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TRADE QUIET, HADDOCK LOW

Seven Arrivals at T Wharf Have More Than Enough For the Trade.

Although there has been but seven arrivals of fresh fish at T wharf since yesterday, trade was still quiet at the dock this morning.

With but one exception, the receipts were off shore fish, mostly haddock, which sold at \$1.50 a hundred weight. The fare were schs. Alice M. Guthrie, 49,000 pounds; Mary DeCosta, 43,000 pounds; Buema, 38,000 pounds; Squanto, 74,000 pounds; Frances S. Grueby, 64,000 pounds; steam trawler Crest, 36,000 pounds and 6000 pounds lemon sole.

The dealers paid \$1.50 to \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$5 for large cod, \$3.50 for market cod and \$4 to \$6 for hake.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Eva Avina, 3700 cod.

Sch. Crest, 32,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 lemon sole.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 30,000 haddock, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 30,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Buema, 24,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Squanto, 43,000 haddock, 31,000 cod.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 42,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1500 pollock, 200 halibut.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$4 to \$6.

ST. PIERRE GOOD MARKET FOR SQUID

Says N. S. Consul John K. Baxter, at St. Pierre, Miquelon: "The St. Pierre schooners fishing on the Newfoundland banks will bait for the early spring voyage in 1913 with frozen squid purchased at Provincetown, Mass. Two schooners loaded with squid arrived here early in February and a third is reported under way. The squid is transferred to a cold-storage warehouse on shore, and it is expected to sell at the opening of the fishing season in April for 4½ cents a pound. This is probably the first time that American bait has been sold at St. Pierre. On the other hand, American schooners bait here every year during the caplin season in late June and early July. When in any year there is a surplus of squid in New England, there should be a market for it here, for the local supply is usually insufficient, and the French are not permitted to purchase bait in Newfoundland."

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WHY GO TO THE PACIFIC COAST?

To Make Money Halibuting— Look What Sch. Yakima's Men Did Here.

One of the biggest stocks of the season in the fresh halibut fishery was realized by Capt. Robert Wharton and crew of sch. Yakima which settled up yesterday for her dandy fare which was secured in a little better than four weeks fishing.

The exact stock was \$4981 the average being \$150.05 to a man clear while the high share was \$157.53.

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Pensacola Arrivals.

Smacks for last week arriving at Pensacola were as follows: For E. E. Saunders & Co.—Clara M. Littlefield, 9000 snappers; Lottie H. Haskins, 7175 snappers, 460 groupers; Cavalier, 14,940 snappers, 6645 groupers; Favorite, 10,265 snappers, 530 groupers; Ida S. Brooks, 13,660 snappers, 9250 groupers; Mary E. Corney, 21,925 snappers, 29,290 groupers; Flora G. Sears, 16,540 snappers, 8750 groupers; Louise F. Harper, 16,935 snappers, 6715 groupers. For Warren Fish Co.—Silas Staurns, 14,105 snappers, 3690 groupers; Clara P. Sewall, 11,635 snappers, 3510 groupers; Amy Wixon, 7000 snappers, 2000 groupers.

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FISHING INTERESTS ALL IN THE DARK

At Loss to Understand Import Of Latest Beam Trawl Report.

Skippers, vessel owners and the fishing interests of New England in general are at a loss to understand the Washington dispatch as printed in the Times Monday to the effect that Secretary of Commerce Redfield will shortly appoint four Maine fishermen to conduct an investigation into beam trawling methods, from the \$5000 appropriated by congress, especially in view of the well known fact that the investigation has already been under way for several months.

It is a well known fact generally, not only at Washington, but at this port and Boston, that under the provisions of the bill, the matter has

been in the hands of the Bureau of Fisheries and is being ably and intelligently conducted on this end by no less a person than A. B. Alexander, whom all recognize as peculiarly well equipped for the work. He has been engaged upon the investigation for several months.

Mr. Alexander has been making his headquarters in Boston and has already taken a trip on one of the beam trawlers, and has had agents at work all winter on the crafts, gathering data from both the vessel and steamers to present to the department, while he has been busy on the shore end of the work.

In view of these facts, it is difficult to understand the import of the dispatch that Maine fishermen are to do the work of beam trawling investigation.

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Lockeport Fishing Notes.

As the weather last week was exceptionally favorable for fishing, the vessels were able to secure four sets. On Monday about 20,000 lbs. of fish were landed, on Wednesday about 30,000, on Thursday about 35,000 and on Friday 30,000. Schooner Kernwood arrived Saturday with 33,000 pounds and on Monday the Digby schooner, Albert J. Lutz arrived with 30,000 fresh fish. The latter catch was bought by the Cold Storage Co.

The highest share last week was made by the crew of the sch. Lulu S., Capt. Clayton Collupy, each member of the crew obtaining over forty dollars. The crew of sch. Kernwood, Capt. Al Doleman, formerly of sch. Volant of this port, shared \$34 a man. The new schooner being built in Yarmouth for the Lockeport Cold Storage Co. is expected to be launched on Wednesday of this week. She will be used for gill-net fishing, and will be commanded by Capt. James Benham.

Made Great Big Stock.

Sch. Quannapowitt, Capt. Daniel McDonald, made a fine stock as a result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$125 to a man. Capt. McDonald, his friends will regret to learn has been obliged to go to the hospital for treatment.

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DECISION VERY IMPORTANT

Customs Court Ruling on Canned Herring and Mack- erel May be Contested.

The customs court at Washington yesterday decided a herring and mackerel case, which, if accepted as a precedent for 4500 similar pending issues, will cause the federal government to surrender \$1,000,000 in duties and materially reduce the tariff on certain imported canned fish.

The court held that herring and mackerel in bouillon, in tomato sauce or soured and placed in tins were, within the meaning of the tariff law, pickled or salted herring and mackerel, the herring being dutiable at one-half cent per pound and the mackerel at one cent. The government maintained that they were fish in tins dutiable at 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Because of the revenue importance of the issue, the Treasury Department is considering appealing one of the pending cases.

LONG OVERDUE CRAFT IS SAFE

Feeling for the safety of the smack Althea Franklin and her crew by her owners and by fishermen generally, was relieved Wednesday afternoon, when word as to the whereabouts of the smack was received, says the Pensacola News. The Althea Franklin was unheard from for 33 days until yesterday afternoon and, naturally, more or less anxiety over her safety was evident along the waterfront during the past several days.

The smack was reported from St. Andrews. Instead of being on the Campechy fishing banks as supposed, the Franklin has been fishing along the Florida coast. She is in command of one of the most experienced masters plying out of Pensacola.

SEAL OUTLOOK IS VERY GOOD

"Prospects for the seal fishery this season are good." This wireless message has been received at St. John's, N. F., from one of the vessels participating in Newfoundland's annual quest for seals in the gulf of St. Lawrence and off the Grand Banks. Several ships have located a large herd off the banks. Seals were sighted last month on drift ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Eight steel steamers and 12 wooden vessels make up the fleet which left the port more than a week ago. Four thousand men are employed in this year's hunt. Practically all the vessels are equipped with wireless, and with land stations established, the owners are able to keep in almost constant touch with the fleet.

Fish As Cattle Food.

The utilization of fish as a cattle food is by no means a recent innovation, says the American Fertilizer. The nitrogenous constituents of fish guano, owing to its high digestibility, produce a better feeding affect than an equivalent amount of nitrogen provided in good hay or oat meal. Ninety per cent. of the nitrogenous matter is digested and the large amounts of phosphates contained in a guano appear in a soluble form of drug. As to fish diet tainting the flesh or milk it was found that one pound per day fed to hogs produced no unfavorable effect neither in milk or butter.

In Germany fish guano is used with great success as a stock food. For fattening swine one-half to one pound is used per day. It is also used for cows and calves. Excessive rations are liable to affect the quality of the meat but in moderate quantities it contributes to the general health of the animal without any disadvantageous consequences whatever.

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RECEIPTS WERE VERY LIGHT

Steam Trawler and Five Shore Boats All At T Wharf Today.

But for the arrival of a steam trawler and five shore crafts, T wharf dealers would have had but few fish this morning.

The steam trawler Foam had 37,000 pounds and 7000 weight of sole, while the shore fleet had small trips generally.

Off shore haddock sold at \$2.50 and shore haddock at \$4 a hundred weight. Wholesalers paid \$5.50 for large cod, \$4 for market cod, \$4.50 for hake, \$5.50 for pollock and \$3.87 1-2 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Washaki, 5000 haddock, 990 cod.

Sch. Foam, 32,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 7000 lemon sole.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 11,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 7500 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 1300 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 700 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 500 haddock, 3000 cod, 500 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50; market cod, \$4; hake, \$4.50 to \$6; pollock, \$5.50; cusk, \$3.87 1-2.

PACIFIC COD CONDITIONS

No new codfish has arrived in San Francisco for the last month, and with a fair seasonable demand supplies are only moderate and prices steady, the Pacific Fisherman says. More fish will be arriving from the stations before long, however, and with a rather large spring fleet fitting out there are prospects of a large supply during the late summer and fall.

Alfred Greenebaum, of the Alaska Codfish Company, says: "Our schooner John D. Spreckels got away January 25, and will return in April with the first of the new codfish of 1913. The local market, in spite of the Lenten season, has been rather quiet, on account of the fair weather which has enabled the local fishermen to bring in larger catches of fresh fish than usual at this season. This naturally affects the codfish business to a large extent.

The Pacific States Trading Company expects to get its two vessels off during the next few weeks.

C. P. Overton, of the Union Fish Company, says: "Our schooner Vega sailed February 6 for Seattle, where she will be fitted out for her spring trip. There is no foundation for the report that we intend to move our offices to Seattle. We have frequently fitted out vessels and discharged cargoes at that port, and there is nothing in this action to give rise to such a report. At this time the vessels of the sea fishing fleet are beginning to outfit for the summer's work. Up to date there has been but one arrival, that of our schooner Galilee on January 11, with the winter catch from our stations. This gives us a fairly good stock to meet the ordinary requirements of our trade until we can get another cargo back from our stations by the Sequoia, which is now outfitting. Otherwise stocks in first hands all along the coast are small, and owing to early shipments to the Atlantic seaboard, and a fairly active local demand for the Lenten trade, all dealers have been kept busy. In the absence of very severe competition prices have been well maintained. Outfitting on the coast for the coming season is on a scale to produce an excess over the requirements of the coast trade, and only a continuance of the demand from the Atlantic coast can prevent congested markets, with a consequent break in prices."

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Good Stock.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, stocked \$1860 from her recent haddocking trip, from which the crew shared \$40 to a man clear.

GILL-NETTERS DID BUT LITTLE

Only a Few of Little Crafts Picked Up Their Buoys Yesterday.

The only fresh fish arrival here this morning was sch. Priscilla Smith with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish which went to split.

Sch. Avalon is also here from Portland with no fish, having sold her halibut and fresh cod at that port.

Only a part of the gill netting fleet picked up their buoys yesterday. Quite a number of the fleet have been fishing to the westward and yesterday their fares averaged about two-thirds cod.

Those to the eastward took mostly haddock where the spring run of fish has struck in. The bulk of the fleet will now fish in that locality.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
- Sch. Priscilla Smith, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Hope, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Harold, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Gertrude T., gill netting 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Geisha, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Joanna, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Mary E. Ruth, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Philomena, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Jeffery, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.
 Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.
 Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.
 Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25.
 Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
 Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
 Pollock, \$1.50.
 Hake, \$1.50.
 Haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.
 Splitting prices:
 Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
 Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
 Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.
 Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.
 All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
 Hake, \$1.
 Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.
 Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white and 10c for gray.

NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

Senator Robert Walter, of Traverse City, Michigan, chairman of the joint fish committee appointed to meet with the committee of the Wisconsin legislature to frame uniform fish legislation for Lake Michigan, has received word from the game warden of Wisconsin commending the Clark commercial fisheries bill just passed the House. The Wisconsin man says it is the best measure of its kind he has ever seen bearing on lake fisheries and will ask the Wisconsin legislature to adopt it for that state as the basis for uniform fish laws. In addition to Senator Walter on the committee are Senator Fred L. Woodworth, Representatives Clark, Morford and Jensen. Game Warden W. R. Oates also is made a member. The committee will leave at once for Madison, Wisconsin, where it will meet a special committee appointed by the Wisconsin State Senate this week. The fisheries legislation will be gone over in a two or three days' joint session and each committee is pledged to seek to secure passage of a law that will be the result of this conference. Michigan and Wisconsin never before have been able to agree absolutely on the commercial fisheries legislation and the difference has been a source of no little trouble to the game warden.

Grand Haven, Michigan, March 20.—Nineteen fishermen, after having suffered all the terrors that hunger, cold and the menace of the ice crags of Lake Michigan could bring upon them, reached port here today in the fish tugs Anna, Dorn Bos and Bos.

Bay City, Michigan, March 19.—Very little fishing here just now and only about 50 boxes came in this week, and Boston got the most of them. Next week the spearing at Bay City on the ice will be over and the shanties are coming off fast. The ice is getting poor. Next week or week after, if it keeps warm like now, the ice will be gone out of Saginaw bay and fishing will begin for spring.

Cleveland, O., March 19.—As outlined in this correspondence of the 12th inst., there is no fishing of any kind out of this port and the situation has been made further critical by the housemen or packers being ordered to quit working on the premises of the fish dealers. It is also to be noted that with a cessation or orders being shipped from the houses the captains and engineers were paid off tonight, so that all houses in the trade are without ordinary labor, except so far as managers and clerks can attend to the most important orders of all varieties outside of fresh caught Lake Erie stock. The unionizing of housemen and the dressing of herring on tugs during the summer months seem to be the points at issue; at the same time there appears to be no very earnest effort being made to get together so as to bring about a mutual agreement. It is learned that almost every union fisherman is at work, in some cases at better day's wages than fishing offers. Be this as it may, the union will not permit its members to go board of a boat until a settlement is reached with the dealers. A limited quantity of fresh caught has reached this market from the individually owned trap nets fishing at several points along the south shore and increased catches are looked for within the next few days from this source. What effect this may have on the gill situation is yet to be seen. It is certain that loss of this week's fishing has taken the gill off spring fishing and the industry must suffer to this extent, also proportionately as between capital and labor. Moreover, there will be no chance, it is said, to recover the loss.

Menominee, Michigan, March 19.—The past week was too warm to handle frozen fish, and as a result many green herring came into local market, and before the week was over prices were cut down on account of the extra amount brought down. Many were compelled to salt their fish, as there are no buyers for green fish after the market had been filled. This week colder weather has set in and some frozen fish are being handled, but the pound nets are doing well now. Perch and suckers made their appearance on the shoals and brought good prices, as the demand for this class of fish was not equal to the supply. The new law has passed the House at Lansing, but so far as can be learned there will be very little difference for this district and the law will have no particular effect here.

The spring season will be curtailed somewhat, but this will be to the fishermen's advantage in the end, and the majority seem to be satisfied with the provisions made. Eventually, however, a 2 1/4-inch pound net law is bound to come, and it is a matter of only a few years when this will be enforced, as the size of the herring caught in late years has not been large enough to satisfy the general trade, and they are demanding a larger fish. The law will at first put fishermen at a disadvantage, but should work all right within a few years.—Fishing Gazette.

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TWO HALIBUT FARES HERE

Capt. Jack McKay From the Grand Banks With a Dandy Trip.

With a fare of 27,000 pounds of fresh halibut stored away in her hold and 12,000 pounds of fresh fish and 7000 weight of salt cod besides, sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Jack McKay, arrived from the Grand Banks this forenoon after four weeks trip. The fare sold to the New England Fish Company at 13 cents a pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

Another halibuter in here this morning is sch. Morning Star, with 12,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 15,000 pounds of fresh fish. The fare sold to the American Halibut Company at 14 cents for white and 10 1/2 cents for gray.

The receipts from the gill netting fleet were small yesterday, the largest single trip being 3000 weight which was landed by the Dolphin.

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 - Sch. Catherine Burke, 27,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish, 7000 lbs. salt cod.
 - Str. Mystery, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Harold, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Harold II, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Joanna, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. James W. Parker arrived at Shelburne, N. S., Monday last and cleared for fishing.
 Steamer Nancy Lee has sailed from Liverpool, Eng., with 10,000 tons of salt for Halifax, N. S., parties.

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PRICES WAY UP FISH ARE SCARCE

Steam Trawler and Four Shore Boats Get Cream of High Market.

The wharf dealers had another light morning today, one steam trawler and four shore boats being all that was to report in the line of fresh fish.

Steamer Surf from Georges had 33,000 pounds of haddock, 4500 weight of scrod and 2000 pounds of sole, which was the largest haul of the forenoon. The total receipts of the shore fleet was about 20,000 pounds.

Wholesalers paid \$4.50 to \$7 a hundred pounds haddock, \$5.25 for large cod, \$5 for market cod and \$5 to \$5.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Laura Enos, 1400 cod.
 - Sch. Tecumseh, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Annie and Jennie, 200 cod, 300 hake, 100 pollock.
 - Sch. Esther Gray, 11,000 cod.
 - Str. Surf, 33,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 2000 lemon sole, 500 halibut.
 - Haddock, \$4.50 to \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.25; market cod, \$5; pollock, \$5 to \$5.50.

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 All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
 Hake, \$1.
 Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.
 Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.
 Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white and 10c for gray.

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QUICKSTEP LOST-CREW ALL SAFE

Capt. Mathews and Men Had Great Difficulty Reaching Shore at Speicht's Cove Early This Morning.

A special to the Times this morning states that sch. Quickstep of this port, is ashore at St. Mary's Bay, N. S., and now lies on the beach just west of Speicht's Cove. The captain and crew saved their lives with great difficulty.

The Quickstep in command of Capt. Mathews, left Barrington yesterday morning for Eastport, Maine, to land her fare of 90,000 pounds of fresh fish.

At 2 o'clock this morning the craft went ashore. The captain and crew had quite a time of it in reaching land. Further details concerning the accident are lacking, however, and it is not known just how the craft met her mishap.

The Quickstep is 104 tons gross register and was built at Essex in 1889. There is no insurance on the vessel or her cargo. Joseph Bennett is the managing owner.