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# FIVE MACKEREL FARES AT BOSTON

## Fish Are Still Schooling in Good Body on Middle Bank.

### Sch. Clintonia Has Fine Fare of Both Salt and Fresh Fish.

That the mackerel are still schooling on Middle bank and in goodly body is shown by the arrival at T wharf, Boston, this morning of five fares of these much desired fish. Some of the trips are small but the majority are good ones and one of unusually good size.

The fish were taken yesterday, the lucky crafts being:

Sch. Clintonia, 17,000 fresh mackerel, 67 bbls. salt mackerel.

Steamer Joppalte, 6500 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Bessie A., 7500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Fannie, 4500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 3500 fresh mackerel.

The fare of sch. Clintonia is a dandy, being good for over \$2000. The little steamers Joppalte and Bessie A., belong to the shore blueback fleet, but their skippers evidently made up their minds to have a shy at the mackerel, and their catches back up their judgment in so doing.

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## BOSTON PRICES SHOWED RAISE

ONLY TWO GROUND FISH FARES BUT MARKET CENTERED ON MACKEREL TRIPS.

Even if it is Friday and generally considered a poor market day, the prices at T wharf this morning showed some improvement over those of the past few days. There was only a handful of ground fish in, 34,000 pounds in two trips, being the entire amount, and these were wanted and paid for accordingly.

One small fare of swordfish brought nine cents per pound and the dealer centered their thoughts of five trips of mackerel which awaited them at the opening, there being 39,000 fish in the entire lot, mostly small, but with a fair sprinkling of large and mediums among them.

Sch. Clintonia had the banner trip. Capt. Webber hailing for 17,000 fresh ones and 67 barrels of salted fish, an unusually good catch in the light of August catches of the past few years.

Haddock sold at \$1.50 to \$2 and large cod was up to \$5. Pollock do not improve and sold at \$1.25. Small mackerel were 7 cents, while the large brought 30 cents and the mediums 20 cents.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Leo, 17,000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 800 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Clintonia, 17,000 fresh mackerel, 67 bbls salt mackerel.

Steamer Bessie A., 7500 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Joppalte, 6500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Fannie, 4500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 3500 fresh mackerel, 5 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lafayette, 24 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.30 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; pollock, \$1.25; swordfish, 9 cents per lb.; large fresh mackerel, 30 cents; mediums, 20 cents; small, 7 cents each.

The fish brought a good price, for the small fish sold at seven cents each, while the few mediums and large scattered through the fare brought 20 and 30 cents respectively.

Some of the seining fleet are hanging to Middle bank, while others have gone to the Maine coast to look for the big fish reported there.

Some fine looking mackerel were landed at Portland Wednesday, the steamer Pet bringing in 500 large fish, which she caught off Monhegan. The Pet has made a good stock this week, having carried about 40 barrels into Rockland. Her skipper reports seeing a lot of mackerel along the coast on Monday, but the next day they were mixed with bluebacks. The steamer E. N. Brown landed 1000 pounds of mackerel and the steamer Eithier was reported at Boothbay with a small catch. Altogether the outlook for a mackerel catch is good.

### Fisherman Dumped Overboard 80 Barrels Taken in Traps.

Word reached Boston yesterday that for the first time in many years mackerel have been taken off the Newfoundland coast. In the codfish traps off Placentia bay, the fishermen found 80 barrels of large, fine fish. They knew there was no market for the fish along the Newfoundland coast and so dumped the precious mackerel overboard to make room for more ground fish.

From Boothbay Harbor, Me., comes a message saying that mackerel have been schooling well off Long Island, near Southwest harbor and off Monhegan. Local fishermen made good hauls.

### Sch. Alert and Another Seiner Made Hauls on Maine Coast.

Sch. Alert is in at Southwest Harbor, Me., this morning with 1000 large fresh mackerel, taken off Mount Desert Rock, and her captain reports that a seiner, name unknown, got two jib hauls of large mackerel there yesterday.

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### Pensacola Fishery Notes.

The Fishing Gazette's Pensacola correspondent says that last week has been a very poor one for the smacks, ten of which reached port with a total catch of 88,700 pounds of fish, of which 75,700 pounds was redsnapper and the balance grouper. The Warren Fish Company and E. E. Saunders & Co. each had five smacks, those of the former company having a total of 48,000 pounds of fish, while the latter had 40,700 pounds. The vessels of the Saunders fleet had 9,000 pounds of grouper, while the Warren smacks had only 4,000 pounds. Still the Warren's shortage in groupers was made up by 44,000 pounds of snappers against 31,700 pounds to the Saunders Co.

The arrivals were:

Warren Fish Co.—Smack Osceola, 11,000 lbs. redsnapper, 2,000 lbs. grouper; smack Emma Wixon, 6,000 lbs. redsnapper, 2,000 lbs. grouper; smack Halcyon, 10,000 lbs. redsnapper; smack Clara P. Sawell, 8,000 lbs. redsnapper; smack Galatea, 9,000 lbs. redsnapper. E. E. Saunders & Co.—Smack Favorite, 8,000 lbs. redsnapper, 2,000 lbs. grouper; smack Frances Louise, 6,500 lbs. redsnapper, 2,000 lbs. grouper; smack John M. Keen, 11,000 lbs. redsnapper, 4,000 lbs. grouper; smack Silam, 5,000 lbs. redsnapper, smack Wallace McDonald, 12,000 lbs. redsnapper.

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### Shacking Trip Stocked \$2650.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. George Hodgdon, stocked \$2650 or her recent short fresh shacking trip.

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# HIGH WIND BOTHERED THE SEINERS.

## Little New To Be Said on Mackerel Situation.

There is little news today in the mackerel situation. Yesterday afternoon it blew too hard to do any fishing on Middle bank, but steamers Bethulia and Philomena got hauls before the big squall came, the former having 2700 and the latter 5000 fresh small mackerel at Boston this morning, selling at eight cents per fish.

No further word has been heard from the outlook down east and the Portland and Rockland boats brought no consignment of fresh ones to Boston this morning.

Yesterday afternoon the little sch. Freedom landed 1000 fresh mackerel here, selling to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at 6 1-2 cents per fish. This morning sch. Senator brings 60 barrels of salt mackerel and sch. Georgia has 16 barrels of the same kind, both fares being on the market.

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## LOCAL FISH RECEIPTS LIGHT.

### CONFINED TO ONE FRESH MACKEREL AND TWO SALT MACKEREL FARES.

The fish week ends here today with very light receipts. Yesterday afternoon the little sch. Freedom brought in 1000 small fresh mackerel, which were bought by the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at 6 1-2 cents each. This morning sch. Senator, which has been seining on Middle bank, came in with a nice fare, 60 barrels of salt mackerel, and sch. Georgia from the same grounds hauls for 16 barrels of salted fish. Up to 12 o'clock there had been no arrivals with ground fish.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Senator, seining, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Georgia, seining, 16 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Freedom, seining, 1000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Flavilla, via Boston.

Sch. Galatea, via Boston.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, via Boston.

Sch. Appomattox, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. George Parker, seining.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, combination trip, shacking and seining.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, shacking.

Sch. Volant, salt drifting.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibutting.

Sch. Elk, halibutting.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1 and \$1.05 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.55 per cwt.; medium, \$2 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.40 per cwt. for large and \$1.90 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.20.

Snapper, cusk, 60 cts.

Hake, \$ .90.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts. round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 for white and 9 for gray.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.

Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.

Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl. W.

Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.

Fresh bluebacks for bait, \$2.50 per bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.

### Good Shacking Stock.

Sch. Romance, Capt. Antone Goulart, stocked \$2522 as the result of her recent single dory shacking trip, the crew sharing \$95, a fine voyage indeed.

# THREE VESSELS AT T WHARF.

## TWO HAVE FRESH MACKEREL AND ONE BOAT HAS SOME GROUND FISH.

It does not take long to tell the T wharf fish story this morning, because there are only three crafts in, two of them steamers from Middle bank with 7700 fresh mackerel between them, the fish being about all small, and one little shore boat with 3200 weight of ground fish.

The mackerel sold at eight cents each, while the little boat got \$2 for her haddock, \$6 for large cod and \$2 for hake and pollock.

Commodore Busalacco's fleet of Italian fishermen running into T wharf and Eastern packet pier landed yesterday morning nearly 300 barrels of small herring taken Wednesday night in single nets, and in the Nahant traps. A number of the Italians also brought in big catches of whiting from the traps. The commodore yesterday morning purchased four skilligees from the little swordfishing sloop Mildred J., which captured the fish off the South shoals. The skilligee looks something like a starved swordfish, having a short, sharp-pointed sword and a slim body. The Italians look upon them as tidbits, and relish them more than their stouter brethren, the swordfish.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Philomena, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Bethulia, 2700 fresh mackerel, 100 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Dixie, 100 haddock, 500 cod, 100 hake, 2500 pollock.

Fresh mackerel, 8 cts. each; haddock, \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$3; hake, \$2; pollock, \$2.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

Capt. George Rice of the little steamer Dolphin is certainly a hustler where fish are concerned, his steamer arriving at Portland late Thursday afternoon loaded down, so that her decks were nearly awash. She had on board 25 barrels of mackerel and 115 barrels of bluebacks, which were caught off Monhegan.

Porgies are again found off the Maine coast. The first fare landed in Portland in many years was brought in Thursday. There were only 24 barrels, but the fact that they were porgies was of enough significance in itself. These fish were brought in by the sloop Minerva in command of Capt. Nickerson. He found them in the lower part of the bay.

Porgies have been so rare at this port that nobody seems to know just when the last ones were brought in. Years ago, was about the only reply the older fish dealers could give. There was a time when the porgies were so plentiful that hundreds of barrels could be taken in a few hours. Then they dropped off and the business of extracting porgy oil fell off to almost nothing in these parts.

### No Tidings From Sloop Louis and Warren.

Anxiety is felt at Provincetown regarding the safety of the fishing sloop Louis and Warren, which was on Georges swordfishing during the gale of July 28, and has not been reported since. She was commanded by Capt. Antone Sylva, her crew being Nathaniel Burch, Albert Mayo, Antone Francis and Thomas O'Donnell.

### Newburyport Fishing Notes.

Capt. Nestor Thurlow brought 26 barrels of bluebacks into port yesterday and Capt. Hunt, 18 barrels.

The fishermen are looking for good fishing when the mackerel arrive in Ipswich bay, the signs indicating that they will be more plentiful this year than ordinarily. A school was noticed yesterday.