

RECORD YEAR FOR SARDINES.

OUTPUT OF MAINE PACKERS WILL BE LARGE BUT UNPROFITABLE.

This is a record year for the sardine packers of the coast of Maine but for all they are putting more of the small fish in cans than ever before, they are not making money.

By officials of E. W. Brown & Co. who have a packing plant at South Portland, it was declared Tuesday that the canners are really losing money.

There are too many fish being caught," was the way it was put. "What the packers like best is an average catch of herring for the sardine industry and then they are assured that the market will not be overstocked. This year the herring have been running more than ever and more of them have been canned."

According to the figures given out to the Portland Press, there have been 2,000,000 cases of sardines packed this season up to Tuesday on the Maine coast. Of these 1,500,000 cases have a hundred boxes to a case and the rest have 50 boxes. This makes the total pack to date 175,000,000 cans of sardines. Never before has there been such a heavy pack in the history of the industry in the state of Maine. The largest pack for a whole season in the past has been 2,000,000 cases, but this figure has already been reached and the season has nearly two months to run before finishing.

Sardine herring are still being caught in the lower bay in large numbers. The great majority of them are being taken to the Brown plant at South Portland. This factory has had an average season this year, it was announced, though the fish have been running later than usual. Monday night there were fully 15 herring catchers at work in the lower bay.

New Brunswick Fishermen Supplying Eastport and Lubec Factories.

At this time of year the fishermen along the coast of St. John and Charlotte counties in New Brunswick are busy taking sardine herrings, which are sold chiefly to the sardine factories in Eastport and Lubec, Maine. Under the present interpretation of the American law, sardines which are taken into the Maine ports in American vessels with American captains are accepted as American fishermen. Therefore vessels from Eastport and Lubec go along the shore and load up with sardines, paying from \$4 to \$6 per hoghead. These little fish are taken in enormous quantities. It is stated that in one weir near St. George in one night 1000 hogheads were taken. These at \$4 per hoghead would yield to the fishermen \$4000. In four days the fishermen at Lepreaux took 2494 hogheads. Thus it will be seen that this fishery means much to the men along the shore, and the fish are found all the way from the Maine border up to the bay into the harbor of St. John.

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Lunenburg, N. S., Fish Notes.

The Riverport schooner Doris V. Myra is chartered to load herring at Newfoundland for Halifax.

Sch. Petite is at Petite Riviere after a rather unsuccessful trip to North Bay. The heavy weather interfered with the fishing which, otherwise, would have been good.

The LaHave schooner Elsie M. Walters, Capt. James Walters, has sailed for the banks on a fall trip.

Provincetown Fish Notes.

Sch. L. B. Winsor has abandoned seining and after having new rigging will engage in shore fishing.

The flounder dredging fleet is leaving every good day to fish in the waters adjacent to New Bedford.

Sloop Briganza has had new bowsprit at Gardner's shipyard.

Some of the old buildings at the Fisherman Cold Storage wharf have been torn down this week.

ONE ARRIVAL FROM LAHAVE

SCH. LIZZIE M. STANLEY HAS FARE OF 125,000 POUNDS OF FRESH FISH.

The only arrival at this port this morning was sch. Lizzie M. Stanley from LaHave bank with 125,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The torchers landed 75 barrels of herring which was sold for bait.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, which came in this morning with a big trip of fresh fish, took out some of her catch at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, La Have Bank, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Jeanette, via Boston.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston.
Sch. Jeanette, via Boston.
Sch. Jorgina, via Boston.
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, pollocking.
Sch. William H. Rider, pollocking.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, pollocking.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, pollocking.
Sch. Hockomock, haddocking.
Sch. Vclant, pollocking.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.
Sch. Leo, haddocking.
Ida S. Brooks, via Portland.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Bohemia was at Halifax, N. S., recently, with 225,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

The dory handline fishing sch. Oriole, Capt. Lewis Wharton, of this port, was at North Sydney, C. B., Monday for supplies. Capt. Wharton reports that fishing had been poor owing to the bad weather, but reports good fishing off Scatteri when any good weather could be had.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray was at Liverpool, N. S., a few days ago, with 30,000 pounds of salt fish on board.

Sch. Grace Darling was at Yarmouth, N. S., Tuesday with only 1000 pounds of fish. The hordes of dogfish on the Cape Shore grounds raised havoc with her fishing operations.

Sch. Diana passed south by Mulgrave, N. S., on Tuesday.

Schs. Anna M. Parker and Mabel D. Hines were at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday and sailed the same day, the former for Port Hawkesbury and the latter for the fishing grounds.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray was at Liverpool, N. S., on Wednesday and cleared. Sch. Georgia was also there the same day.

Sch. Annie M. Parker Ashore and Floated.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, one of the salt trawl bank fleet of this port, went ashore at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., on Thursday. From the dispatches it is learned that the craft dragged her anchor or parted and drove ashore in a heavy breeze of wind.

The craft is owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company and is insured by the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company. She was on her second trip of the season and it is supposed she was seeking bait when the accident occurred, as she was at Canso but a few days before, clearing from there for Hawkesbury.

Word was received this morning that the schooner had been floated and was at the slip at Port Hawkesbury leaking. The pumps were keeping her free all right and she is not seriously damaged.

Bad Weather at the Eastward.

Incoming fishing vessels from the eastward, as well as those which have made harbor on the Cape Shore recently, all report a long spell of very bad weather on the fishing grounds which made successful fishing out of the question. The captains say that there seemed to be some fish on the grounds all right but that the weather was so bad they did not get half a chance to do any fishing.

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Number of Fishermen Decreased.

According to figures made public by the Department of Commerce and Labor the total number of fishermen in the United States in 1903 was 141,631, operating 6933 large vessels and 83,548 boats. The value of the fisheries product that year was \$54,931,000, as against a total value of \$49,398,000, as the average for the years 1900 to 1904, and \$42,904,000 for the year 1889. The decrease in the number of fishermen engaged in the industry during 1903 from the years 1900 to 1904 was 10,530.

Sch. Flora J. Sears Sold to Florida.

Another craft of the Boston fishing fleet is booked for southern waters. Yesterday, Capt. Frank Cooney, who is agent here for the E. E. Saunders Company of Pensacola, Fla., and who has for several seasons picked out crafts here for additions to that concern's fleet, bought for them the fine sch. Flora J. Sears, and she will be made ready for the trip to her new home port right away.

Torchers Finding Herring Scarce.

The torchers have been finding herring very scarce of late. A big fleet of boats has been going over Ipswich and Essex way every night, but the fish do not seem to be running well at all. Last night the sum total of the whole catch was only 75 barrels.

Tank Steamer in Port.

A novelty among the arrivals here this morning is the tank steamer A. R. Co. No. 78, down from Boston with a big cargo of oil for the water gas plant of the Gloucester Gaslight Co.

Flitched Halibut Sale.

The fare of flitched halibut of sch. S. P. Willard sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company, owners of the vessel.

Changed to Pollocking.

Capt. Allan Dolman has hauled sch. Volant out of the salt drift cod fishery and gone pollocking in her.

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Complain of Dogfish.

The shore fishermen all along the Cape Shore are complaining of the ravages of dogfish. Schools of these pests are found all the way from Yarmouth to Louisburg and the shore fishermen are helpless before them, as they not only carry off trawls bodily but bite the fish which do remain on the trawls.

Captain Harry Ross of sch. Dorothy M. Smart, which sailed Tuesday from Digby, N. S., for the banks, after landing 55,000 pounds of fresh fish, reports that dogfish played havoc with the trawls on the last trip.

Discharged Codfish Cargo.

The Lunenburg, N. S., salt banker Nita M. Conrad which arrived here Sunday with her fare of salt cod and sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, has completed the discharge of the fare and has taken in salt here to go to Lunenburg. She will take home with her about 300 quintals of very small snapper codfish which were in the trip, and which the captain thinks he can dispose of to better advantage there.

Mackerel at Newport.

Newport reported the arrival of the following sloops with mackerel yesterday: The Clara T. with 210 fish in count, the Woodland Mack with 240 and the Reliance with 120. The seiners Ralph Hall and Gleanor dropped into Provincetown Thursday and landed cargoes of blueback herring, the former selling 100 barrels to the freezers and the latter 25 barrels.

Bait at Provincetown.

There was plenty of herring bait at Provincetown yesterday.

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Sch. Arethusa Spoken.

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, reports speaking sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, on the eastern edge of Quero Bank about two weeks ago. Capt. Morrissey hailed for about 250,000 pounds of salt cod and had 50 barrels of herring bait on board. This he said he was going to use up and also fish another baiting before coming home. Capt. Thomas, who had fresh squid from Burgeo, N. F., gave Capt. Morrissey enough to bait up with for one set.

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MANY HAKE IN T WHARF TRIPS.

TWO FARES OF FRESH MACKEREL AMONG THE 29 ARRIVALS THIS MORNING.

Although T wharf has 29 trips of fish in this morning, there cannot be said to be an oversupply of fish for the dealers as far as haddock and cod are concerned, for hake figures extensively in the catches and eleven of the crafts in have only pollock. Most of the haddock and cod are from LaHave and vicinity, but few of the Channel and Georges fleet being in. Two welcome and hardly looked for arrivals were sch. Ralph L. Hall and Arthur James, both with nice catches of fresh mackerel.

The banner trip at the dock is that of sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson. The captain hailed his catch for 110,000 pounds, but will have some 20,000 pounds more than that figure. This is the captain's first trip haddocking for many seasons, but shows that he is as much at home in this line as he is at catching halibut which is saying a great deal, considering his big record in the latter line.

Other crafts with big fares are sch. Rex, Capt. John Grady, 90,000 pounds of fresh fish and 4000 pounds of halibut sch. Matthew S. Greer, from Georges, with 62,000 pounds of cod and haddock, sch. John J. Fallon, from South Channel, with 71,000 pounds, sch. Harmony, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, from the eastward, with 75,000 pounds and 4000 pounds of halibut and sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, from the Channel, with 57,000 pounds.

While prices as a whole are not fancy, live fish are bringing good figures. Haddock sold at \$1.50 to \$4, and large cod from \$3.50 to \$5.50. Hake went at \$1.30 to \$2.50 and pollock \$1.50. Fresh mackerel brought 12 cents each.

Among the arrivals is one halibuter, sch. Paragon, hauling for 20,000 pounds of halibut, and the same amount of fresh fish and also 19 swordfish. None of the latter were ironed, but were taken on the trawls. They are small or "baby" fish, such as were caught in a similar manner by some of the halibuters late last fall. The halibut trip was unsold at 8.30, but the swordfish brought 11 cents per pound.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are.
Sch. Adelina, 12,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Terra Nova, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Mettacommet, 13,000 pollock.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Azorean, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Valentinna, 7500 pollock.
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 7000 fresh mackerel, 100 bbls. bluebacks.
Sch. Arthur James, 7000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Tecumseh, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 20,000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Eglantine, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 25,000 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Gov. Foss, 60,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 8000 hake, 16,000 cusk, 800 halibut.
Sch. Rex, 12,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 30,000 hake, 30,000 cusk, 4000 halibut.
Sch. Paragon, 20,000 hake, 19 swordfish, 20,000 halibut.
Sch. Harmony, 20,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 5000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Elsie, 10,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 15,000 cusk, 4000 halibut.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 40,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 7500 pollock.
Sch. Galatea, 11,000 pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, 11,000 pollock.
Sch. Pythian, 6000 pollock.
Sch. John J. Fallon, 46,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 30,000 hake.
Sch. Raymah, 32,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 20,000 hake.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 5000 haddock, 7000 cod, 20,000 hake.
Sch. Leo, 20,000 hake.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 40,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2 to \$4; hake, \$1.30 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$2; swordfish, 11c per lb.; fresh mackerel, 12c per lb.

WANT MORE FOR THEIR HERRING

Newfoundland Fishermen Agree Not to Sell Under \$1.50 a Barrel.

Movement Believed at This Port to Be Ill-Timed.

The Newfoundland fishermen on the West Coast want more for their herring. According to their government regulation, the price is \$1.25 per barrel, that is, they cannot catch them for less than that figure, which has been the standard for several seasons on green goods. With this they are not satisfied. They are looking for more. They held a meeting last Thursday at Birchy Ceve, Bay of Islands, and went on record binding themselves not to sell this coming season at that figure.

The meeting, so far as can be learned, was a lively one, and in the end they voted and agreed not to sell or to catch for any foreign vessel, American or Nova Scotian, any herring at a less figure than \$1.50 per barrel, this price to hold until December 15, and after that date the price to be not less than \$2 per barrel.

From present conditions, it would seem that the move will not work to the advantage of the Newfoundland fishermen, who apparently are not acquainted with herring conditions on the New England coast this present season. Figured on conditions prevailing last year, the move might have been made successfully, but the almost total absence of small herring which prevailed on the New England coast last season, is entirely changed this year, when there are actually more small herring on the coast than the dealers known what to do with.

No Small Herring on New England Coast Last Season.

Last season, it will be remembered, all the firms along the New England coast were unable to get any small herring anywhere along the coast to smoke for what are known as "boneless." Then the vessels which went to Newfoundland west coast found herring plenty at Bonne Bay, while there were none at Bay of Islands. The

only trouble which appeared to the American skippers down there was that the Bonne Bay herring were small and not the kind which they would look at in ordinary years at any figure. They wired their owners here about the situation and were surprised to receive orders to go ahead and get them and never mind if they were small. They asked no questions and obeyed orders, and the result was that pretty nearly half the salt herring which arrived here were of the small kind.

Owing to the fact there were no herring on this coast all that fall these small fish went to the smokers for boneless and some cargoes were even sent to Maine to be smoked. Had there been a catch of small herring on shore, these small Bonne Bay herring would not have been wanted, and the fishermen down there would simply have had to wait until the big ones struck, which they did in smaller quantity than ever before, and later at Bay of Islands, and thus instead of a big season's work they would have had a very small one.

Down East Smoke Houses Full of Small Herring This Year.

This season finds myriads of these small herring on our coast. The smoke houses down east are full and the same condition applies to many here. They are all smoking for the boneless trade, which the Newfoundland small herring supplied last year. This year the dealers have no use for Newfoundland small herring, and if last season repeats itself on the West Coast and the first big run is small, the vessels will wait for large one to salt or freeze and the Newfoundland fishermen will have to lay on their oars.

Viewed from the present conditions here it looks as though the Newfoundland fishermen had made a financial mistake and probably are not conversant with market conditions here and the almost unparalleled abundance of small herring on the New England coast.

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Halibut Fares Sold.

The fare of halibut of sch. Waldo L. Stream sold to the American Halibut Company at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

At Boston this forenoon the fare of halibut of sch. Paragon sold to the New England Fish Company at the same figures.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Premier was at Louisburg, C. B., on Thursday, hauling for 220,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Ella G. King was at Louisburg, C. B., on Thursday, bound home from the Treaty Coast of Newfoundland with a fare of salt cod.

Sales of Fresh Fish Fares.

The fares of fresh fish of schs. Valerie and Effie M. Prior sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Co., that of sch. Mooween to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. and that of sch. Lucania to Sylvanus Smith & Co., Incorporated.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fishing arrivals at Portland on Friday included sch. Dixie with 600 large mackerel and a Gloucester dragger with 1000 lbs. mackerel; sch. Fanny Hayden, 4000 pounds fresh fish and sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 12,000 pounds.

Gill Netting Steamer Coming.

The gill netting fleet of this port is to have another addition soon as a steamer, about the size of steamer Nomad, and hauling from Newport, R. I., is coming here soon to engage in this line of fishing.

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Bad Weather Bothering Nova Scotia Fishermen.

The continued bad weather greatly interferes with the operation of the fishermen. Fish, cod and haddock, is plentiful at Shelburne and Clarke's Harbor, and with favorable weather, the men would have a good season's work.

The cold storage plant at Lockport keeps pushing business in every way possible, and is securing a good part of the catch. Their stand at McNutt's Island is a much appreciated convenience.

The numerous fish firms organized the past few years have made for the good of the business and the work of fishermen more desirable than in the former years, when the boat fishermen had to take care of their catch, making and forwarding to Halifax. Now the fish are landed at one of the fish stands in Shelburne, Clarke's Harbor, Lockport, Cape Negro or Wood's Harbor, and the cash secured without any further labor on the part of the men—Clarke's Harbor, N. S., Coast-Guard.

Nova Scotia Cod at Portland.

The British sch. Ariadne is at Portland from a Nova Scotia port, with 800 quintals of cured fish for Lord Bros.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Margaret, of this port, is at Portland this morning with 30,000 pounds of halibut.

Bait at Provincetown.

Plenty of herring and bluebacks are reported at Provincetown.

SEINERS STILL GETTING MACKEREL.

Netters Also Making Good Hauls in Ipswich Bay.

The mackerel are still with us. Not only are the netters getting some down off Thacher's island, but the seiners are finding them schooling yet. Yesterday the small boats, the netters, brought in quite a few at this port, Rockport and Lanesville, and at Boston this morning are two of the seiners with good catches. With a good spell of weather, there will continue to be something doing in the mackerel line. That seems to be the opinion of the men who are still sticking to it and they should know, if anybody.

This morning sch. Julietta came in here with 500 large fresh mackerel, the fine catch having been made off Thacher's island last night. Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, which was in here yesterday and did not take out the 300 mackerel caught the night before, but went out for another try last night, came in this noon with 350 fish altogether. Sch. Florida came in again this morning with 60 fish in count.

It is estimated that fully 40 barrels of fresh mackerel, mostly all large fish, were landed around the Cape yesterday. At Rockport sloop Margaret S. McKenzie had 320 fish, sloop City of Everett 114, sloop On Time 200 and sloop J. F. McMorrow 300. The latter craft was offered 25 cents for her fish, but it did not suit her skipper and he put the knif into the fish and salted them and will make money thereby.

Over at Lanesville some mackerel were landed, George P. Morgan having 28. At this port yesterday sch. Florida landed 70 and the sch. Gracie the same number. Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt was also in here with 300 in count, but did not land, going out to have another try last night.

At Rockport, sch. W. H. Reed was in yesterday with a good sized haul of large mackerel, but did not land her catch.

Quite a large fleet are now engaged in mackerel netting out of here and Rockport, many of the small boats having given up hook and line, trawl and seine to try for mackerel with nets. Some of the skippers are looking for good fishing.

At T wharf this morning are schs. Arthur James and Ralph L. Hall, each with 7000 fish, mostly small fish, taken off Cape Cod, in the vicinity of Highland light. Sch. Ralph L. Hall also has 100 barrels of bluebacks along with the mackerel.

These two vessels have been making headquarters at Provincetown for some time, going out daily when the weather served, to look for mackerel. In the meantime, they have caught quite a lot of bluebacks and landed them at Provincetown.

At Boston this morning, both vessels sold their mackerel at 12 cents each.

Quite a lot of large fresh mackerel, arrived at Boston today from Nova Scotia, evidently part or all of the recent big catch in Margaret's Bay,

handy to Halifax. The fish sold at 20 cents each, which low price will affect the price on the new and live goods landed here and Rockport yesterday and today by the shore netters.

Mackerel continue to be found along the Maine coast, sch. Dixie arriving at Portland Friday with 600 large fish which she took off Boon Island on Thursday. The skipper reports a very heavy blow that afternoon and had his mainsail torn. A Gloucester "dragger" also took out about 1000 pounds at Commercial wharf.

A few mackerel were caught in nets at Louisburg C. B., Thursday morning. Fishermen are now in hope that the fall fishery will prove successful.

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HANDLINE FARE ON THE MARKET.

LAST "OUTSIDE" CRAFT TO ARRIVE FOR THE PRESENT SEASON.

The last "outside" dory handliner, sch. Thomas A. Cromwell of Boston arrived here yesterday hauling for 125,000 pounds of salt cod. The fare is on the market.

Yesterday sch. Mooween arrived from the eastward with 60,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Valerie came in, also from the eastward with 130,000 pounds of fresh fish. Sch. Effie M. Prior was another eastern arrival yesterday, she having 75,000 pounds of fresh fish. All three fares went to the splitters.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt Frank Stream, arrived this morning from the Cape Shore, with a nice catch of 20,000 pounds of halibut and a few thousand pounds of salt fish.

Sch. Lucania towed down from Boston Saturday night with about 4,000 pounds of fresh fish to split, having got out about 65,000 pounds at the market at T wharf.

Sch. Clara G. Silva got a big set on the shore grounds yesterday and is in here this morning with 35,000 pounds of fresh hake.

The torchers continue to find herring not very plentiful and the fish continue to run mostly small. Since last report they have brought in here about 160 barrels.

Sch. Mooween took out part of her fresh fish fare at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company this morning.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Lucania, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, dory handlining, 125,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Mooween, LaHave Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Effie M. Prior, Western Bank, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Cape Shore, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Valerie, LaHave Bank, 130,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore, 35,000 lbs. fresh hake.
- Torchers, 160 bbs. fresh herring.
- Sch. Pinta, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

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- Sch. Gracie, shore, 70 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Florida, shore, 70 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, shore, 350 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore, 2500 lbs. pollock.
- Sch. Florida, shore, 60 large fresh mackerel.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Julietta, mackerel netting.
- Sch. Marguerite, mackerel netting.
- Sch. Florida, mackerel netting.
- Sch. Reliance, mackerel netting.
- Sch. Little Fannie, seining.
- Sch. Massasoit, pollocking.
- Sch. Mary E. Silveria, haddocking.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.
- Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, haddocking.
- Sch. Pauline, Georges handlining.
- Sch. Rhodora, halibuting.
- Sch. Yakima, halibuting.

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 for snappers.
- Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$4.85, snappers \$3.
- Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.15, medium \$4.60.
- Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.
- Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5, medium \$4.60.
- Haddock \$1.75.
- Pollock \$1.75.
- Cusk, large \$2.50, medium \$2; snappers \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

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All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.
Salted whiting \$2 per bbl.
Fletched halibut 9c per lb.
Halibut fins, \$12 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
Large cod, \$2.65 per cwt.; medium \$2.10 per cwt.
Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.
Cusk, large \$1.75, medium \$1.20, Snapper cusk 60c.
Hake \$1.15.
Fresh whiting 60c per bbl.
Dressed pollock 90c, round 80c.
Bank halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 9c for gray.
Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.
Fresh bluebacks for bait, \$2.50 per bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.
Fresh mackerel, large 34c each, mediums 20c, small 14c.

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NEW CANADIAN MINISTER.

Premier Hazen of New Brunswick in Charge of Marine and Fisheries.

Hon. John Douglas Hazen, Premier of New Brunswick, who is the new Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, is a Sunbury county man, who settled in Fredericton, was called to the bar there, and was prominent in municipal politics. Twenty years ago he was mayor of Fredericton. He then removed to St. John, and the next year, 1891, was elected to the Dominion parliament, where he sat for five years. He lost his seat in 1896, and in 1899 was elected to the legislature for Sunbury, which he has represented ever since. In the year he entered the assembly he was chosen leader of the opposition, and while holding that position, he inflicted a crushing defeat on the Robinson government at the general election in 1908. Mr. Hazen's supporters numbering 31 as against 12 for the government. Mr. Hazen then became premier and attorney-general of the province.

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A bushel of oysters was recently taken from the Sheepsfoot river. The Bath Elks who ate them pronounced the bivalves of excellent flavor and superior to those that come from beds of the South.

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NO MACKEREL ARRIVALS TODAY.

WEATHER YESTERDAY AND TODAY UNFAVORABLE FOR SEINING.

Yesterday was not much of a day for mackerel fishing, and this morning no seining arrivals are reported. Today, with the wind northeast and all signs out for a storm, will mean another day in port for the small fleet on the shore.

Yesterday sch. Gleaner ran into Provincetown with 4000 small fresh mackerel and steamer Angella B. Nickerson also made port at that place with 2500.

At Newport, R. I., yesterday the sloop Thomas Condon had 400 fish and the sloop Alice had 300.

The boats at Rockport yesterday had no mackerel and none were reported landed at Portland.

At this port yesterday afternoon the sole arrival in the mackerel line was the netter Jessie P. with 200 fish.

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Inside Information.

The mackerel are getting ready to follow the swordfish to warmer waters.—Boston Globe.

Glad somebody has inside information as to the plans of the mackerel.—Portland Express.

"Inside information," as applied to the plans of mackerel is generally a synonym for "guessing."

SHARKS PLentiful ON JEFFRIES.

NOT ONLY BITE FISH, BUT DESTROY FISHING GEAR OF THE VESSELS AS WELL.

Two commanders of fishing vessels arriving in Portland Monday morning reported that the sharks continue to destroy fishing gear off Jeffries fishing banks, and Captain William H. Thomas, of the Boston schooner Helen B. Thomas, which arrived from Jeffries says that only a few days ago one vessel lost 30 tubs of gear. Capt. Thomas lost seven tubs of gear and Captain Doughty of the Portland schooner reported that he lost three tubs of gear on Jeffries Sunday.

"There is not the slightest use for us fellows to go to Jeffries," said Captain Thomas. "We can't make any money if the sharks continue to destroy fishing gear."

All the skippers arriving say that the sharks have never been so thick in the past as they are at the present time on Jeffries and the fact that nearly every vessel has lost considerable gear is said to mean that Jeffries will be abandoned by the vessels until the sharks leave.

Essex-Built Whaler Successful.

Capt. John A. Cook of the whaling brig Viola, of Provincetown, which was built at Essex has been talking to a correspondent of the New York Herald about the maiden trip of his trim brig, named after his wife. The Viola was at Fayal, the Azores, when last reported with 590 barrels of sperm oil and a big lump of ambergris. The Viola's cost when fitted for sea, it seems, was approximately \$23,000. Since June 30, 1910, when she sailed on her maiden cruise, she has taken 49,455 gallons of sperm oil worth \$24,727.50 at 50 cents a gallon, and ambergris worth, say \$17,000, or oil and ambergris worth \$41,727.50, a sum that exceeds by about \$18,000 the full cost of the vessel. Very few vessels or businesses can exhibit corresponding profits in like time. Never before, it is said, has a whaling vessel earned more than her cost in the first year of her life.

Salt Fish Trade.

Trade here continues very flat. There is no demand for codfish—except at a loss of from \$4 to \$5 a cask. Porto Rico reports sales at \$28 and \$29. There is no demand for pollock or hake or smoked herring. A good inquiry for mackerel and salmon in brine is noted, however.

As soon as the sunburnt fish is all cleaned up more normal conditions should prevail—enormous quantities of codfish that could not be properly dried during the summer months have had to be worked off and in some cases it turned red and gummy before shipment—naturally values could not be maintained with stock of this kind, especially as the quantities were very large and undoubtedly there are some thousands of quintals still to be consigned or dumped—it amounts to the same thing.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Porto Rico Market.

Late Porto Rico advices says: "Codfish—Owing to continuous arrivals and very light demand, stocks are accumulating and our markets have declined with a tendency towards a further decrease. Pollock and haddock arrivals have not been large, but inquiry is very slight and a decline is generally looked for, in harmony with the lower value of codfish. While sales of inferior stuff have been made at much lower figures, we quote for superior fish, on usual net ex-wharf basis: Codfish, \$6.50 to \$6.75 per 100 pounds; pollock, \$5 per 100 pounds; haddock, \$4.75 to \$5 per 100 pounds.

Sch. Priscilla Smith Ashore and Floated.

Sch. Priscilla Smith of this port arrived in Louisburg, C. B., Wednesday night during a heavy southerly gale, from the fishing grounds, and anchored, as the captain thought, in a safe place, but at about 2 o'clock the next morning the schooner began to drag bringing up between the old McAlpine and Slattery properties. The schooner was taken off next morning by the S. S. Anticosti. The only damage sustained was to her rudder, which will necessitate her going on the slip. The Anticosti towed the schooner to North Sydney.

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Portland Fish Notes.

The Gloucester fishing sch. Margaret arrived at Portland Sunday from a four weeks' cruise on Cape Sable. She brought in a splendid fare, over 35,000 pounds of halibut in addition to 13,000 pounds of shack fish and salt cod. The skipper reports rough weather on the trip and was unable to fish more than half the time, but evidently improved his chance whenever possible.

Schs. Albert W. Black and Topsail Girl of the Portland fleet were also in with good fares, the former 15,000 and the latter 10,000 lbs. fresh fish. Capt. Doggett of the latter schooner reports his catch considerably lessened by the dogfish, which were found in great plenty wherever he made a "set."

On Sunday and Monday, 156,000 pounds of fish were brought into Portland by eight schooners and yesterday was one of the busiest days of the entire season at Commercial and Central wharves. Sch. Margaret of Gloucester was the high liner of the entire fleet as she arrived here Sunday afternoon with 30,000 pounds of halibut, 5000 pounds of mixed fish and 4000 pounds of salt fish. The Boston sch. Helen B. Thomas brought in the largest number of mixed fish as she came into port this forenoon with 40,000 pounds.

All the vessels brought in large fares and nearly all the vessels sold their fish to F. S. Willard & Co., at Central Wharf. The halibut brought in by the Margaret was sold to F. M. Harty, local representative of the New England Halibut Company.

The vessels arriving and their fares follow:

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 40,000 pounds mixed fish.

Sch. Margaret, 30,000 pounds of halibut, 5000 pounds mixed fish, 4000 pounds salt fish.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, 18,000 pounds mixed fish.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, 9000 pounds mixed fish.

Sch. Albert W. Black, 9000 pounds mixed fish.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 16,000 pounds mixed fish.

Sch. Katie L. Palmer, 11,000 pounds mixed fish.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The new auxiliary sch. Conqueror, the third of the fishing boats constructed for the Seacoast Canning Co., the other two being the Helen McColl and Continental, already in commission, arrived at Eastport, Me., last week ready for service.

The Newfoundland cruiser Fiona is now in first class order, having had a thorough overhauling and repairing at St. John's, from whence she sailed for Bay of Islands Friday to take up the fishery protection service.

The monthly bulletin of the Canadian Department of Marine and Fisheries, for August, 1911, shows that during that month the catch of fresh mackerel was 7,042 cwt., of which 1,226 cwt. were taken at Nova Scotia, 330 cwt. at Prince Edward Island, 1,525 cwt. at New Brunswick, and 3,361 cwt. at Magdalen Islands.

The well known sch. Edith M. Merriam is fitting out at Digby, N. S., for fall fishing. She will be commanded by Capt. Samuel Miller, Capt. Alfred Snow the former popular and successful skipper, wishes to remain on shore for a few months.

Will Ship Fish Here.

The Lockport, N. S., Cold Storage Company have a number of vessels to fish from that port this winter. They have herring and squid enough to supply their own vessels with bait. They have a smack running from Lockport to Little Harbor buying fish, sheep and fowl of which they have a goodly supply at present. The company also ship fish to Gloucester.

Swim Bros. of Lockeport, N. S., have a number of vessels which they will run winter fishing. One of their auxiliary schooners the Julia Opp left Monday evening for Pubnico for bait.

Encountered Heavy Blow.

Sch. Harmony, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, which came down from Boston last night encountered a heavy blow last Thursday night and Friday, when on the passage home from LaHave bank. Her mainsail was torn and one sea which toppled on deck, took full sway for a time. The gurry kids and 12 barrels of livers went over into the sea to leeward and that was the last seen of them. The jib was torn and some of the dories were started from their nests, but were recovered, as also was some deck gear.

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SAME NUMBER AS YESTERDAY.

TWENTY-NINE FISHING ARRIVALS AT T WHARF AGAIN THIS MORNING.

The 29 fares of fresh fish at T wharf this morning are, with one exception from the shore and South Channel grounds and consequently new fish and the dealers are taking to them much more kindly and paying better prices than they did yesterday when they were confronted with a lot of large trips from the eastward. Trade too is more brisk than on Monday.

Nine of the pollockers are in and the way these fares run indicates that the fish are more plentiful on the grounds. Sch. Fish Hawk has 20,000 pounds, and there are several with 15,000 pounds. Of the fares in sch. Aspinet has the largest. Capt. Brigham fishes to the eastward this time of the year and is always counted on for large catches of codfish. This morning his haul was for 90,000 pounds and 1500 weight of halibut, beside and the way the market is he is liable to get out about the whole fare to the market.

The steam trawler Crest brings a smaller trip than usual, 43,000 pounds, evidently not striking very good fishing.

About every vessel in, outside of the pollockers, has a good bunch of hake and these fish appear to be quite plentiful on all the grounds. They are bringing a small price and the most of them will find the route to the splitters.

Codfish is in light receipt and there is far from being too much haddock. About all the market fleet have fair catches, but nothing out of the ordinary.

Haddock sold at \$2.25 and \$2.75 and large cod at \$5 and \$5.75. Pollock were low, going at \$1.30.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 5000 haddock, 600 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Matchless, 21,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 18,000 hake.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 200 haddock, 800 cod, 25,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1000 haddock, 4000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Angie B. Watson, 5500 cod, 8000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. George H. Lube, 500 haddock, 2500 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 600 cod, 30,000 hake.

Steamer Crest, 42,000 haddock, 600 cod, 400 hake.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 18,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Esther Gray, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Olympia, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 7500 pollock.

Sch. Lafayette, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Corsair, 14,000 pollock.

Sch. Massasoit, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Hope, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 20,000 pollock.

Sch. Volant, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Topsail Girl, 1600 cod, 18,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Buema, 30,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Pontiac, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Washakie, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. James and Esther, 200 haddock, 5200 cod, 20,000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Genega, 32,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 35,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Metamora, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Alice, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 36,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Aspinet, 12,000 haddock, 55,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 1500 pollock, 1500 halibut.

Haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.75; market cod, \$3 to \$3.40; hake, \$1.25 to \$1.30; pollock, \$1.30.

Not the Gorton-Pew Co.

The item in a recent issue of the Star relating to the dishonored cheques held by fishermen did not refer to the Gorton-Pew Co. but to a minor concern which has yet failed to make good its buoyant promises of last year. The Gorton-Pew Co. is as safe as the Bank of England.—Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star.