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**FOUND MACKEREL
 OFF LIGHTSHIP**

Three Porgy Steamers Made Hauls There Yesterday Afternoon.

Indications That Large Body of Fish Are Still in the Bay.

The easterly has bothered the seining fleet for the past three days and kept them harbored at Provincetown and down east ports. The weather, however, has not prevented the big porgy steamers from being out on the job, and instead of getting porgies, they found mackerel schooling right at the front door of Boston off the light-ship.

Yesterday afternoon three of them were at T wharf, steamer A. M. Hathaway having 7000 fish, steamer Portland 8000 and steamer Ranger 1000, while the down east steamer F. S. Willard had 8000. The fish sold at seven cents each.

The striking of these fish so far up in the bay and schooling in such bad weather is taken as an evidence that the body of fish is still off here and that there is a large body of them.

Some of the fish must be pretty well in shore, for yesterday the harbor traps here for the Douglass trap took 350 fish yesterday, while the Story trap at Rockport had 1400, getting 600 in the morning and 800 in the afternoon.

The traps at Provincetown also got fish, so it is thought that the fish are not confined to one spot in the bay but are all over it and also around into Ipswich bay, which latter is taken as an indication of fish at Boon island and Isle of Shoals.

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St. John's, N. F., Fish Notes.

The Lunenburg banker Defender, Capt. J. J. Knickle, arrived recently from the banks for bait and supplies. She experienced very rough weather during the past fortnight and sustained slight damages. The Defender has 1600 quintals of fish on board and will require a couple of weeks more fishing before filling up. She has not yet obtained a supply of bait.

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. E. C. Mack, arrived two hours after the Defender, hauling for 1700 quintals of fish. She is also after squid, ice, water and other supplies. Capt. Mack reports fish fair and the weather of late unpleasant. He has secured about half the supply of bait he needs.

Sch. Percival S. Parks, Capt. Parks, arrived from the Grand Banks with the Clintonia to replenish. As bait is to be had out in Freshwater Bay, Capt. Parks hoped to secure a supply and will leave for the banks again as quickly as possible.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Creaser, also entered port with the others from the fishing grounds for purposes similar to the others. He is anxious to get away as quickly as possible. The captain complains that no ice was to be had for the bait and that the squid was spoiled in consequence.

Sch. Hawanee, which has been in port a couple of days, left for the banks, having purchased a supply of bait. The Hawanee has done well this season. She landed 1000 quintals on her first trip and has 1400 on board, requiring 400 more to load.—St. John's Herald.

Portland Fish Notes.

It looks as if the porgies that were so plentiful off Portland a short time ago had struck to the eastward and would not come back this way for awhile. That was the report brought in here Thursday by Capt. George R. McLain of sch. Carrie and Mildred when he came in here. He had 74 barrels of porgies which were taken out at Central Wharf Cold Storage Company. They were caught off Seaguin, but there was only one of the big porgy steamers there. The rest seem to have gone still farther to the eastward and are making their headquarters in the vicinity of Round Pound.

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**FISH RECEIPTS
 VERY LIGHT.**

WEEK ENDS TAMELY FOR THE FISHERMEN AND WHARF EMPLOYEES.

The fish week ends tamely here. This morning there were but two arrivals, sch. Mary B. Greer bringing down 55,000 pounds of splitting fish from Boston and the seiner Otis arriving during the night with eight barrels of salt mackerel.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Marsala came in from a straight Georges handline trip with a small catch and sch. Winnifred, one of the salt drifters, which has been fishing down Cape Shore way, reported with 20,000 pounds.

The easterly still holds and some arrivals from the eastward are looked for by Monday.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Marsala, Georges, handlining, 13,000 lbs. salt cod.
 - Sch. Winnifred, salt drifting, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.
 - Sch. Grace Otis seining, 8 bbls. salt mackerel.
 - Sch. Esperanto, seining, 7 bbls. salt mackerel.
 - Sch. M. Madeleine, shore.
 - Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.
 - Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore.
 - Sch. Lillian, shore.
 - Sch. Appomattox, via Boston.

Vessels Sail'd.

- Sch. M. Madeline, pollocking.
- Sch. Mystery, shacking.
- Sch. Harriett, shacking.
- Sch. Dorcas, shore.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

- Salt Fish.**
- Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$17.50 for small.
 - Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
 - Handline Georges codfish, large \$5, medium, \$4.45, snappers, \$3.
 - Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.87 1-2 medium, \$4.45.
 - Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$4.25 for mediums.
 - Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, medium, \$4.
 - Haddock, \$1.75.
 - Pollock, \$1.50.
 - Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
 - Hake, \$1.50.
 - Eastern shack cod, \$4.30 for large and \$3.80 for mediums.
 - All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.
 - Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl. W.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1.15 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 \$2.00 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.20.
- Snapper cusk, 60 cts.
- Hake, \$1.00.
- Dressed pollock, 90 cts.; round, 80 cts.
- Bank halibut, 11c per lb. for white, and 9c 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.

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Had Poor Season.

The Westport, N. S., vessel fishing is reported to be rather poor this season. Some of the men have abandoned the schooners and taken to rip fishing in their boats.

Lost Anchor and Cable.

Sch. W. H. Moody, of the Georges handline fleet was at Boothbay Harbor, Maine, recently for bait. She had been on the fishing ground and reported loss of anchor and piece of cable.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Tacoma, one of the flitted halibut fleet, was in to land about two weeks ago in the vicinity of Battle Harbor, Labrador.

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**WORLD'S COD
 EXPORT TRADE.**

GENERAL FEELING THAT DECLINE IN PRICES IS INEVITABLE.

"Export trade is very dull and depressed, and reports received from West India markets confirm and accentuate this state of affairs," says the New York Fishing Gazette. "Codfish values have been consistently advanced from new records to higher ones for the last two or three years, so that at last the turning point seems to have been arrived at, and a number of conditions combine to bring home to the dealer the fact that the top has been reached and enormous and disastrous losses may readily be incurred if commitments are made now at prices that have prevailed so far.

"The catch in Norway and Scotland of codfish is unusually large. The Mediterranean markets, which are their main outlet, are demoralized and depressed due to the cholera. This also has had a serious influence on values in Newfoundland, as they are deprived of this large and usually regular trade this year.

"Brazil, partly due to the decline in rubber, and in part no doubt to the sound and common sense conclusion reached by the large importers there that the period of inflated prices must come to an end, has resulted in practically a total absence of business so far from that important market.

"The Newfoundland catch up to now is reported light in some places, while others have done well and produced more fish than in other years. Labrador will undoubtedly be an important factor in the West India business this fall and winter. They will not again have a complete failure of their catch this year, and will also have to seek other than the Mediterranean markets. These facts cannot be denied or overlooked, and are already bringing their full pressure to bear on the situation in Nova Scotia, which has been very firm until recently.

"Consignments are being freely made to all possible markets, and Porto Rico in particular is being inundated with excessive and unreasonably large consignments of codfish by sailing vessel and steamer, so that at the present time there seems to be no established market or value there. Fish consigned to tropical markets, like Porto Rico will have to be consumed or destroyed within three weeks or less from the time of its arrival. Buyers and consumers naturally learning of this overloaded condition will take full advantage, while the receivers of these consignments fall over themselves to make sales and rid themselves of this surplus load of perishable food-stuffs; letting the shipper take the loss and "explaining" with great ingenuity how others caused a break in the market. The main cause naturally is that people will consign fish they have bought and paid market values for, but they are induced to do so by the tempting and irresponsibly vague promises held out by these consignees who are nothing for the market or the losses they cause by their injudicious and reckless advice.

"Recent shippers will again have occasion to testify to the sad awakening of the "consignment dream," but the markets in producing as well as consuming countries will undoubtedly suffer or rather adjust themselves to lower values due to all the conditions pointed out above. No large market can remain free from these influences or hold at recent high prices, solely on account of local conditions. Export trade in New York in the meantime will remain at a standstill, as no legitimate or prudent dealer will attempt to compete with a consignment market and will have to watch values crumbling away, charges accumulating on stock on hand, and finally be compelled to make sales on the basis of consignment values in order to turn around again and buy at the top."

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ROCKPORT NOTES.

Trap Took Mackerel.

Capt. Fred T. Lane and Peter Leman, the trap men for the Story Company, wore happy faces yesterday as they came along side the wharf. In the morning they landed 600 fair sized mackerel and their afternoon haul yielded 800 more.

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**NO ARRIVALS
 AT T WHARF.**

FOUR SMALL FARES OF FRESH MACKEREL ARRIVED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

It is unusual at this season of the year to record a morning at T wharf with no arrivals with ground fish, but this is one of that sort. The dealers are not worrying, however, as it is only a half work day with them and trade is generally at the lowest ebb. So without a trip of any kind to work on it will come pretty near being a full holiday for all hands.

Yesterday afternoon three of the porgy fleet and one little steam seiner were in with fares of fresh mackerel, ranging from 1000 to 8000 fish in count and selling for seven cents per fish.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Steamer Portland, 8000 fresh mackerel.
 - Steamer A. M. Hathaway, 7000 fresh mackerel, 60 barrels bluebacks.
 - Steamer F. S. Willard, 3000 fresh mackerel.
 - Steamer Ranger, 1000 fresh mackerel.
 - Fresh mackerel, 7c each.

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Great Run of Columbia River Salmon.

The greatest run of salmon in years has now entered the Columbia river. For the first time in several seasons the run has become too heavy for the canners to handle at one time, and this has forced many of them to put away some of the surplus in storage houses until they can be taken care of.

Salt Drifters Finding Codfish Scarce.

The salt drifters which have been fishing in the vicinity of the Cape Shore are reported to have been finding codfish scarce. Some of the crafts which went down that way have been gone quite a while and several of them have been in at convenient ports and refitted.

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PENSACOLA FISH NOTES.

Last week was a very poor week for the fishing vessels says the Pensacola correspondent of the Fishing Gazette. Nine of them reached port, bringing a total of less than 60,000 pounds of fish. A trifle over eight per cent were grouper and the remainder red snapper. The Warren Fish Co. had the largest amount of fish, both in the way of red snapper and grouper. The company had five smacks in, while E. E. Saunders & Co. had four vessels. Of red snapper, the total catch for the two companies was 54,800 pounds and 5000 pounds of grouper.

- Smack arrivals for the companies were:
- Warren Fish Co.: Clara P. Sewall, 13,000 lbs. red snapper, 3000 lbs. grouper; Franklin, 1000 lbs. red snapper; Isabel, 4000 lbs. do.; Silas Stearns, 12,000 lbs. do.; Caldwell H. Colt, 3000 lbs. do.
 - E. E. Saunders & Co.: Carrie B. Welles, 10,000 lbs. red snapper, 1000 lbs. grouper; John M. Keen, 8000 lbs. red snapper, 1000 lbs. grouper; Siam, 3000 lbs. red snapper; Two Boys, 800 lbs. do.

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**SCH. ARBUTUS
 PAID SMALL FINE.**

NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER SHE WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE FISH.

Cunningham & Thompson Co., owners of sch. Arbutus, which was recently seized and chained up at Louisburg, C. B., for taking on 20,000 pounds of salt cod, which the concern had bought there, to bring to this port, have received word that the craft was released Saturday on the payment of a small fine and was on the way home. The advices on the matter were very brief and did not state whether or not the craft would be permitted to bring the purchased lot of fish home with her. It is presumed, however, that she will not be allowed to do so.

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Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 9000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Fannie, 8000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Monarch, 8000 fresh mackerel, 6 bbls. salt mackerel.

Seiners at This Port.

Steamer Bryda F., 3500 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Quartette, 400 fresh mackerel.

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The catches were made Saturday and yesterday right up off Boston lightship, where the porgy steamers George Curtis and Hudson first found the fish late Thursday afternoon and where three other porgy boats also got hauls Friday, while the sailing fleet of seiners was operating down off Race Point and finding no fish.

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Capt. Charles H. Harty who has been at Provincetown of late in the interest of Wilson & Barry of Fulton Market, New York, looking after shipments of mackerel and other fish,

received word from Boston Friday morning of the arrival of a steamer there with mackerel. He wired Frank R. Neal & Co. for particulars and back came the prompt response, giving the name of the steamer, amount of the catch and where and when they were taken.

How the News Was Taken to the Seiners.

Capt. Harty says he knew the sailing seiners from this port were off the Race, and as they had not been in Provincetown he knew they were not doing anything. He itched to get the news to them and went down the wharf with the idea of going out in Foster's launch if possible.

Here he met George W. Bowley, superintendent of the life saving stations of that district, to whom he told what he was going to do. The superintendent allowed the launch could not make the trip safely, as it was too rough, but told Capt. Harty the Wood End motor life boat was coming up for gasoline and to hang on a little while and see what could be done.

When the craft arrived her captain, George H. Bickers, in reply to the superintendent, said he had a certain limited time to spare and would take Capt. Harty out to the vessels. This he did, with the effect that Capt. Harty got word to all the vessels in that vicinity and they all headed up for the lightship.

Some of them got fish the next day (Saturday) while others made their hauls Sunday. It was a kindness on the part of Capt. Bowley, Bickers and Harty which should be and no doubt is greatly appreciated.

Mackerel Schooling in Ipswich Bay.

Mackerel are schooling in Ipswich bay and yesterday Capt. Albert Story picked up a small crew at Pigeon Cove and went out and made a set, getting five barrels of fish.

Other Vessels Secured Fish.

The seiners at T wharf today report that schs. George Parker and Ralph L. Hall also took fish with them off the lightship, but they did not know the amount of their catch.

Sailed on Seining and Hooking Trip.

Sch. Diana sailed this morning, in command of Capt. James McLean, on a mackerel seining and hooking trip to the North Bay. She is the first of the fleet to go there this season.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Fish are becoming a rather scarce commodity at Portland. The easterly winds have made it impossible for the smaller boats or the larger ones, either to get to the grounds. Even the schools of porgies and bluebacks have disappeared as they have a habit of doing when there is an easterly wind.

The little fishing schooner Fitz A. Oakes which has been lying at Commercial wharf for the past few days, has been attracting considerable attention because of the gracefulness of her outline. Her stern is unusually narrow which gives her the appearance of a yacht, though her skipper yesterday said that she has always been a fisherman and probably always will be.

Sixty mackerel were landed at Portland Friday by the Gloucester schooner N. A. Rowe. These are the first that have been received here from a vessel in some time. They were all of the large variety.

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PLENTY OF BLUEBACKS.

SCH. BENJAMIN A. SMITH LANDS FARE OF 125,000 POUNDS FRESH FISH.

Yesterday was blueback day and every craft out after them secured a catch and some of them came to Fort wharf nearly sunk with fish. The freezer took all it could handle and some also went fresh for bait and last night there was still some on hand and the captains were talking of dumping and going again today for new loads. In all some 400 barrels were brought in.

This morning from off shore is the big shacking sch. Benjamin A. Smith, from Quero bank, with 125,000 pounds of fresh fish, 90,000 pounds of which are cod. Sch. Juno is in from a Georges halibut trip, Capt. John G. Stream reporting fish very scarce on that ground. From the eastward, where they have been fishing off the Cape Shore are two of the salt drift fleet, sch. Etta Mildred and Gladys and Sabra, each with about 25,000 pounds of salt cod. They too, found fish scarce.

Yesterday the little steamer Bryda F., took a school of 3500 fresh mackerel off the Lightship and ran them in here and landed and went right out looking for another school. Steamer Quartette, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, came in with a load of bluebacks from which she culled 400 mackerel.

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Steamer Bessie A., shore, 30 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Gertrude, shore, 50 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Yankee, shore, 40 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Steamer Marchant, shore, 90 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 80 bbls. bluebacks.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Massasoit, shore.

Sch. Lillian, shore.

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Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

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Tell Nova Scotia Fishermen They Will Be Greatly Benefitted.

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There is not so much of interest apparently to people in Gloucester, in this announcement, but in the open, printed appeal which the concern has sent out and given to the press, there are some significant paragraphs which cannot help causing a lot of thinking in this city, especially among many who have been of the opinion that the passage of reciprocity meant the piling into this port of great numbers of Nova Scotia fishing vessels with cargoes of green codfish.

After stating in the letter that the concern dates from 1789 and that in one year, before the Spanish-American war that concern shipped in one year, to Porto Rico 87,000 quintals of dry fish and since the United States took possession and put on the duty of 84 cents, they had shipped on an average of but 47,000 quintals yearly, Zwicker & Company further states that under reciprocity they expect to export yearly from 89,000 to 100,000 quintals to that same market and get more for their fish than do the American shippers.

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FISH IN VARIETY AT T WHARF.

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Although haddock were not in large receipt, the price showed little or no advance and the price on fresh mackerel was so low that some of the skippers will probably salt their next catches if what was paid this morning for fresh ones is any indication of what the dealers intend to pay in the future.

Large cod brought good prices and pollock were in the high price spot light also, but hake and cusk were down, a few of the former, large, however bringing \$2.

The mackerel catches range from 8000 to 14,000 fish to a vessel, sch. Veda M. McKown having the latter amount.

On the ground fish fares is the only one noticeable for its size is that of sch. Matthew S. Greer, skipper the same name, with 70,000 pounds of haddock and 30,000 pounds of cod. Capt. Greer reported getting his fare on Georges. He and his crew are in for a fine settlement. The steam trawler Spray is the only one of her kind in this morning and she has an ordinary catch of 43,000 pounds, evidently not hitting any big fishing.

In the two swordfish trips in are only 25 fish. Cod is in better receipt than for some time and there is also quite a lot of cusk in. The pollockers along shore are beginning to find good signs of fish and sch. Valentina, out only a day has 16,000 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$1.50 to \$2 and large cod at \$4 to \$4.50. Hake went at \$1 and \$2 and pollock were all the way from \$2.25 to \$3.50. Swordfish brought 12 and 12½ cents per pound and the fresh mackerel sold at 6¢ to 7 1-4 cents each.

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LARGE RECEIPTS AT THIS PORT.

MORE FISH THAN IN A SINGLE DAY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

Fish receipts at this port this morning are the largest for some time, four of the shack fleet being home, four crafts down from Boston with goodly amounts for the splitters, two of the Georges halibut fleet bringing moderate sized fares, and six mackerel catchers coming in, some of them with good hauls made right at the mouth of the harbor. Yesterday afternoon the shore gasoliers landed a lot of bluebacks, the supply being so great that the freezer and fresh bait demand could not take them all and some had to go for oil and fertilizer.

From Quero bank the new sch. Laverna, Capt. Albert Larkin, brings her maiden fare, a trip of 150,000 pounds of salt cod, just about the best shack trip of the season thus far and good for in the neighborhood of \$6000 at the prevailing prices, which is certainly a dandy start for any new craft.

Another fine trip is that of sch. Cynthia, Capt. Jeffery Thomas, this craft hailing for 130,000 pounds of salt cod from Quero.

Sch. Harmony, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, brings another fine trip, 120,000 pounds of fresh fish, 8000 pounds of salt fish and 6000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Gibbs did lots of fishing but found codfish very scarce. However, he did not let this bother him and caught what came to the hooks, and therefore has a fine paying voyage with a nice bunch of halibut to put the cream on it.

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Down from Boston with splitting fish of all kinds are schs. Belbina P. Domingoes with 100,000 pounds, sch. Jorgina, 70,000; sch. Adeline, 40,000; sch. Manomet, 40,000 pounds, all of which will be very acceptable to the firms to which they haul in.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream from Georges halibuting, has 5000 pounds of halibut and sch. Elk has 11,000 pounds. Both skippers report halibut scarce. Each craft has some fresh and salt fish in addition to her halibut.

Six of the mackerel seining fleet are in with fresh or salted catches and the detailed story of their fares, etc., will be found in the mackerel story. The fresh fish were taken right off the harbor and skippers are looking forward to some more hauls before the fish leaves. Sch. Patrician with 12,000 and steamer Bessie M. Dugan, which only went out Sunday and was in last evening, has 10,000 fish in count. The other seiners in are schs. Georgia, Priscilla Smith and George Parker and steamer Walter Adams of the porgy boat fleet, which also struck a mackerel school off here.

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Sch. Volant, salt drifting.
 Sch. Marjie Turner, halibuting.
 Sch. Rhodora, halibuting.
 Sch. Terra Nova, shacking.
 Sch. Elmer E. Gray, shacking.
 Sch. Victor, seining.
 Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, seining.
 Sch. Little Fannie, seining.
 Sch. James A. Garfield, Newfoundland Treaty coast trip.

Sept. 12. ✓

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$17.50 for small.
 Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
 Handline Georges codfish, large \$5, medium, \$4.45, snappers, \$3.
 Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.87 1-2 medium, \$4.45.
 Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$4.25 for mediums.
 Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, medium, \$4.
 Haddock, \$1.75.
 Pollock, \$1.50.
 Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
 Hake, \$1.50.
 Eastern shack cod, \$4.30 for large and \$3.80 for mediums.
 All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.
 Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl. W.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 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 \$2.00 for mediums.
 Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.20.
 Snapper cusk, 60 cts.
 Hake, \$1.00.
 Dressed pollock, 90 cts.; round, 80 cts.
 Bank halibut, 10 cents per lb. for white and 8 cents for gray.
 Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.
 Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.
 Fresh whiting, 90 cts. per bbl. W.
 Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.
 Fresh bluebacks for bait, \$2.50 per bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.
 Fresh small mackerel, 6 1-2 cts. each.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Fleet.

Sch. F. A. Smith, Boston, to load salt.
 Steamer W. M. Roders, Boston.

Fulton Market Fish Notes.

There was a scarcity of nearly all varieties of fish in the salt-water market last week, with the exception of bluefish. During the first half of the week all varieties of ground fish were short. Halibut, western white, was down in price early in the week, but toward the close it advanced to 12 cents per pound.
 Twenty-nine smacks reached the market between Monday and Friday noon. Twenty-six of them had a total of 71,900 bluefish, which at an average weight of three pounds, meant 215,700 pounds. There were three loads of sea bass and porgies, the combined catch being 600 bushels, or 48,000 pounds.
 Haddock was quoted at 3 cents to 4 cents; hake, 4 cents to 5 cents, and pollock, 4 1-2 cents to 6 cents; cod, market, 3 cents to 7 cents; and steak, 7 cents to 11 cents.

Fresh and Salt Fish Sales.

Fresh and salt fish trip sales this morning were as follows: Schs. Elk, Adeline, Belbina P. Domingoes, Waldo L. Stream and Harmony to the Gortoa-Pew Fisheries Company; schs. Valerie and Manomet to the Cunningham & Thompson Company; sch. Margaret Dillon to Davis Bros.; sch. Cynthia to Sylvanus Smith & Co., incorporated. Sch. Laverna was in the stream at noon.