged in the fisheries are now considering salting mackerel for the American market. It is believed the Korean mackerel, says the Journal of Fisheries of Japan, may be comparable with the Irish or Newfoundland product. In fact, an experimental sale of the salt mackerel has been made in San Francisco with favorable result. The freight rate from Ireland or Newfoundland across the sea and the continent to western America is far higher than that of the transpacific lines; the chances of the Japanese salt mackerel in America in competition with those of the Atlantic countries are good.

DOGFISH LEGISLATION NEEDED.

Portland Express Advocates Establishment of Reduction Works.

The Portland Express says editorially:

"The complaints of the fishermen at the ravages of the dogfish remind that Maine has a great need of a live wire to represent this menace in Congress. It was hoped that a conference between Secretary C. E. Davis of the National Dogfish Petitions and Legislation, and Congressman McGilllicuddy of Maine, would result at this session in the introduction of a resolution providing for sufficient appropriations to carry on the work of turning the dogfish losses into profits. It has ever since 1903 been satisfactorily proved to Congress that the dogfish is one of the greatest of known menaces to the National sea food supply and to the revenue derived therefrom. The ugly member of the shark family devours small lobsters, mackerel, haddock, hake, herring, codfish—in fact about everything is grist for his digestive mill. He will clear off a fisherman's trawl as neatly as it could be done with a knife and then he will swallow the trawl itself as a sort of dessert.

Canada has gone about this dogfish matter in a business-like manner. It already has three reduction plants where over 3,000,000 dogfish are reduced annually. Canadian farmers

can buy dogfish fertilizer at \$30 a ton, equal in nitrogen to two tons of American chemical fertilizers, for which \$40 to \$50 a ton must be paid.

There should be at least half a dozen reduction works between Eastport and Cape Cod and it is certainly high time we stopped talking about the dogfish menace and did something to remedy it as our Canadian cousins have done so profitably and satisfactorily."

July 26.

WIND KEEPS IN SMALL CRAFT.

GUINEA BOATS MAKING PAYING TRIPS AFTER FRESH FISH.

The blowy weather has kept the gasoline seining fleet in at the wharves the past two days, and blue-back receipts therefore have been nil. The guinea boats which land at the Fort have been getting some good fishing of late, bringing in paying trips of cod, haddock and hake.

Receipts this morning are light, two vessels being down from Boston with good fares of haddock and cod to split and sch. Jeanette, from the hake fields, is in with 80,000 pounds of fresh fish, most all "goats."

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Harriet, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Jeanette, Cape Shore, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Matchless, via Boston.
- Sch. George Parker, seining.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Georgia, seining.
- Sch. Arabia, seining.
- Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining.
- Sch. Robert and Carr, seining.
- Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, shacking.
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, shacking.
- Sch. Juno, halibuting.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, shacking.
- Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Salt mackerel, \$23 per bbl. for large, and \$16 per bbl. for tinkers.
- Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.12 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
- Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87 1/2, medium \$4.37 1/2, snappers \$3.
- Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62 1/2, medium \$4.25.
- Salt bank dory handline cod \$4.37 1/2 per cwt. for large and \$3.87 1/2 for mediums.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2, medium \$3.62 1/2.
- Haddock, \$2.00.
- Pollock, \$1.75.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- Eastern shack cod, \$4.25 for large and \$3.62 1/2 for mediums.
- All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.
- Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
- Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.
- Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.35 per cwt. for large and \$1.90 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; hake, \$90.
- Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.
- Bank halibut 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8c. for gray.
- Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.
- Cape North cod, \$2.20 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
- Fresh mackerel, large 31c; mediums, 22c; tinkers, 5c each.
- Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.
- Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

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BETTER PRICE FOR SWORDFISH

LARGE FISH SOLD AT 6 1/2 CENTS PER POUND AT T WHARF THIS MORNING.

The swordfish price is climbing the ladder, and this morning the crafts in, four of them, with an aggregate of 259 fish, got 6 1/2 cents per pound. Small fish, those under 110 pounds, however, are selling at 4 1/2 cents per pound. Sch. Valentinnna with 119 fish has the largest catch.

There are no fresh mackerel in and only five trips of ground fish, and most of these are small. Prices are good, haddock selling at \$1.50 and \$2; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6 and pollock \$2.50 and \$4.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Reta A. Veator, 78 swordfish.
- Sch. Vesta, 42 swordfish.
- Sch. Valentinnna, 119 swordfish.
- Sch. A. P. Parkhurst, 20 swordfish.
- Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 27,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 pollock.
- Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 600 haddock, 14,000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 400 haddock, 1200 cod, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Emelia Enos, 25,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 28,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 8000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4.50; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; swordfish, 4 1/2 to 6 1/2 cents per lb.

Another Anchor in Trawler's Nets.

The steam trawler Crest got another big anchor in her nets while fishing about 75 miles southeast of the Highlands in the South channel Monday. This anchor, although not as water-worn as the last one brought in by the nets of the trawlers, was almost completely covered with giant barnacles. It measured over 10 feet long. The woodwork was worm-eaten and water-logged. Shortly after picking up this anchor the nets pulled in an immense puncheon, which looked as though it might have held molasses.

Found Bait and Fish Plentiful.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, which arrived at Mulgrave, N. S., on Saturday from Perce bank, reports both bait and fish plentiful on that ground. The craft is reported to have a full fare of fresh cod. This ground is one in the gulf of St. Lawrence, which is not generally frequented by our vessels, but is somewhat of a favorite spot of Capt. John Atwood, this being the second big strike he has made there about this time of the season in the past two years.

Lost Topmast in Squall.

While hurrying to get into T wharf with a trip of fish, the sch. Harriet ran into a squall about 80 miles southeast of Boston light Monday evening, and lost a portion of her fore-topmast. The spar fell clear of the deck, so no one was injured.

Small Herring in Nahant Traps.

Italian fishermen hauling the traps off Nahant got a surprise yesterday morning. The waters inside the traps seemed fairly alive with small herring, and between them the Italians landed nearly 400 barrels at T dock yesterday morning. Most of them will probably go to the canneries.

Bait Scarce at Provincetown.

Provincetown reports that the supply of squid bait is running short again. The steamer Angella B. Nickerson ran in there yesterday with enough blueback herring to bait the schooner Mildred Robinson.

Storm Destroyed Lobster Pots.

The severe storm at Newport Monday held the whole fleet of small fishing boats in port. No disasters are reported, but \$1000 worth of lobster pots were destroyed.

Portland Fishing Notes.

Sch. Watauga was at Portland yesterday with a trip of 6000 pounds of halibut and 5000 pounds of mixed fish which were sold in the local market. None of the fishing fleet went out Monday on account of the thick and rainy weather.