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THEY BLAME THE BEAM TRAWLERS.

PORTLAND FISHING FLEET DOING POORLY AND REPORT FISH UNUSUALLY SCARCE.

So scarce are the fish off the coast of Maine at the present time and so low are the prices because of the number being caught to the westward, that many of the local fishermen have become discouraged over the outlook and are thinking of giving up the business for the present, says the Portland Daily Press.

Already Capt. Frank Johnson of the schooner Katie L. Palmer has decided that he has had enough of large boat fishing. He and the other members of the crew have decided to give up their present positions and take to the small boats. In this way, they feel that they may be able to land fares individually around the rocks and nearer shore when they would not be able to in a schooner.

About a dozen of the local fleet came into the harbor Monday morning, but all told they did not have more than what one of the beam trawlers lands in one fare. The fishermen say that the fish have been caught up and that none of them are to be had.

"The beam trawlers to the westward have done the work," is the way they put it. "These boats either by catching up the fish that would come in shore or by frightening them away have ruined the fishing."

"On the other hand, some of the dealers say that the fish are never very numerous this time of year off the Maine coast. They say that last spring was an exception, that the pollock then were extremely numerous and that the school fish will be striking in and then there will be as many caught as usual. Haddock are usually scarce this time of year. Last spring a number of cod were being taken earlier, but they have not put in an appearance to any extent as yet."

In view of the scarcity of the fish, some of the local vessels will soon begin to go halibuting. If the ground fish do not put in an appearance in a short time, the dogfish will come along and spoil the business anyway. "Whichever way you look at it," said one fisherman, "the outlook is enough to drive a man out of the business."

Porto Rico Fish Notes.

At the various ports of Porto Rico during the week ending March 5 there were, according to the weekly market report of S. Ramirez & Co., the following arrivals of fish stuffs: 725 tcs., 150 bxs. codfish, 60 tcs. pollock, 161 tcs. dry fish, 2 tcs. haddock and 100 bbls. pickled herring. Nearly half of the codfish was from New York. The rest came from Lunenburg, N. S. Demand for codfish was fairly active and the market shows an upward trend. Haddock and pollock were much neglected and sold only at very low prices. Ramirez & Co. quote, on net ex-wharf basis, \$7.75 to \$8 per 100 lbs. codfish, and \$4 to \$4.24 for either pollock or haddock.

Fish Smothered By Ice.

Millions of fish are reported to have been smothered to death by the ice along the Michigan shore of Lake Michigan. Old fishermen say the number of dead fish has not been so large in the last 20 years as it is today, and the loss can be attributed to the extraordinary thickness of the ice, which is from 2 to 8 inches thicker than at any time in 20 years back. Along the creeks leading into the Saginaw river, the ice is frozen clear to the bottom and one can look into the ice and see the fish firmly imbedded. The greatest loss is among the young fish.

Fishing On An Extensive Scale.

The Skeena River syndicate intend commencing fishing operations in the spring and with the rapid increase of their fleet, carry fishing operations on upon a very extensive scale. Already this company, at its base at Haysport, on the Skeena, has a cold storage plant, wharves, preparations for a cannery and other considerable developments. Three fishing schooners, with auxiliary power, designed to make 10 1-2 knots an hour, have just been completed at Seattle, Wash., the Tordenskjold, Sumner and Orient, to work off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Nova Scotia Against the Otter Trawl.
There seems to be very little uncertainty in Nova Scotia, at least, concerning the effect of the otter trawl on the fisheries. The issue came before the legislature of the Province last week, and the vote to prohibit the use of this gear was unanimous. That vote took the form of a memorial to be sent to the Dominion government to pray that body for an "international prohibition of steam trawl fishing on the Atlantic coast of Canada."

The devastation of St. Pierre and Quereau banks has already been detailed in these columns. It was brought about by the French steam trawlers in 1908 and 1909. The Maritime Provinces are now confronted with a probable interruption on their fishing grounds of French and British steam trawlers during the coming season, an event which, if repeated twice or thrice, would practically beggar both the inshore and offshore fisheries of the Nova Scotian coast. And since Nova Scotia is chiefly coast, and the coast chiefly fisheries, the result is plain.

Foreseeing which, the legislature of Nova Scotia has further remarked to its Federal government that Canada is already committed to the policy advocated, "a fact tacitly admitted by the

Dominion government in debarring said trawlers from the littoral waters."

It is readily seen that if our own Congress will prohibit the use of this destructive gear it can do so with the assurance that Canada will support this action; indeed, the legislation in Canada may precede our own, and, in a measure, force our government, in common fairness, to supplement a law protecting the fisheries, which are the common harvest grounds of both nations.—Boston Transcript.

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Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing trips reported at Portland Monday were: Katie L. Palmer 7000, Albert D. Willard 8000, Eva and Mildred 8000, Albert W. Black 8000, Hockomock 6000, George H. Lube 4,000, Angie B. Watson 2000, Fannie Hayden 2000, Defender 2000, Watauga 3000, Fanny Reed 1500, A. P. Parkhurst 1000.

For Hatching Purpose.

More than 5,000,000 cod eggs were obtained last week from the fishermen along the Maine coast by the U. S. fish commission steamer Gannet.

Halibut Sale.

Sch. Rhodora weighed off about 18,000 pounds of halibut which sold to the American Halibut Company this forenoon at 10 1-4 cents a pound for white and 8 1-4 cents a pound for gray.

Fitting for Dory Handlining.

Sch. Athlete, Capt. Thomas Benham and Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel will fit for dory handlining trips and will probably get away about the first of April.

Can Tell Age of Fishes.

The ages of fishes can be told by their otoliths. Otoliths are little bony concretions found in the auditory apparatus which assist in the auditory work. The otoliths grow every year, forming one ring in summer and one ring in winter. The ring formed in spring and summer light, the ring formed in autumn and winter is dark. The rings are very distinct and the fish has a pair—a light one and a dark one—for every year it has lived.

Ahead Of Last Year.

Fishing at Christiansand and vicinity has brought splendid yields recently, and more "sill" has been caught this year than last year. Over 150,000 barrels of fish have been caught and prices have reached \$2.15 the barrel.

Caught Queen Haddock.

Charles Swim, one of the crew of the Lockport, sch. Mariana caught an extraordinary looking haddock on his trawl recently. Instead of the usual grayish color, this fish was a sort of pink color shading to almost salmon color on the back.

To Start Spring Fishing.

Lobster fishermen along the Yarmouth shore who went to their homes for the winter months are returning to their fishing quarters and are making preparations to again start fishing as soon as the spring opens.

For Purse Seining.

The Wallace Fisheries of Victoria, B. C., have bought at Seattle, Wash., the motor fishing boats Cohoe and the Boston, to be used as purse-seining vessels.

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THE VICTOR AND ETHAN ARRIVES.

REACHED SEATTLE YESTERDAY AFTER 131 DAYS PASSAGE FROM BOSTON.

After a passage of 131 days from Boston around Cape Horn the sch. Victor and Ethan formerly of Boston arrived at Seattle, Washington, yesterday under command of Capt. Brewer.

The craft was storm-bound at Tuesday harbor, straits of Magellan, 22 days, otherwise she might have equalled the record made in 1888 by another fisherman, the Mollie Adams of this port, which sailed from Boston to Seattle in 122 days.

The Victor and Ethan was reported at Punta Arenas December 29. After getting clear of the straits she was 59 days in arriving at her destination, quick time on the last leg being impossible on account of light winds. One of the schooner's crew, John Garrison of Nova Scotia, was suffering from paralysis when the schooner made port. Capt. H. W. Nickerson of Malden, owner of the Victor and Ethan, is in Seattle, and will command the craft in the North Pacific halibut fishery.

Another Boston auxiliary schooner, the Athena, Capt. Lathigee, sailed for Seattle a few days after the Victor and Ethan, and her arrival is daily expected. The Athena is owned by Capt. Edward Forbes, who will command her in the halibut fishery.

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BEAM TRAWLER SHEERED OFF.

COMING STRAIGHT FOR SCH. ARETHUSA WHEN THE LATTER FLASHED SEARCH LIGHT.

The use of search lights on board fishing crafts promises to be more than a matter of experiment, judging from the favor that they have already met with among the skippers and crews of the fleet.

Capt. Clayton Morrissey of sch. Arethusa, who has equipped his vessel with one of these lights is very much pleased with the invention and found it a very valuable accessory on his last trip out, when the craft probably escaped a collision with one of the beam trawlers by its use.

Directly in the path of the Arethusa, Capt. Morrissey and crew could hear the whistle of a steamer approaching them and as the sound became louder, Capt. Morrissey decided it was time to turn on the light. Instantly the piercing gleam outlined a steamer which proved to be a steam trawler, whereupon the latter suddenly turned off in a new direction as though she thought an ocean liner was suddenly swooping down upon her.

BAD NEWS FROM SEALING FLEET.

The outlook for the annual Newfoundland seal fishery season, which opened last Wednesday, is decidedly unfavorable thus far. Several of the steamers have met with mishaps, and the whole fleet is believed to have missed the main seal herd. The steamers are now headed south, seeking the herd.

Wireless despatches received at St. John's, N. F., tells of the smashing of the propeller of the Nascopie, while the Stephona and Florizel, the most powerful steamers in the fleet, were badly damaged by being caught in an ice jam. The Bellaventure and the Bonaventure also met with slight mishaps. All of the steamers report poor catches.

To Fit for Georges.

Sch. Viking, which has been undergoing extensive repairs at Rockport, was towed around yesterday afternoon and will fit for Georges handlining under Capt. Patrick Vale.

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MORE FARES FROM BOSTON.

AND TWO CRAFTS ARE ALSO HERE TODAY FROM OFF SHORE.

Another bunch of off shore crafts came down from Boston yesterday afternoon and during the night with their fares left over from yesterday and sold to the splitters.

In addition to these are schs. Carrie C. from Georges, which came in during the morning with 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 1000 pounds of halibut and the Rena A. Percy with 50,000 pounds of cod. It is the first trip of the latter craft under her new commander, Capt. John Stream. Instead of going for halibut, Capt. Stream decided to try for cod and secured a nice catch, although he struck a dull market.

The total catch of the gill netters yesterday was rising of 43,000 pounds, the banner catch of the season being landed by steamer Quoddy, which weighed off 12,300 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Elsie, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Valerle, via Boston, 145,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Vanessa, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 12,300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Regina, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Georges, 50,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Magnolia, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Motor, shore.

Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Dauntless, Boston.

Sch. George Parker, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3.

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

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

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

Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$2.15, medium, \$1.75, snappers, 75 cts.

Western cod, large, \$2.25, mediums, \$1.85 snappers, 75 cts.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.25, snappers, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 1-4c per lb. for white and 8 1-4c for gray.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

Gone To Boston To Load.

Schs. George Parker and Dauntless, recently purchased here for Newfoundland parties, sailed for Boston yesterday afternoon, where they will take aboard stores and gear and sail for Grand Bank, N. F., her future destination.

Portland Fish Notes.

Although some of the small boats were at Portland with fish Tuesday, the only fares to be reported were the Carrie and Mildred and the Alice, each with 1000 pounds of sea food.

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SMALL SOUTH MACKEREL FLEET

At Present Not Over 20 Crafts are Certain of Going. List of the Vessels and Skippers Now Carded to Engage.

Judging from the present outlook, the fleet of vessels that will go south seining this year in pursuit of the elusive mackerel will be smaller than last year and undoubtedly the smallest in the history of the southern branch of the mackerel fishery less than 20 crafts being certain of going to date.

Of this number probably not over seven or eight will get away early, which this year will be the first week in April, while the others will follow later and others probably not wait until Newport time and perhaps fit then for the late trip south and the Cape Shore combined.

The dates of the first sailing last season was March 25 and the year previous March 11, but this spring the first craft to get away will probably be at least a week or so later than last year.

Among the likely early sailers will be schs. Saladin, Monarch, Constellation, Clintonia, Ralph L. Hall and Arthur James. These vessels will be ready within a few days and are looking spic and span with their spars scraped, topmasts set and fresh painting.

After an absence from this port since early in the season of 1910, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan will again command the sch. Constellation and is due most any day from his home in Virginia. His craft is fitting and orders have been sent by Capt. Morgan to have his seines ready by March 25, although he will probably not get away until April 1.

While the fleet as decided upon to date is quite small, of course there are conditions under which it will be enlarged. As one well known skipper remarked yesterday: "It all depends upon what the boys find out south as to whether some of us will fit, or wait

until the Cape Shore spurt. Should the fish strike out south, there is no doubt but the fleet would be substantially enlarged by some of the crafts that are now engaged in the fresh market fishery."

Just a year ago last week the first mackerel to be caught for 1911 was taken in a trap out south. Nothing so far has been heard of fish showing up which might be counted upon as a prospect, although it would not be surprising to learn any day that the schools are showing.

In the meanwhile, the skippers and men are anxiously waiting for the first bit of welcome news and optimistic hopes are being entertained for a good season.

Schooners Which Will Fit For Southern Fishery.

The following is a list of the crafts, as far as is known to date of those that will engage in the fishery, with perhaps a few others on the last end.

- Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch
- Sch. Sylvania, Capt. Lemuel Firth
- Sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson
- Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier
- Sch. Aloha, Capt. Wallace Parsons
- Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan
- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben Cameron
- Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber
- Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Charles Maguire
- Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean
- Sch. Ralph Hall, Capt. Frank Hall
- Sch. Victor, Capt. John McFarland
- Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross
- Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine
- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley
- Sch. Diana, Capt. Elroy Prior
- New schooner building for Capt. John Chisholm, Capt. Wallace Bruce

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PRETTY DULL, PLENTY FISH.

BULK OF FARES AT T WHARF TODAY TO GO TO SPLITERS.

Boston had an even dozen of arrivals this morning, included in the list being four more of the off shore fleet with big fares of haddock and cod.

Owing to the dull market, it is quite likely that none of them will take off their hatches but will come here during the day to split.

Schs. Conqueror with 103,000 pounds, Jeanette, 120,000 pounds, Raymah, 110,000 pounds and Muriel, 85,000 pounds are among the large trips reported.

Off shore haddock was quoted at \$1.25 a hundred weight and shore haddock, \$3. Large cod sold at \$2 to \$2.50, market cod, \$2 and hake, \$1.50 to \$2.25.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Edmund S. Black, 500 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake, 7000 cusk.
- Sch. Georgiana, 600 cod.
- Sch. Raymah, 40,000 haddock, 70,000 cod.
- Sch. Conqueror, 95,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
- Sch. Jeanette, 30,000 haddock, 90,000 cod.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, 7000 haddock, 1800 cod.
- Sch. Rose Standish, 6500 haddock, 1600 cod, 1500 hake, 500 cusk.
- Sch. Esther Gray, 2900 cod.
- Sch. Dixie.
- Sch. Muriel, 15,000 haddock, 70,000 cod.
- Sch. George H. Lube, 1500 haddock, 800 cod, 5500 hake.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 1500 haddock, 1700 cod, 6000 hake, 4000 cusk.
- Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50, market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.25.

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HIGH BID FOR HERRING RIGHTS.

The Agawam and Half-Way Pond river herring catching privilege for the current year was sold at auction yesterday for \$1050 to George McClellan Besse of East Wareham, the purchaser last year. Not more than twice in a quarter century has the price reached so high a figure. Last year, when Mr. Besse had little opposition, his bid that took the catch was only \$110.

The Agawam and Half-Way Pond river herring privilege is owned jointly by the towns of Wareham and Plymouth, and the auction of the privilege today was conducted under the supervision of the joint boards of fish inspectors for those towns.

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Small Trout Die When Hooked.

Fish Commissioners Butler, of Pennsylvania, says that when a trout less than six inches in size is caught, removed from the hook and then thrown back into the water it invariably dies. Where the fisherman's hand comes in contact with the trout it injures the fish so that in a short time a fungus begins to grow, which in due time spreads to the entire fish and kills it, so throwing a fish back into the water no matter how well meant, does not save the trout. This has been proved time and again. A trout affected with this fungus is unfit to eat, and fishermen throw them away.

Highly Prized Food Fish.

In Japan bonito are a highly prized food fish. The flesh is dried. The "Journal" of the Fisheries Society of Japan says the annual output of this fish amounts in value to between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. These fish are caught in warm currents from April to October by hook and line, 20 to 30 fishermen embarking in one fishing boat, taking with them anchovy or sardines for bait. During one fishing season the catch by a single boat reached nearly \$20,000.

Good Stock.

Sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey stocked \$2306.93 from her haddock trip this week, the crew's share being \$45.52 a piece.

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CERTIFIED MASTERS AND MATES

Not Necessary on Canadian Fishing Craft if Hazen Bill Passes.

A heavy burden is to be lifted from Nove Scotia fishermen, if the Hazen bill now before the Canadian Parliament providing that certified masters and mates shall not be required on vessels less than 100 tons registered, is passed.

The principal necessity for the change said Minister Hazen in introducing this measure, arises out of the very great change which has taken place of late years with regard to the way in which the fishing industry is conducted.

Today nearly all the fishing vessels on the Atlantic coast and, to some extent, on the lakes and the Pacific coast as well, are propelled not alone by sale as was the case in days gone by, but by auxiliary power furnished by gasoline engines, and with the law as it is at the present time nearly all these vessels are being operated in violation of the law because the law requires that vessels of over ten tons shall have properly certified engineers.

A the law stands it would be a very great hardship upon the fishermen, who find that the auxiliary power afforded to them by the gasoline en-

gine is of very great assistance to them enabling them to make their runs to and from the fishing grounds with a great deal more certainty and with a great deal less labor than was the case when they depended upon sails and upon the wind.

In addition to that there is no such number of certified engineers even if the fishermen were able to pay them for services to be obtained as would be necessary for the purpose of serving as engineers on board these boats.

The minister further noted that many of these auxiliary propelled ships are not employed solely in fishing. If they were they would be exempt under the present law from having a certified master in charge. They are engaged in fishing for three, six or nine months in the year and after that they carry freight between the small ports in the maritime provinces.

He also noted that at present if a master or mate loses his certificate the fee for replacing it is unduly heavy. It is proposed to reduce this.

The resolution was passed and the bill introduced.

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The Norway Cod Catch.

Figures furnished by Norway government statisticians show the number of codfish caught by Norway vessels up to March 1 was 12,300,000 against 3,000,000 last year, 4,800,000 in 1910, and 4,800,000 in 1909. Of this quantity there has been hung for round fish so far 4,400,000, against 1,000,000 in 1911, 2,400,000, against 1,000,000 in 1910, 2,400,000 in 1910, and 2,600,000 in 1909.

Fishing in Norway started earlier than usual. The weight of the fish is rather light but prices paid for the fresh fish are high, in fact, higher than was anticipated. Of the first catches only a small part is hung for stockfish. Most of it is made into klipfish for the Latin markets.

Notice To Mariners.

Notice of the following changes were given out yesterday by the Hydrographic Office: A first-class spar is to be established soon to mark a ledge with 4 1/4 fathoms of water over it in Boston upper harbor, in channel below Chelsea bridge, dredged to a depth of five fathoms. The characteristics of lights on Common Fence Point shoal gas buoy No. 2 is to be changed about April 1 from fixed red to white occulting thus: light 5 seconds, eclipse 5 seconds. Patience island gas buoy 2 1/2 will be changed from fixed white to white occulting thus: light 5 seconds, eclipse 5 seconds.

Capt. Manuel Costa Dead.

The flags of the vessels at T wharf today are floating at half mast in memory of the late Capt. Manuel Costa, a well known skipper and former commander of sch. Jessie Costa, who died at his home in Winthrop yesterday.

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A BREATHING SPELL TODAY.

LET UP ON TRIPS DOWN TO SPLIT, BUT MORE ARE COMING.

Only one arrival was at this port this forenoon, sch. Harriet coming down from Boston with 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, left over from yesterday, which are being taken out to split.

Owing to the storm of yesterday, none of the gasoline boats of the gill netting fleet were out. The steamers, however, got a lift and brought in about 22,000 pounds, which were iced and shipped to Boston.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Margaret D, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nomad, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bethulla, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Geisha, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Genesta, shore.
- Sch. Yankee, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Arethusa, haddocking.
- Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.
- Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.
- Sch. Oregon, Grand Banks, N. E.
- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges.
- Sch. Regina, Boston.

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- Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.
- Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

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Portland Fish Notes.

The following trips of fish were reported Wednesday: Sadie Nunan, 4000; Albert W. Black, 4000; Hockomock, 12,000 and Mary E. Sennett, 5000. The trip of the Hockomock is about the largest one of the local fleet that has been landed here in some time.

Made Big Stock.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson stocked \$2800 as the result of her recent haddocking trip, her crew sharing \$62 to a man.

Japan's Fishermen.

Japan has 810,717 fishermen who use 427,685 fishing boats in the industry.