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Swordfish from Halifax.
The T wharf fish dealers are expecting a shipment of 38 big swordfish today on the steamer A. W. Perry from Halifax. The fish were taken on the Cape Breton coast and shipped from Port Hawkesbury.

Stock of Sch. Ingomar.
Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wilde, stocked \$2300 as the result of her recent fresh shack trip.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.
Schs. Marguerite Haskins, Dauntless, Pinta, Arthur James and Lena and Maud were at Portland Wednesday for harbor.
Sch. Paragon was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday and cleared.

Herring Bait Plentiful.
There was plenty of herring bait here last night, but the blowy weather yesterday prevented the shore gasoline seining fleet doing anything and no bluebacks were brought in.

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Fresh and Salt Cod Sale.
The fare of fresh and salt cod of sch. James W. Parker was sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company at market prices.

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BUYING NO NOVA SCOTIA PLANTS
Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. Will Make All Extensions at Home.

A recent number of the Halifax Herald, in a Lunenburg dispatch, reported that one of the members of Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company was at the latter place negotiating for the purchase of the fishing business of W. C. Smith & Co., Limited.
When asked about the report, President Thomas J. Carroll of the Gorton-Pew concern said this morning, "Since reciprocity has been defeated you can deny any reports that the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company is looking for or buying any plants in Nova Scotia. Any extensions of business we may make will be made at home here."

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VESSELS SOLD TO PENSACOLA

SCHS. IDA S. BROOKS AND MARY E. COONEY ADDED TO SOUTHERN FLEET.

It is reported that Pensacola, Florida, snapper fishing concerns are looking to purchase four or five fishing vessels at this port this fall, to add to their fleet down there. Each season of late, several crafts have been purchased by the Pensacola people from here, until a reading of the arrivals there weekly with fish is like looking over the list of market arrivals here or T wharf, so familiar are the names of the crafts.

As usual, Frank Cooney of sch. Mary E. Cooney is acting as agent for the E. E. Saunders Company of Pensacola. Thus far the captain has bought for that concern sch. Ida S. Brooks of this port and also had sold to the concern his own vessel, sch. Mary E. Cooney, craft with a record, inasmuch as she has probably made as much money since she was launched as any fishing craft in New England.

Capt. Brooks may not build a new craft to replace the one he has sold, but may go into business, while Capt. Cooney is expected to retire on the handsome competence he has made. Some of his friends however, insist that the captain is too active to give up fishing and remain ashore and they look for him to have a fine "new one" to replace the good craft he has sold.

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WOULD OSTRACIZE YANKEE CRAFT.

Halifax Paper Advises Refusal to Supply Fishermen with Bait.

In the course of a lengthy editorial, recently, the Halifax Herald said:

"Now that the serious menace of the reciprocity pact, which would have thrown open our home markets to the competition of Gloucester and other countries, and would have bound us to continue licenses to the American fishermen for the nominal fee of \$1 per vessel, has been escaped, the question should be taken up what can be done by the Dominion Government for the benefit of our fisheries and fishermen.

"In some of our paragraphs during the campaign we indicated very briefly some of the things which it seemed to us should be done.

"For example, in one paragraph, we said:—

"Three things to benefit Nova Scotia fishermen would be:—

"1. Discontinue licenses and the supply of bait and ice to Yankee fishermen.

"2. Propagate the lobster on our shores so as to destroy the sea-urchin, and thus preserve the marine plants and feeding grounds for fish on our coasts.

"3. Provide the cheapest possible railway transportation for Nova Scotia's fish to all parts of Canada.

"And in another paragraph we added:—

"The bait supply is the key to the whole matter of the North Atlantic fisheries.

"Canada and Newfoundland hold the practical control of that key.

"If they made rational use of that control for their own advantage, the Yankee fishermen would soon cease to be serious rivals.

"We do not pretend to have expert knowledge regarding the fisheries, but we are of the opinion that a Commission of inquiry respecting our fisheries and their needs, would, after investigation, reach conclusions not very inconsistent with these suggestions; and perhaps such an official inquiry would be an entirely proper thing to hold.

"The chief need of our fishermen is not more markets, but more fish.

"The chief concern is to preserve and increase our fisheries.

"We must protect our fisheries from spoilage.

"We must use such means as may be found necessary and helpful to keep our shores attractive to the ocean fish in their seasons.

"We must use our advantages as to bait supply and so on to our own profit.

"We must make our home markets available for our own products.

"In a word we must supplement the policy indicated in the motto, 'Canada for the Canadians,' with reference to fish as well as everything else.

"And we have no doubt the Borden Government will do so."

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Lunenburg Grand Banker.

The Lunenburg banking sch. Marian Mather, arrived from the Grand banks at St. Johns, N. F., last week for ice and supplies. She has 2,900 quintals for the season and is on her third trip. On the first voyage she landed 1,000 quintals, on the second 1,400 and now has 500. Fish is plentiful on the banks but the weather has been very rough. The captain hopes to secure a few hundred quintals more before quitting.

Large Porpoise in Nahant Traps.

Francesco Tomino of Commodore Busalacko's fleet brought a 250-pound porpoise at Boston from the Nahant traps yesterday afternoon, along with his cargo of whiting. It was the largest specimen of this variety landed at the dock for some time and was snapped up by New York purchasers.

STORM KEPT SHORE BOATS IN

ONE ARRIVAL FROM QUERO AND ONE FRESH FISH FARE FROM BOSTON.

A big fleet of the shore boats were in port this morning for harbor from the bad weather but there were no off shore arrivals with fish.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney brought 10,000 pounds of haddock down from Boston for the splitters and the torchers had only 45 barrels of herring bait.

Yesterday afternoon some of the little gasoline fleet brought in small fares of bluebacks, the catch ranging from 10 to 45 barrels to a boat.

During the forenoon sch. Frances P. Mesquita came in from Quero bank with a fine catch of 112,000 pounds of fresh cod.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 35 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Reliance, shore, 45 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Beatrice E., shore, 45 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 25 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Freedom, shore, 10 bbls. bluebacks.

Sloop Rough Rider, shore, 10 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Quero Bank, 112,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Grace Otis, pollocking.

Sch. Pythian, pollocking.

Sch. Hope, pollocking.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Patriot, pollocking.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, shore.

Sch. Lillian, shore.

Sch. Motor, shore.

Sch. Lafayette, shore.

Sch. Appomattox, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Kineo, halibuting.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shacking.

Sch. Patriot, pollocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$19.75 for small.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.65 per cwt. for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3.00 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.62 1-2, snappers, \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large, \$5.00 medium, \$4.50.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.15 per cwt. for large and \$4.65 for mediums.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, medium, \$4.25.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.65 for large and \$4.10 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, \$2.50 per cwt. for large and \$2.05 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Hake, \$1.00.

Fresh whiting, 90 cts. per bbl. W.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts.; round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 11c per lb. for white, and 7c for gray.

Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.

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

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On Business Trips.

Benjamin A. Smith has returned from a business trip to Nova Scotia.

William H. Perkins is on a business trip to Nova Scotia, as also is Frank F. Smith.

RECORD SHARE ON HALIBUT TRIP

CREW OF SCH. MYSTERY EARNED \$152 ON SEVENTEEN DAYS' TRIP.

Capt. James Mason and the crew of sch. Mystery felt pretty good on Thursday afternoon when they settled up for their recent fresh halibut trip, on which they were gone only 17 days and only went as far as off Cape Sable.

Capt. Mason was modest when he arrived Wednesday and hailed his catch for 40,000 pounds. But he weighed off 56,000 pounds of fine halibut and some fresh and salt cod beside, thus having the largest bunch of halibut of the season.

The good prices assured a fine stock and when the men went into the office of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company to settle up, they found the stock was the splendid amount of \$5106.71 and the share \$152.61 clear per man, while the cook had nearly \$200 coming to him. So no wonder they felt pretty good, for \$152 is pretty good pay for any one for 17 days work.

Crew of Sch. Teazer Shared \$109 on Halibut and Shack Trip.

Another good settlement at the same office at the same time was that of sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunsky, for her fine halibut and shack trip which she brought in Monday, landing the halibut at Boston and the shack here. Like the Mystery, the Teazer was gone but a very short time and also fished off Cape Sable. Her stock was \$3777.58 and every man of the crew was handed a check for the dandy amount of \$109.05.

Big trips and big stocks are nothing new to the steady going Capt. Dunsky, while the \$5000 stock is a big starter for Capt. Mason and the fishermen are all hoping he will continue to do well, for he has the name of being a good fisherman and is making a new start as skipper.

PIPE WAS STILL SMOKING.

Italian Fisherman Claims It Was Lost Overboard a Week Ago.

Here's a fish yarn from the Boston Globe:

"Tony Alfido of Commodore Bushalacko's fleet of power boats came in Thursday at T wharf with his blue boat sunk almost to the water line under a load of small herring. He brought with him an electric skate which had inside a bone-stemmed corn-cob pipe filled with tobacco that still smoked. Even the piscatorial experts, with which the wharf is always well supplied, were speechless with astonishment until Skipper Alfido related that the bone-stemmed corn-cob was in fact his own. He had dropped the pipe overboard nearly a week ago while visiting the particular trap from which this morning early he took the electric skate. The pipe was going at the time and the general theory is that the skate caught it as it sank through the water and kept it going by its natural act of inspiration and respiration. It was also hinted that the tendency of the electric skate to shock had something to do with the smoking pipe."

SWORDFISH SHOWED FIGHT.

Crew of Sloop Klondike Had Fierce Encounter.

A story of a fierce struggle in landing a 450-pound swordfish was told by the five men on the little sloop Klondike, which arrived at the Eastern Packet pier, Boston, Thursday afternoon.

Monday morning William Goodman sighted the fish and Capt. Everett Frost threw the harpoon of hly iron into it. Charles Frost, a brother of the captain, set out in a dory to bring it to the vessel, but when he got near the fish it swam towards the dory and stove a hole through the bottom with its sword.

The captain set out in another dory and succeeded in getting the fish and Frost had to stuff his oil skins into the hole in the bottom of his dory to keep it afloat.

Bound Here With Green Codfish.

The Lunenburg, N. S., schs. Tasmania and Benjamin C. Smith are bound here from Lunenburg, with fares of green codfish for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. Both are expected by Monday.

BOSTON HAS FOUR POLLOCKERS

SUM TOTAL OF THE FISH RECEIPTS AT T WHARF THIS MORNING.

Four pollockers is the sum total of arrivals at wharf this morning, all with small catches. Pollock sold at \$2.45 and \$2.50 and a few haddock which they had brought \$3.75, also a few cod went at \$5 and hake \$1.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Valentinna, 100 haddock, 200 cod, 5000 pollock. Sch. M. Madedaine, 5000 pollock. Sch. Eliza A. Benner, 3000 pollock. Sch. Pearl, 2000 pollock. Haddock, \$3.75 per cwt.; cod, \$5; hake \$1.50; pollock \$2.45 to \$2.50.

SALT COD STILL ADVANCING.

Although Market at Provincial Ports Shows a Drop.

Salt cod, in fare lots, continues to show an upward tendency at this port, notwithstanding that the market for this staple at St. John's, N. F., Lunenburg, N. S., and Halifax is certainly weaker and shows a drop.

Yesterday the fare of salt bank dory handline cod of sch. Fannie E. Prescott sold to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company at \$5.15 for large and \$4.65 for medium, a raise of 15 cents on each size over last sales.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

The Provincetown salt bank dory handline Lottie Byrnes arrived home Wednesday with 1200 quintals of salt cod.

The following salt fishing craft of this port were at Louisburg, C. B., Wednesday: Sch. Fannie A. Smith 60 quintals, sch. Flirt 110,000 pounds, sch. Miranda 50,000 pounds, sch. Titania 45,000 pounds

Sch. Olga cleared from Louisburg Wednesday for the fishing grounds.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey cleared from Louisburg Wednesday for this port.

Sch. George Parker bound for North Bay, seining, was at North Sydney, C. B., Monday.

Sch. Gossip was at North Sydney, C. B., Saturday with 125,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

Schs. Margaret and Susan and Mary were at Liverpool, N. S., Wednesday, both clearing for the fishing grounds.

Holding Fish for Rise.

Daily reports are being circulated that the price of codfish is likely to, or has increased, and consequently many fishermen are holding back for the rise. The News, yesterday, speaking to one of the best informed merchants on Water street, was informed that the prospects of fish going higher were not bright, but, on the other hand, the condition of the home and foreign markets pointed to a further decrease. During the last 10 days, very little cod was shipped here—the smallest amount of any corresponding period in several years.—St. John's, N. F., News.

Fish Shipments From Labrador.

Within the last week some 10 cargoes of fish have been shipped from the Labrador coast, including one steamer load. The first cargo to go away was shipped by Baine Johnston and company, from Battle Harbor, and the second by Messrs. Munn, in the sch. Ontionette, and the third by P. J. Shea in the sch. Little Secret from Griffin's Harbor. The other shipments were from various parts of the coast, and the total amount now on the way to market is placed at about 40,000 quintals.—St. John's, N. F., News.

Newfoundland Lobster Catch.

From returns at hand, it is learned that the total Newfoundland lobster catch for the season is in the vicinity of 33,000 cases, considerably more than last year. The prices obtained are somewhat higher than in 1910, and roughly can be placed at \$17 a case, bringing the total value to \$561,000. With complete returns of the season's pack, it is not unlikely another 1,000 cases will be added to the total estimated, and the value of the catch to the fishers placed at about \$600,000.

WILL BUILD NEW CRAFT.

Addition To Be Made to Fleet of Capt. Sylvester Whalen.

Arthur D. Story of Essex has begun work on a new vessel, which is designed to be the "queen of the fleet." The new craft is for Capt. Sylvester Whalen of Boston, to add to his already fine fleet. The new craft is to be commanded by Capt. Bartholomew Whalen, known all along the coast as "Big Bat," and one of the biggest fresh fishermen in the business, who is now in sch. Catherine and Ellen.

The craft will be about the size of the Catherine and Ellen, but according to design, will be much sharper than that craft. She is to be built for a flyer and if she does not sail, Capt. Sylvie and Bat will be very much disappointed.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Albert W. Black, the first vessel of the fishing fleet which has been fitted out at Central wharf Portland, to start out haddocking, got away Thursday and will be followed in the next two days by about a dozen others. The two fish wharves have been an interesting sight this week, quite a little excitement having attended the fitting out of the fleet. Judging from the quantities of stores taken on board the vessels the crews are not likely to be put on short rations.

Sch. Elizabeth Nunan arrived at Portland Thursday afternoon from Cape Porpoise after bait. She will set out shore fishing. It will be only a few days now before the members of the Portland fleet will also get out to the grounds.

The steamer Carrie and Mildred brought in 47 barrels of porgies Wednesday and a few bluebacks.

Pilot E. F. Gamage of the steamer Arizona which was at Portland Thursday, declared that the porgy steamers that have been off the Maine coast this year have landed fully 75,000 barrels, and even that is probably placing the figure low. A conservative estimate of the value of these fish is \$150,000. They would be worth that just as they were taken from the water, but when turned into the oil and fertilizer they will be worth more. It has been 15 years since the porgies have been found off the Maine coast.

Whales Disported in South Channel.

The men of Capt. Conrad's sch. Virginia, which arrived at Boston on Wednesday morning related strange tales of a big school of whales disporting themselves off the South channel grounds. One of the crew, off in his dory, was nearly knocked overboard by a medium-sized whale which took the notion to blow immediately beneath his dory. A white whale, considered an omen of good luck by the fishermen, was sighted and performed a feat considered most extraordinary for a whale. It jumped completely out of water several times and except for the fact that the men were near enough to be sure it was indeed a whale they would have taken it for a swordfish.

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Fresh Mackerel Receipts.

Forty barrels of fresh mackerel were received at Boston yesterday from a Maine port.

At Newport yesterday, the sloop Alice had 600 fresh mackerel and the sloop Reliance had 400.

Sch. Reliance, which brought in a catch of bluebacks yesterday afternoon found 30 very large mackerel among them and steamer Bryda F., which also had bluebacks also found 30 big mackerel among her lot. The fish brought 32 cents each at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

Mackerel Taken off Margaree, C. B.

The steamer Magdalen, which was at Mulgrave, N. S., on Wednesday, reports a fair catch of large mackerel at Margaree, C. B.

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Sch. S. P. Willard Bound Home.

Sch. S. P. Willard, one of the Greenland flitch halibut fleet, was at North Sydney, C. B. yesterday, bound home. Capt. Adams advises the Cunningham & Thompson Co., owners of the craft, that he has 70,000 pounds of flitches.

Sch. Esperanto Spoken.

Capt. George E. Heckman of sch. Slade Gorton reports speaking sch. Esperanto on Quero bank recently.

MACKEREL FARE TAKEN OFF MINOT'S

Sch. Clintonia Made Good Haul Yesterday Afternoon.

Despite the long spell of bad weather mackerel are still on the shore and are not confining their schooling to the Maine coast. Yesterday afternoon sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph T. Webber, while cruising about Boston bay, on the lookout for fish, sighted a school handy to Minot's light and made a set and scooped the fish in, 4000 large ones and 1500 small ones.

This morning found the Clintonia at T wharf with her trip, which will be a very profitable one indeed. The dealers wanted the fish badly and got after Capt. Webber with a rush, almost swamping him with bids. Before they got through they ran the big fish up to 35 cents each and also offered 18 cents each for the small ones, and at these prices Capt. Webber let the catch go. The fare will bring in about \$1600.

The mackerel fleet now out is quite small, Schs. Clintonia, Arthur James, Marguerite Haskins, Dauntless and Emerald are still at it and schs. Pinta and Ralph L. Hall, now in port, are expected to be going out again. The little schs. Little Fannie and Reliance are also counted with the few out after mackerel, as also are steamers Quartette and Angella B. Nickerson,

the auxiliary craft Gleaner, steamer Bessie M. Dugan and sch. Wesley W. Sinnett. These, together with a few small boats down on the Maine coast, comprise the shore mackerel seining fleet at present. Beside these, two seiners, the Diana and George Parker, have gone to North Bay.

Sch. Arthur James had a few large mackerel at Portland Friday, mixed in with 200 barrels of bluebacks which she landed there. Sch. Dauntless, also there at the same time, had 75 barrels of bluebacks, but no mackerel and steamer Quartette also landed some bluebacks, all these catches being taken off Boon Island.

No word has been received here regarding mackerel schooling in North Bay, but word from Margaree, C. B., says that the small boats there have had fair mackerel fishing.

The Boston market received 100 barrels of fresh mackerel Saturday.

A Halifax report states that mackerel are showing off the Nova Scotia coast, 500 large fish being landed at the above port one day recently.

Salt Mackerel Fare Sold.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Lena and Maud, 10 barrels, sold to the E. K. Burnham Fish Company for a lump sum, \$242.

Oct. 2.

OPEN WAR ON STEAM TRAWLERS

Master Mariners Association Will Meet to Consider Procedure.

Aid of Action by Congress Will Probably Be Asked.

What promises to be the start of a vigorous war against the invasion of the steam trawl method of fishing in this country, will take place here this afternoon, when a special meeting of the Master Mariners' Association will be held to take the initial steps to accomplish the total eradication of this method as far forth as the fishing ports of the United States are concerned.

No particular line of action has been mapped out, but the matter as a whole will be first considered and action which will seek the assistance of fishermen all along the coast is expected to be taken.

The fact that four of these steam trawlers are now knocking out the

prospects of any good winter markets at T wharf, coupled with the knowledge that two more of these craft are being built and several more contemplated, has caused much discussion among skippers and fishermen, and the meeting this afternoon is the result of a knowledge of what conditions will be in a very few years if steam otter trawling is allowed to continue.

It is known that Congressman Gardner has been at work on the matter for some time and has been considering a proper form in which to bring the whole matter to the attention of Congress when it next convenes.

Gloucester is not alone in its opposition to this style of fishing, for the opposition of the Boston and Provincetown skippers and men is just as loud and just as strong, and the same can be said of the fishermen and skippers of the Maine coast.

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MR. ALEXANDER HERE.

Has Recently Returned From Locating Halibut Banks On the Pacific.

Alvin B. Alexander, assistant in charge of the division of statistics and methods of fisheries of the Bureau of Fisheries, is here at home for a short stay.

Mr. Alexander has just returned from the Pacific coast, where he has been for the past four months on the fish commission steamer, Albatross, steaming over the Bering Sea, bent on locating new and prolific halibut fishing grounds in that section. It is understood that the trip was a successful one and the results will soon be embodied in a detailed report to the bureau of fisheries.

Mr. Alexander's many friends are delighted to see him and he is being very pleasantly greeted on all sides.

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Another Lake Boat Here.

The steam fishing tug Margaret D., arrived here yesterday from Ashtabula, Ohio, on Lake Erie, to engage in gill netting out of this port the coming season, in company with the other "lake boats."

Cod for the Mediterranean.

The Newfoundland Shipping Company has sent a very large cargo of salt cod to Mediterranean ports on steamer Amanda. The whole consignment figures up 15,000 quintals.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Elk, Charles Colson, of this port, was at Portland Saturday with a fare of 10,000 pounds of halibut and some fresh and salt fish.