

Getting Tinkers Off Portland.

Tinkers are still being caught in good numbers in the vicinity of Portland. Three thousand pounds were received from the Small Point and Richmonds island traps Monday. About 3000 pounds of butterfish were also brought in from the traps.

No Bait at Boothbay.

Bait is still a very scarce article down along the Maine coast. After searching several days for bait, Capt. John Williams of sch. Eugenia reports there is none at Boothbay, Me., nor has there been any there since last Thursday. The craft will return here.

Tinkers Driven Ashore.

Many of the summer residents enjoyed a fish menu most of last week at Scituate, on account of the thousands of small mackerel which were driven ashore Sunday morning by the dog-fish. When the tide left the harbor flats the "tinkers" were stranded and it was not long before men, women and children were gathering them up.

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ACTIVE BUYING IN ALL GRADES

Marked the Fish Dealings On T Wharf This Morning.

Trade in fresh fish continued good at T wharf, Boston, this morning, and while there was no mackerel among the early morning arrivals, there was an active buying in all grades of groundfish and swordfish as well.

Sch. Mildred Robinson from Quero has a fine trip, hauling for 80,000 pounds of cod, 12,000 pounds of cusk and 1000 pounds of halibut.

Two nice swordfish arrivals are among the arrivals of the morning. Sch. Albert D. Willard has 113 fish and sch. George H. Lube, 140 fish. Both of these crafts have been out but a short time and with swordfish bringing 11 1-2 cents a pound this morning, the crews of each craft will make a nice share.

Haddock sold at \$3 and \$3.50 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$6 and \$6.50 and markets, \$4 to \$5. Hake brought \$2 to \$4 and cusk, \$2.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
 Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.
 Sch. Rose Dorothea, 8000 haddock, 13000 cod 1000 hake.
 Sch. Ellen and Mary 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.
 Sch. Massasoit, 67,000 hake.
 Sch. Mildred Robinson, 80,000 cod, 12,000 cusk, 1000 halibut.
 Sch. Squanto, 41,000 haddock 2000 cod 13,000 hake.
 Sch. Mary C. Santos 19,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 9000 hake.
 Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 9000 haddock, 2300 cod.
 Sch. Washakie, 20,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
 Sch. Matchless, 2500 haddock, 12,000 cod.
 Sch. Albert D. Willard, 113 swordfish.
 Sch. George H. Lube, 106 swordfish.
 Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 35,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
 Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$2 to \$4; cusk, \$2; swordfish, 11 1/2 c per lb.

Value of Imported Fish.

The report of the English Tariff Commission exhibits the following figures of the values of the herring and mackerel imported from Ireland by the United States, viz.: Herrings, 1911, \$155,000; 1910, 110,000; 1909, \$195,000; mackerel, 1911, 80,000; 1910, \$55,000; 1909, \$80,000. The total export from England of cured herrings in 1911 was 1,508,122 bbls., in comparison with 1,767,544 bbls. in 1910. The report also describes the trawl nets now in use in England, which are much objected to by the drift net fishermen. These trawl nets are from 90 to 115 feet long on the head line, the belly having meshes of 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 inches, and the meshes of the cod end 2 1-4 inches. The trawling is done during the day chiefly and the drags take from two to five hours, except when a large school is met with.

BOOTH CO. HAS THREE CRAFTS

Engaged in Experimental Fishing On Newfoundland Treaty Coast.

Minister Piccott Makes Interesting Report of Their Activities.

Speaking of the A. Booth company's latest venture on the Newfoundland Coast, in which sch. Elva L. Spurling, which left this port several weeks ago, and two other crafts are now engaged in experimental fishing work, the St. John's, N. F. Chronicle of recent date has the following to say:

A. W. Piccott, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, returned by Thursday's express from the West Coast, where he went some three weeks ago to cooperate with Captain Johansen, the agent for the Booth Fisheries Co., in the experiments which that concern is carrying out to determine whether its operations will be extended to this Colony or not. Leaving here by the Fiona on her way west to embark His Excellency the Governor and party, Mr. Piccott got off at Burgeo.

Three Crafts Engaged.

He says that this company has now three vessels in our waters carrying out the experiment—the Elva L. Spurling, a gasoline power craft, the Edward Black and the Ida Campbell. The former has cruised the Banks from Ramea right round to Port au Port, seeking cod and halibut; the Edward Black, which came direct from Portland recently, was sent to Bonne Bay and further north on a similar quest; and the Campbell, which was at Bay of Islands when they got there, was fitted out for gill

net fishing in the waters of that inlet.

Made Good Halibut Catches.

Some fine catches of immense halibut were made at various points, and after landing Mr. Piccott at Port aux Basques on Tuesday, the Spurling ran across to Sydney to replenish her supply of gasoline and to land her catch of halibut and cod, which will be sent on to America in cold storage. Mr. Knight, one of the directors of this company, left Chicago last week to join the Spurling and carry the experiment farther, and it is probable that another month will be spent in this endeavor before the company reaches a decision.

On board the Spurling was a Newfoundland named Charles Leblanc, of Burgeo, who had been all his life halibut fishing from Iceland south to the Grand Banks and who declared that he had never seen a finer specimen of this fish as he secured on this present cruise.

Hopeful of Good Income.

Capt. O'Neil, the master of the Spurling, jigged halibut in 15 fathoms of water at Port au Port with a handline from the ship's deck and brought up specimens weighing 250 lbs. and Leblanc, from a dory by the ship's side, did the same. Mr. Piccott is most hopeful of the outcome of the venture and says that the Booth Co. is prepared to spend \$25,000 in thoroughly canvassing the possibilities of our Western seaboard as a theatre of operations.

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ARRIVALS ARE STILL SCARCE.

Nothing In Here This Morning Direct From the Grounds.

Two arrivals was all there was to report in the line of fish receipts here this morning, sch. Teazer bringing down 12,000 pounds of salt cod from Boston and sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 30,000 weight of mixed fish to split, which were left over from yesterday's market.

The gasliners took a few bluebacks off Newburyport bar yesterday, steamer Yankee having 20 barrels, and 10 barrels of shad, steamer Beatrice 16 barrels of bluebacks, and steamer Alice 10 barrels of small pollock.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
 Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Str. Alice, seining, 10 bbls. small pollock.
 Str. Yankee, seining, 20 bbls. bluebacks 10 bbls. shad.
 Str. Beatrice E., seining, 16 bbls. bluebacks.
 Sch. Monarch, seining.
 Sch. Romance, seining.
 Sch. Frances S. Grueby, seining.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.
 Sch. Elmer E. Gray, haddocking.
 Sch. Appomattox, drifting.
 Sch. Independence II, dory handling.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87 1/2; snappers, \$2.00.
 Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50; snappers \$2.50.
 Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87 1/2; snappers, \$2.00.
 Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12 1-2; snappers, \$2.25.
 Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2; mediums, \$3.50.
 Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37 1/2.
 Haddock, \$1.50.
 Pollock, \$1.25.
 Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers \$1.25.
 Hake, \$1.25.
 Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$11 per bbl.; blinks, \$7 per bbl.
 Fletched halibut, 8 cts. per lb.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, 70c per cwt.
 Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
 Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.65; snappers 75c.
 All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
 Hake, 70c.
 Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.
 Dressed pollock 80c. round 70c.
 Bank halibut 8 1-2c per lb, for white 6 1-4 cents for gray, and 4 cents for chicken.
 Fresh mackerel, 30c for large, 20c for medium.
 Fresh shad, \$3.50 per bbl, fresh; \$2.50 per bbl, to salt; \$3 per bbl, to freezer.
 Fresh bluebacks \$2.50 per bbl.
 Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl for bait; 75c per bbl for oil.
 Fresh herring, \$1.50 per bbl. to freezer; \$2.50 per bbl for bait.

Whaling.

According to a recent report of the Newfoundland Board of Trade the whale fishery of 1911 was about 20 per cent. below that of 1910, and shows a still greater decrease when compared with each of the three previous years. The number of whales taken in 1911 was 337, as against 384 in 1910, and about 500 in 1909. The yield of oil was 8237 barrels, compared with 10,420 barrels in the previous year, and only 445 tons of guano were obtained, against 618 tons in 1910. The total value of the products in 1911 is estimated at \$145,000.

Baited at St. Pierre.

Caplin are still being taken at St. Pierre, advices state that have been received here, and one of the Gloucester fleet baited there Tuesday. It is rather unusual for caplin to be taken there so late in the season.

Has Shifted Over.

Capt. Joseph Lacy of sch. Romance will shift over his command to sch. Diana and continue mackerel seining.

Will Put On Dories.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby will abandon seining and put on her dories to engage in the fresh haddock fishery.

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Closed Season on Whales.

George M. Bowers, Commissioner of Fisheries of the State of Washington, is urging a closed season for whales, and has written a letter in which he says: "Whales of the various species found in the North Pacific waters have been growing less abundant in the last decade or so. The whalers find it difficult each year to secure a profitable catch. In recent years the establishment of whaling stations on the British Columbian coast and one in southwestern Alaska has caused a rapid decrease of whales off that coast. One or more of the species are so near extinction that a closed period really ought to be provided. This, of course, could be brought about by international agreement."

Killed Devil Fish.

A 40-pound devil fish kelled recently at Gulfport, Miss., is thus described by the Biloxi "Herald": "The fish had a tall like a rat, wings like a bat and two mouths, while its back was encrusted with a hard shell." After the fish was brought to the surface in a net, it was shot with a pistol by Mr. Montgomery, who, with a neighbor, was seining for food fish.

Cod Trip Sale.

The fresh and salt cod trip of sch. Manhasset sold to Henry C. Pinkham & Co.

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Captured Man-Eating Sharks.

Two large man-eating sharks were captured Tuesday in shoal water on Chepianoxet Beach, Providence, by the crew of A. A. Wilson of East Greenwich, while seining.

The men were working in about four feet of water when a vigorous threshing in the seine warned them that they had caught something beside scup. The seine was drawn in and its load pulled well up from the water.

It was found that the larger shark was more than six feet long and weighed about 200 pounds. The smaller shark was about four feet long and weighed about 75 pounds.

It has been a long time since sharks of this variety have been seen in Narragansett Bay, and fishermen express the opinion that the incessant gunnery about Newport drove them up the river.

Newfoundland Fishermen Astray.

Word from St. John's says: "Captain Eli Antsey's banking schooner has arrived from the banks for supplies. She hauls for 500 quintals. On July 11th two men Edward Clements and A. Bushan left the vessel to haul their trawls and a dense fog setting in they did not return. They have not been heard of since but they may have been picked up by another vessel."