

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 run 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.

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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.

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ST. PIERRE FLEET HAD HEAVY LOSS

Fifteen Vessels and 58 Men Went Down During Season Just Closed.

Three of the Crafts Formerly Belonged at This Port.

This has been a season of ill-fortune with the fishermen of Miquelon and those who come from France to make St. Pierre the headquarters for the Grand Banks fisheries.

Fifteen vessels, three of them formerly of this port, the value of which runs into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, have been lost with full or partial cargoes, and 58 of the hardy fishermen who follow the exacting banks fisheries have been drowned with these or from other vessels.

With the large number of vessels of the fleet which have escaped without accident the season has still been far from a successful one, despite the fact that fish bring a price nearly one-third higher than last year. The catch this season has averaged 40 percent less than that of last year.

The native St. Pierre fleet and that from French ports lost about equally in the vessels which met with accidents. Two of the three former Gloucester vessels which were lost sank following their springing a leak.

Sch. Victor Helena, which was built at Essex in 1883, as the Stranger, sank on the Grand Banks April 8, as the result of a leak. Like the sch. Ville de Bordeaux, formerly the Masconoma, which was built at Essex in 1888, which went down similarly June 13, and the Walkyrie IV, formerly sch. Mabel R. Bennett, built at Gloucester in 1892, the Victor Helene was owned in St. Malo, France.

Two perils are ever present on the

Grand Banks—icebergs and speeding trans-Atlantic steamers, both of which are aggravated by dense fogs. Collision with icebergs caused the loss of two vessels on the same day, April 19, when the brigantine Bettina and the bark Guillaume Tell, both French vessels, went down. Their crews, like many others, escaped to nearby vessels.

The brigantine Agonnaise and the bark Simone, from Granville and St. Malo, France, respectively, were both crushed under the bows of trans-Atlantic liners while anchored on the banks. Several men were killed aboard each. An unknown steamer sent the Agonnaise to the bottom May 22. The big French steamer La Lorraine drove her great bow into the Simone in July.

A storm which swept the North Atlantic on August 19 and 20, causing great loss of vessels on the coasts of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, with some loss of life, caused the sinking of three vessels of the St. Pierre fleet. The tugboat Progress sank off Cape Pine and the schooner Madonna struck on the St. Pierre coast and sank.

That dread of all mariners, fire on board, forced a hasty abandonment by the crew of the sch. Terre Neuve, and she sank on the Grand Banks, May 5.

The four other vessels which went down, some with parts of their crews, were the sch. Denise, July 10; Miranda, July 20 and Leon Emilie, August 12, of the St. Pierre fleet, and the Bretonne, August 2, of the vessels from Granville, France.

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NEW FISHING BANKS

FOUND.

Fish Commission Officials Report on Investigation of Pacific Waters.

The United States Fish Commission steamer Albatross has completed a three months deep sea investigation cruise in Alaska waters. She sailed from Seattle on May 26 and returned there from the North on August 29, landing Commander G. H. Burrage of the United States Navy, who commanded the expedition, and Capt. H. B. Joyce of Seattle, who acted as pilot, and then the vessel proceeded directly to San Francisco, where she will remain until her prospective cruise in Southern California waters, beginning next February.

A. B. Alexander, of this city, represented the United States Fish Commission aboard. He is assistant in charge of the divisions of statistics and fisheries of that bureau and an authority on the Pacific halibut fishery.

Soundings were taken along Chignik and Ykata bays by Lieut. H. H. Stanley of the Navy and Harry C. Fassett of the Fisheries Department, who also surveyed and sounded Chignik lake, river and lagoon.

This Alaska expedition was undertaken upon suggestion of Puget Sound people interested in the fisheries of Alaska. The object was to get a more thorough and exact knowledge of the known fish banks of Alaskan waters, including codfish, halibut, black cod and other food fishes, and particularly to secure definite information as to the extent, character and apparent value of fishing banks that have never been used. All this was accomplished, and the report of the expedition will show that several new halibut and codfish banks were scientifically examined.

Four dories and four experienced cod fishermen were taken aboard at Seattle, and these were employed daily in offshore fishing on the cod and halibut banks near and north of Unimak pass, Bering Sea. Several points adapted as sites for local bases were also visited. Fish of fine quality and size were found on all the banks and the adaptability to trawl fishing in Bering Sea was proved while the conditions of ground, tide and bait necessary to successful operations were definitely determined. Fishing trawls were made both inshore and offshore along the entire coast from Unalaska to Cape Flattery. The continental or glacial plateau in this region extends 10 to 70 miles out from shore and reaches a maximum of 600 to 1000 feet in depth. This forms the fish ground. At the outer edge of the continental plateau the depth of water drops sheer to a maximum of 5000 to 6000 feet. The scientists took up such work only as had not previously been accomplished by the Albatross cruises.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Corona was at Shelburne, N. S., Thursday and cleared.

Sch. Elk was in at Yarmouth, Thursday for bait.

Sch. Senator Gardner sailed from Hawkesbury, C. B., on Friday.

Schs. Thomas A. Cromwell, Esperanto and Preceptor were at Canso, N. S., on Friday, the two latter clearing the same day.

Sch. S. P. Willard of this port, which was at North Sydney, C. B. Friday, put in there owing to the illness of Andrew Johnson, one of her crew.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of halibut of sch. Juno sold to the American Halibut Company at 9 cents per pound right through.

The fare of halibut of sch. Marjie Turner sold to the New England Fish Company at 10½ cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

The fare of halibut of sch. Elk at Portland Saturday, sold at 11 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Large Fish Shipment From Newfoundland.

Smith & Co. of St. John's, N. F., recently made a big Brazilian shipment of salt cod. The lot was put on the steamer Florizel and a part of it is for New York buyers, while a sample lot is for Boston. It took 15 horses two days to freight the shipment to the steamer wharf.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Arthur James of Gloucester was towed into port about dark Friday night, having on board over 200 barrels of blueback herring, taken off Boone Island, the fish being taken out at the Portland Cold Storage plant. There were 80 large mackerel mixed in with the bluebacks. Disgusted at the poor run of mackerel of late, some of the Cape Ann fishermen are turning their attention to bluebacks, they being better than nothing. The season for mackerel is drawing to a close and if the fish do not show up next week some of the Gloucester skippers contemplate giving it up as a lost cause.

About 9000 pounds of handsome large mackerel were brought to Portland from Rockland Friday by the steamer Monhegan, consigned to the J. W. Trefethen Company. A few mackerel are yet being found at the eastward, but the fishermen report them exceedingly scarce in this vicinity.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs was at Portland Friday, coming in about dark with his power cruiser Quartette, having on board 90 barrels of blueback herring, which were taken out at the Central Wharf Cold Storage plant. The Gloucester seiner Dautless also took out 74 barrels of bluebacks at the same place.

Eighty pounds of mackerel were landed by sch. Bernie and Bessie at Portland Friday. It was only a handful, but the amount showed that there are still some of the fish off the coast.

Among the vessels that were driven into Portland Friday by the bad weather was sch. Lillian, Capt. Norwood, on her way from Matinecus to Gloucester with fish.

There are bluebacks off the coast as has frequently been said, and it is evident that they can be caught if the right sized craft goes after them. The steamer Arizona of the porgie fleet, came into Portland Friday with 250 barrels of porgies, but the skipper of the craft thought it not worth his while to stop to take out this amount until he got more.

Fulton Market Fish Notes.

The smacks landed about 25,000 pounds more fish this week than during the preceding one, says the Fishing Gazette, when the total was 221,750 pounds of bluefish and weakfish. In all 32 smacks put in at the market between Monday morning and Friday noon, with a total of 78,250 bluefish, 85 bushels of sea bass, 25 bushels of weakfish and 900 bonitas. The weight of the bluefish was 234,750 pounds, 6800 pounds sea bass and 2000 pounds of weakfish. There was altogether too much bluefish in the market.

Codfish—There was no cod in the market on Saturday. On Monday and Tuesday steak fish brought 10 cents, selling as low as 5 1-2 cents on Thursday. There was little market cod to be had during the week and what few were offered brought 6 cents per pound. The market was bare on Thursday, while Friday the quotation was 2 1-2 cents.

Fluke and flounders sold at 2 1-2 cents to 5 cents. The high prices prevailed during the latter part of the week.

There was no haddock in the market on Saturday and Monday. For the remainder of the week the price was 2 1-2 cents to 3 cents.

Western white halibut brought 8 1-2 cents to 9 cents.

Hake sold at 1 cent to 2 cents yesterday.

Pollock brought 2 1-2 cents to 5 cents.

Leopard Shark Captured.

A shark, the first of its kind ever seen by Boston fishermen, was brought to T wharf from the fishing grounds, Saturday by sch. M. Madeline. It was about four feet long and looked much like the ordinary shark except that its body was covered with milky white spots.

The fish was captured by James LeBlanc, while picking up his trawls off Jefferies bank, Friday. It was very vicious looking but did not put up much of a fight when captured. Some of the men on the schooner said it was a leopard shark usually found in the Gulf of Mexico and carried north by the Gulf stream.

Secretary Dimick of the Boston fish bureau believes it came from the Caribbean sea, and several of the Italian fishermen insisted that it was related to a species of swordfish found in the Mediterranean.

One of the Italian fishermen on the wharf bought the queer fish and declared he would cut it up like swordfish as it makes a very delicious dish.

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MORE RUMORS OF BRANCHES.

Story That Gloucester Concerns Will Buy Fish at Placentia.

The St. John's, N. F. Chronicle says: "Rumor has it that the Gloucester fishing firms of Gorton-Pew and Cunningham & Thompson will both erect premises at Placentia and conduct from there extensive fishery operations next season. Each firm has now a representative there with this in view. Placentia offers a most desirable centre for the prosecution of this industry. It has a good harbor which is open the whole year round, and in season herring, caplin, cod, salmon and squid are to be found on the grounds. It is also convenient to St. Mary's banking grounds. It should therefore be able to supply these firms with all the salt bulk fish needed from April to November, after which the herring trade could keep them employed until the cod fishery opened again. Should these firms go into business there it will mean a big thing for the Ancient Capital."

MADE QUICK FISHING TRIP.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins Was Back at T Wharf in 42 Hours.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, Capt. Merton Hutchins, at T wharf this morning, arrived there about 8 o'clock after what is probably about as quick a fishing trip ever made to Georges by a fishing vessel.

The craft left T wharf Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, went to Georges and had just one dip. Then Capt. Hutchins, scenting a fine market as the result of the bad weather, drove the craft back for T wharf, getting there this morning just an hour after the bell rung. He struck the good market all right and will profit well for dusting for home with 22,000 pounds, the result of the one set.

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Pleased With Their Vacation.

A number of the Boston fishermen who went to the Provinces to help defeat reciprocity returned Thursday on the Prince Arthur. Apparently all were well pleased, not through a sense of having helped to defeat the proposition, but because their votes had earned them a little pleasant vacation among friends. In view of the fact that reciprocity would have lost even though the fishermen had not gone home to vote, it is presumed that those who paid the expenses are not feeling quite so pleased. Between 300 and 400 men went to the Provinces and as one man remarked, his trip was "worth \$75" to him.—Boston Transcript.

Notice to Mariners.

About the last of October Cape Elizabeth lightship will be hauled off her station and brought to Portland for repairs. She will be replaced by Relief lightship No. 16, with very near the same characteristics, the principal difference being that the relief ship is equipped with a powerful siren, while No. 74 carries a 12 inch whistle.

Shacking Stocks and Shares.

Sch. James W. Parker, Capt. George Tufts, stocked \$3560 on her recent fresh and salt shacking trip, the crew sharing \$71 clear.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked \$2631 on her recent short fresh shacking trip, the crew sharing \$57.54 clear.

Fledged Halibut Sale.

The fare of fledged halibut of sch. Oregon sold to Davis Brothers, owners of the craft, at 9 cents per pound. This practically makes the season's price on Greenland and Labrador fledged halibut trips and is the same price as was paid last year.

STORM DRIVES CRAFT TO PORT

BUT FEW OFFSHORE FISHING
VESSELS ARE AMONG THE
NUMBER.

The harbor is full of vessels today, both fisher craft and coasters, most of them driven in by the heavy easterly storm. Only a few craft are here from off-shore, consequently there is a scarcity of fish in port. About the whole of the shore fleet, both seiners and handliners are in, the latter bringing some pollock. A few were landed at the Fort this morning, but the majority will keep their fish in.

From the Cape Shore, sch. Juno, Capt. John G. Stream, brings 20,000 pounds of halibut and some fresh and salt fish and sch. Marjorie Turner, from the same ground, has 15,000 pounds of halibut and also some fresh and salted fish. Sch. Pauline, from a handline Georges trip, has a small catch, 8000 pounds of salt cod.

Yesterday some of the shore fleet landed about 265 barrels of bluebacks, some going for bait fresh and the rest to the freezer, while the torchers have brought here 200 barrels of fresh herring since last report.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Juno, Cape Shore, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish, 6000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Pauline, Georges, handlining, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Marjorie Turner, Cape Shore, 18,000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Reliance, shore, 90 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Independence, shore, 70 bbls. bluebacks.

Sloop Rough Rider, shore, 50 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 10 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 45 bbls. bluebacks.

Torchers, 200 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

Sch. Pinta, seining.

Sch. Catherine D. Eaos, shore.

Sch. Ramona, shore.

Sch. Motor, shore.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore.

Sch. Patriot, shore.

Sch. Olympia, shore.

Sch. Little Fannie, shore.

Sch. Lillian, shore.

Sch. William H. Rider, shore, 1000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Massasoit, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Georgia, shacking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Alice, haddocking.

Sch. Terra Nova, haddocking.

Sch. Hercense, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

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 \$3.90 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 shak 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.
Fetched halibut, 9 cts. per lb.

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, 60 cts. per bbl.

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

Bank halibut, 10 1-2c per lb. for white and 8c for gray, also 9c per lb. right through.

Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.
Fresh bluebacks for bait, \$2.50 per bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.

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WELCOME THEM AS BUYERS

NEWFOUNDLAND PAPER ALSO
SHOWS ADVANTAGES FOR
FISH CURES.

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

"It will be remembered that Norman Munn and H. H. Archibald on a visit they took to the United States, sought to interest the world-wide known firm of the Gorton-Pew Co. of Gloucester, Mass., in the purchase and general handling on this east coast of codfish and other fishery products. Their mission has borne some fruit thus far, and bids fair to produce more. These citizens have been appointed agents for the company, and have made their plans to buy up all the fish suitable for the firm's purposes in a green or salt bulk state. They have appointed agents down the shore, and John G. Munn went north on Tuesday to appoint agents in other centers, and to buy in all the suitable fish he could meet with.

"The firm says they are prepared to offer the highest paying prices. We learn they do not make any cull, neither will they take fish from which the best has been taken. A good average Labrador salt bulk fish will suit their requirements, as will also other kinds of right sort.

"The public will of course welcome the incoming of this great firm into the local market. We trust it will be but the harbinger of more and greater good things to come. As we have often pointed out, so far as this town is concerned, it offers in the fine harbor, ample and cheaply obtained business premises, abundant labor, low house rentals, very fine water and electric light systems, railway connections, pure sea and country air, and other advantages well-known and 'too numerous to mention'—offers exceptional inducements to the manufacture of fish products as well as to the carrying on of other business enterprises. We would like to know without disparagement to St. John's and other towns which one surpasses this? Gloucester as a desirable fish-packing centre is far away behind, and we would like the Gorton-Pew and other companies to study the matter, and as enterprising business men 'govern themselves accordingly.'

"It comes into our minds here to say that the method of buying in or taking over the fishermen's catch in a green or salt bulk state, with the view of dry-curing it for the Mediterranean or other foreign markets will likely offer a solution of the problem, how to offset the keen competition of the French and Norwegians by supplying the dry-fish markets with good fish properly cured. There are no doubt difficulties in the way of putting this proposed method into general practice; but doubtless these can be got over."

HADDOCK HIGH AT T WHARF

THIS MORNING'S RECEIPTS NOT
ENOUGH TO SUPPLY TRADE
DEMANDS.

Two of the steam trawling fleet, the Crest and Foam, were on hand this morning, with half a dozen sailing vessels, to take advantage of the highest haddock market T wharf has seen for many days. The Crest with 50,000 pounds of haddock and 800 weight of cod will get handy to \$2000 out of it and she has been out but three or four days. The Foam has 38,000 pounds, practically all haddock and will also clean up a good stock for the few days she has been gone.

Haddock are selling at \$3.10 and \$3.80 and there was not enough in sight this morning to supply the demands of the trade.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, out but 42 hours and hauling for 22,000 pounds of fish, will make a nice trip as will sch. Eva and Mildred which has 35,000 pounds of fish, 32,000 weight of which are hake, which are selling at \$2 and \$3. Sch. Metamora, from the Channel, brings 35,000 pounds and sch. Yankee hails for 23,000 pounds, all haddock. From Georges the Provincetown sch. Mary C. Santos has 14,000 pounds of haddock and 15,000 pounds of cod, the latter bringing from \$5 to \$6.50 right through, which means good pay for her crew.

Another money producing catch is that of the seiner Clintonia with 4000 large fresh mackerel and 1500 small ones, the former selling at 35 cents per pound and the latter for 18 cents.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Yankee, 23,000 haddock.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 14,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Steamer Crest, 50,000 haddock, 800 cod.

Steamer Foam, 37,000 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Metamora, 33,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 17,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 1000 cod, 32,000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Valentinna, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Clintonia, 4000 large fresh mackerel and 1500 small fresh mackerel.

Haddock, \$3.10 to \$3.80 per cwt.; cod, \$5 to \$6.50; pollock, \$3.25; hake, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$3; large fresh mackerel, 35 cents each; small fresh mackerel, 18 cents each.

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FOUND BAIT SHORT AT ALL POINTS

FRANK C. PEARCE RETURNED
FROM TRIP TO NEWFOUND-
LAND AND LABRADOR.

Frank C. Pearce, of the Cunningham & Thompson Company, returned last evening from an extended business and observation trip which has taken him through Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and to Labrador as far north, on the front, as Domino Run.

In speaking of general conditions, Mr. Pearce says that the New England coast has been a great deal better off, as far as the bait question is concerned than any place which he visited. At Newfoundland, the bait supply all through the season had been noticeably short, while at Labrador many of the fishermen were sadly hampered by the lack of bait and after the trapping season, the bulk of what fish were taken were caught on jiggers.

The Labrador catch of codfish will be very short, although showing an improvement over last season.

During his Newfoundland and Labrador trip Mr. Pearce was treated finely by the Newfoundland government officials and was given every opportunity to go about the different parts of the coast and on the Labrador and part of the Newfoundland trip, was accompanied by Hon. A. W. Picott, the minister of marine and fisheries.

MACKEREL IN SOUTH CHANNEL

SCH. DAUNTLESS BRINGS SALT
FARE FROM THE MAINE
COAST.

There are mackerel in South Channel. Capt. Herbert Green of the steam trawler Ripple saw them schooling and also caught some in his otter trawl. Capt. Green says the schools, which were of good size, were seen Friday and that same day he took five in the net. The captain reports that these are the first mackerel he ever caught in the otter trawl and thinks it indicates there are quite a lot of fish there. Those taken were of the largest kind and weighed between four and five pounds.

Sch. Dauntless, one of the few remaining seiners, arrived at this port this morning from the Maine coast and Boon Island grounds, with 32 barrels of salt mackerel on board. Capt. Farmer reports bad weather and this interfered with what were otherwise fairly good prospects for some catches in those waters.

Sch. Little Fannie, which was at this port yesterday with 80 barrels of bluebacks, found 300 mackerel among them. The fish were mostly large and the lot sold to Lufkin & Tarr at 34 cents each for large, 20 cents for mediums and 14 cents for small.

In among the loads of bluebacks which they brought in Sydney the steamer Bryda F. had 50 large mackerel and the sch. Reliance had 44.

Capt. Ralph Webber of sch. Clintonia, which was at T wharf yesterday with a nice bunch of fresh mackerel, makes a very interesting report. He says they got the fish off Minot's light just before dark Sunday and at the time four or five schools were showing, but they had no chance to make more than the one set. The captain says the fish were not wild and did not appear to be moving but were hanging in that vicinity. They were full of red feed and were apparently feeding there. When asked about the prospect, he said it appeared to him to be good in that vicinity.

Magdalen Island and Cape Shore salt mackerel continue very scarce and prices are high and firm. It is expected that curers who have been holding back their product, hoping to avoid paying duty in case the reciprocity treaty was adopted, will send some of their stocks to market shortly. Magdalen Island salt mackerel is \$3 a barrel higher than a week ago, says the Fishing Gazette.

Foreign Salt Mackerel Market.

The foreign salt mackerel market is still on the rise, says the Fishing Gazette. Prices continue stiffening week by week in spite of large importations at New York and other Atlantic coast ports. Norways are held very firm both here and in Europe, and most of the fish brought over has been sold before arrival. Norway No. 3s and 4s are up a dollar each, while a few Norway No. 2s are offered by one big dealer at from \$21 to \$24 a barrel. Irish mackerel is unchanged from last week in price.

The Strohmeier & Arpe Co.'s weekly report says the market for Norway mackerel shows a sudden advance in the prices. Our people cable that total shipments up to September 16 from Norway amounted to 2,011 barrels, which is quite a shortage. In Irish mackerel last week's shipments amounted to 1,035 barrels. This brings shipments this season of autumn mackerel to 53,636 barrels and spring mackerel to 3,473 barrels.

On Tuesday the Pennsylvania from Christiana brought to Boston 300 barrels of Norway mackerel. The Canadian the same day brought from Liverpool, Eng., 553 barrels to the same port. The Celtic on Monday brought to New York 153 barrels of salt mackerel, but the dealer who received it said it had been sold before it was shipped.

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Sailed for Destination.

The Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Nat. Nat., which came in here for a new mat. boom on the way to Fairhaven, with a load of salt cod for the Kelly concern, sailed today for her destination.

Bait Scarce at Provincetown.

Bait has been scarce for the past three days at Provincetown and yesterday it blew so hard that the traps could not be hauled.