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## MIXED MACKEREL TAKEN OFF CHATHAM

This morning's report from Boston, announces the arrival of three of the seining fleet at the dock with fares of mixed mackerel which were taken down off Chatham where quite a body of fish have been showing up the past few days.

Yesterday afternoon, steamer Bessie M. Dugan arrived at the dock with 2000 large and 2000 medium fresh mackerel which sold at 23 cents and 14 cents each. During the night sch. Terranova, Capt. John Hickey, landed a small seining fare of 23 barrels of fresh tinkers and the new steamer Thelma, Capt. Elroy Prior, 5000 fresh tinkers. The dealers paid six cents a pound for them.

The run of tinker mackerel is considered a most favorable sign.

### Four Seiners at Newport.

A wire to the Times from its Newport correspondent this noon, states that four seiners and two netters arrived there with small fares of fresh mackerel, mostly medium fish.

The seining fares are:

Sch. Agnes, Capt. James McLean, 2500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. John Seavy, 500 fresh mackerel.

Str. Lois H. Corkum, Capt. William J. Corkum, 1500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Vautier, 4000 fresh mackerel.

The netters in are schs. Sylvester, 500 fresh mackerel; Eddie Minot, 200 fresh mackerel.

### Mackerel on Maine Coast.

The Maine fishermen are feeling much encouraged over the mackerel situation, the outlook being better than it has been for a number of years. Good sized pods of fish were seen Thursday all the way from Cape Porpoise to Boothbay, and something like 10,000 pounds of mixed mack-

erel were brought in at Portland, the majority being of good size. Steamer Gladys came in with 2000 pounds, taken off the lightship, her's being the first local seining fare of the season. Steamer Pet landed one barrel, the remains of quite a bunch she had in her seine when it burst open, the rest of the fish escaping. About six barrels were also landed by Capt. George Rice of the steamer Alice, who seems to strike fish wherever he goes, he having bailed out herring on Wednesday to the amount of \$225 in addition to 80 barrels which he landed here yesterday. The herring were taken off Damariscove, where they seem to be in great abundance, plenty of mackerel also being seen there Thursday. In addition to the catches mentioned some 500 pounds of mackerel also came in from the traps at Harpswell, and taken altogether prospects are bright for a good sized catch.

### Fresh Mackerel From Norway.

The first consignment of iced fresh mackerel ever exported from Norway to the United States has been received by the B. M. Shipman Company, 7 Worth street, New York. The mackerel were forwarded from Stavanger on June 5 by the S. S. Kristianiafjord, on her maiden voyage, coming June 16.

### The Catch to Date.

The Cape Shore catch of mackerel this season is nearly four times as large as last year. The fleet landed 1464 barrels of salt mackerel and 8676 barrels of fresh mackerel this year, while in 1912 the fleet brought in 2023 barrels of salt mackerel and 684 barrels of fresh ones.

The total fresh catch of the fleet to date is 20,915 barrels. In 1912 for the same period it was 8155 barrels.

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## TINKERS SCHOOL OFF CHATHAM

### Sch. Lottie G. Merchant Has Good Fare at Boston—Small Hauls Made Off Thatchers and Brought in Here.

Capt. Ralph Webber in sch. Lottie G. Merchant is back again at T dock, Boston, this morning, after two days absence with a fare of 10,000 fresh tinker mackerel, taken down off Chatham, where large bodies of fish were reported schooling Saturday and yesterday. Sch. Carrie and Mildred is also in with a fare of 3500 tinkers, which were eagerly snapped up by the buyers, who are hungry for all the mackerel they can get to supply the demands of the trade.

Saturday afternoon, steamer Geisha landed 25 barrels of fresh tinkers at the Fort. Sch. Lillian brought in 600 fish, large and medium, taken off Norman's Land, while steamers Joppaite

had two barrels of spikes, Naomi Bruce and Nora B. Robinson, one barrel apiece, seined off Thacher's Saturday forenoon. The firm of A. Cooney & Company purchased the trips, paying 20 cents apiece for large, 12 cents for mediums and four cents a pound for tinkers and spikes.

The steamer arriving at Boston from Halifax this morning brought 800 barrels of fresh mackerel, mostly medium fish, taken by the netters and traps along the Nova Scotia shore.

Heath's trap at Manchester brought down 175 small, 50 large and 20 medium fresh mackerel, besides 600 pounds of butter fish this morning, which was also purchased by the Cooney firm.

## TWO HALIBUT FARES HERE

**Georgesmen Also Have Small Lots—Some Fresh Tinkers at the Fort.**

With a fare of 22,000 pounds of halibut, sch. Yakima, Capt. Bob Wharton is here this morning from a trip down on Western Bank; which he disposed of to the American Halibut Company at 12 cents for white and 9 cents for gray fish.

Capt. Wharton like others of the returning fleet of halibuters reports the catch so thick that it is difficult to keep a hook or bait on the trawl at all. In spite of the handicap, the Yakima managed to get a fair catch and arrived in time for a fair market.

Another arrival is sch. Monitor, Capt. George Marr from Green Bank with 16,000 pounds fresh halibut and a few salt fish. Schs. Carrie C. and Claudia from Georges handling have small halibut fares, which with the trip of the Monitor sold to the New England Fish Company at 12 cents a pound for white and 8 1-2 cents a pound for gray.

Steamer Beatrice E. landed 5000 pounds of fresh pollock Saturday, while schs. Harvard and Lillian arrived from seining with eight and 22 barrels of salt mackerel each.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail are as follows:

Sch. Yakima, Western Bank, 22,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Monitor, Green Bank; 16,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Carrie C., Georges handling, 22,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Claudia, Georges handling, 45,000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Harvard, Cape Shore, 8 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lillian, Cape Shore, 22 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lillian, netting, 600 fresh mixed mackerel.

Sch. Joppaite, 2 bbls. fresh (blink) mackerel.

Str. Beatrice E., pollock seining, 5000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Str. Naomi Bruce, seining, 1 bbl. fresh (blink) mackerel.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 1 bbl. fresh (blink) mackerel.

Str. Gelsa, seining, 25 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Heath's trap, 245 fresh mackerel, 600 lbs. fresh butter fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, seining.

Sch. Romance, seining.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, swordfishing.

Sch. Gossip, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, Boston.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, Boston.

### Provincetown Fishing Notes.

The fleet of mackerel netters that have been fishing about Newport and New Bedford have returned home. The season was not specially remunerative.

Fair catches of mackerel were taken the past week in the weirs and set nets. The price had fallen to such an extent that the Fisherman cold storage put some into the freezer last week.

Butterfish made their first appearance in quantities last Sunday and went into the freezers.

Bluebacks also were taken last week and the prospect for bay fishing looks better.

Whiting have been taken in goodly numbers in the traps of late.

A hake was split open and disclosed five whole fishes about four inches long.

Shad and mackerel were so plentiful last week that many barrels have been placed in cold storage.

Steamer Sam and Priscilla, Capt. Hatch, arrived Sunday night from the southern mackerel grounds with a cracked cylinder head. A new one was ordered and arrived Tuesday and was installed in the boat.

Str. Water Witch landed 30,000 pounds pollock at the Fisherman freezer last Monday night.

## PRICES LOW AT THE OPENING

**T Wharf Has 16 Fares and Large Variety of Fresh Fish Today.**

Swordfish, mackerel and groundfish, were in variety of supply at T wharf, Boston, this morning, just 16 fares being on hand when the bell rang, for the beginning of the week's trade.

Three of the steam trawling fleet have good sized fares. The Swell has 98,000 pounds, Ripple 92,000 pounds, and Foam, 62,000 pounds, half of which are haddock. Of the sailing crafts schs. Elizabeth W. Nunan and Sadie M. Nunan have large trips of hake.

Two swordfish arrivals, sch. Priscilla with 66 fish and Kate Palmer, 84, sold at 15 cents a pound.

Wholesalers paid \$1.50 to \$2 for haddock per hundred pounds, \$4 to \$5 for large cod, \$2 for market cod, \$2 for pollock and 14 cents and 12 cents per pound for halibut.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Str. Foam, 30,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Str. Swell, 35,000 haddock, 53,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Str. Ripple, 50,000 haddock, 42,000 cod.

Sch. Francis V. Sylvia 30,000 haddock, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 30,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 12,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 13,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia 16,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 16,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 28,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 1000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 50,000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 cod, 70,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Laura Enos, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, 10,000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, 3500 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Priscilla, 66 swordfish.

Sch. Kate Palmer, 84 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2.25; pollock, \$2; halibut, 14 cents for white and 12 cents for gray; swordfish, 15 cents per lb.

## STRAY FISHERS ARE RESCUED

**Golden and Furnace Two Days Astray Found by Sch. Francis J. O'Hara Jr.**

Percy Golden and Frank Furnace, two of the crew of sch. James W. Parker, Capt. George Tufts of this port who went astray from their craft on Quero on the afternoon of May 29 were brought in here by sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., Capt. Tony Brown, having been picked up after being astray two days and nights.

On the afternoon of the 29th, a heavy dense fog shut down while the men were hauling their trawls, obscuring them from their craft, so that they could not make their way back. A search was made on the banks that evening and all the next day and several days afterwards, but they could not be found.

Capt. Tufts sailed several days ago on a shacking trip. He was hopeful that the men would be heard from, as there were several French bankers and our own crafts in the vicinity at the time.

## FISHERS FIGHT WITH BIG SHARKS

The two Darling brothers, Mel and Frank, of South Portland had a thrilling encounter with three big 60-foot, hammer-head sharks while fishing off Cape Porpoise, Thursday afternoon, and that they succeeded in escaping from the struggle without injury is little short of a miracle.

They encountered the first shark while fishing about nine miles off Richmond's island, and Frank had never seen a shark before Mel drove his boat alongside the big fish, which refused to be disturbed by the approach of the boat. When they were near enough Frank picked up a steel bar, pointed like a harpoon, and rammed it deep into the fish's broad back. Blood spurted from the wound, and the shark, turning on its side began lashing the water with terrific strokes of his great tail. Then he plunged downward and struck the boat, almost capsizing it. The men were thrown to their knees and Mel narrowly escaped being caught in the flywheel of the engine.

The shark did not appear again, and soon after the men proceeded off Cape Porpoise, where after fishing for a time they sighted two more sharks. Their dare-devil spirits were aroused and they ran the boat between the two monsters as they lay close to each other. In telling the story Mel said that the fish were each about 60 feet long and would weigh fully 2 tons apiece.

Once more Frank used the harpoon, striking first one shark and then the other. In an instant the water was white with foam, as the two monsters lashed the water with angry tails. One disappeared to rise again under the boat, almost capsizing it.

The fishermen soon found that they were having more sport than they had bargained for, and they were forced to fight constantly to keep the fish from crushing their craft. Just as they were about exhausted and were ready to give up one of the fish came to the surface alongside the boat and before he had time to lash out with his tail Mel reached over the side with a heavy wrench and with every ounce of strength behind the blow brought the instrument down with a crash on the shark's head. The great skull was crushed and the big fish turned belly up while the sea was turned red with his blood.

Mel then jumped to the engine and opening it up wide left the scene of the struggle at full speed. Nor did he cut down his speed until he found himself safe inside Portland harbor.

In telling the story the elder Darling said that it was the most thrilling experience in all his career as a fisherman, although he once before encountered a shark in a much milder struggle. He said that there were several times during the battle when he felt certain that they would never reach home again.

## CAPT. LUBEE TO HAVE A NEW ONE

Herring are once more being received at Portland. The steamer Alice was in Thursday with 80 barrels and the Dorothy D. brought 60 barrels. About half of the latter's fare were bluebacks.

The steamer Pet arrived at Portland Thursday with a small fare of mackerel.

Capt. Maurice Lubee, whose vessel, the fishing schooner George H. Lubee, was wrecked near Rockland several weeks since, is to have a new vessel built, probably at Boothbay. She is to be 78 feet long with a tonnage of about 55.

The fishing schooner Watauga came off the marine railway, Portland, Friday, where she had hauled out to ascertain the extent of damages received while ashore. Wednesday night, she had been taking on ice in the lower bay and while coming here ran ashore on Yarmouth Island Ledge, where she remained for about an hour, when she came off with the rising tide. It was at first supposed that her bottom was considerably damaged, but it was found on hauling out that while her keel was roughed up it was not hurt much, and the repairs were quickly effected.

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Capt. Harry Lema and crew, who are operating a trap owner by the fisherman freezer, have been very successful thus far. Every day for more than a week they have secured good catches of mackerel, and lately butterfish have also been secured in good lots.

It has been a long time since mackerel have been plentiful enough to drop the price to a point where the fishermen felt it was to their advantage to sell to the cold storage plants instead of shipping. Such has been the case last week, however, and the freezers, the fisherman in particular have quite a bunch of large and medium mackerel stored to supply the market when this important food fish shall have departed to other waters.

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TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.  
Drift codfish, large, \$4.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.  
Cape North codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.  
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.  
Flitched halibut, 8 3-4c per lb.  
Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$12 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:  
Haddock, 90c per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.  
Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Cape North cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, 90c.  
Cusk, large, \$1.40; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.  
Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl., for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.  
Fresh shall, \$2.30 per bbl.  
Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl, for bait; \$1 to freezer; 75c to salt.  
Bank halibut, 11c for white, 8c for grey.

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Catch Cod in North Sydney Harbor.  
Early morning risers and others are enjoying themselves on the harbor at North Sydney, C. B., in catching codfish. Several have availed themselves of the immense quantities of these fish that abound in the harbor, and have taken as many as 100 to a boat, returning before breakfast. The mackerel fishermen, too, are making great catches and quickly dispose of their fares at 25 cents for three.

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BOATS BROUGHT AVERAGE FARES

Steam Trawlers However Are at T Wharf Today With Big Catches.

Outside of nine mackerel fares, fish arrivals were not very heavy at T wharf, Boston, this morning, the only off shores of any size being the steam trawler Surf with 75,000 pounds and sch. Mary, 84,000 pounds.  
Several of the shore fleet had average fares of haddock and cod, while sch. Annie and Jennie brought in a small lot of halibut with her fare.  
Wholesalers paid \$2 to \$2.50 a hundred for haddock, \$5.50 to \$5.75 for large cod, \$2.25 for hake and \$3.25 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Esperanto, 5000 fresh tinker mackerel.  
Sch. Clintonia, 12,000 fresh tinker mackerel.  
Str. Surf, 27,000 haddock, 48,000 cod.  
Sch. Mary, 55,000 haddock, 29,000 cod, 800 halibut.  
Sch. Delphina Cabral, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3500 hake.  
Sch. Thomas Broadage, 4000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 10,500 cod, 3000 cusk, 5000 pollock, 1500 halibut.  
Sch. Esther Gray, 200 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 500 haddock, 2100 cod, 4500 pollock.  
Str. A. B. Nickerson, 12,000 lbs. fresh tinker mackerel.  
Str. Water Witch, 2000 lbs. fresh tinker mackerel.  
Str. Carrie and Mildred, 1500 lbs fresh tinker mackerel.  
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, 5000 lbs. fresh tinker mackerel.  
Str. Orion, 2500 lbs. fresh tinker mackerel.  
Str. Venture, 840 lbs. fresh tinker mackerel.  
Sch. Jessie P., 2500 cod, 800 pollock.  
Sch. Terranova, 5000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Arbitrator.  
Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per cwt.; market cod, \$2; pollock, \$2.25; cusk, \$3.25; halibut, 15 cents for white and 11 cents for gray; fresh tinker mackerel, 4 3-4 cts. and 5 cts.

THE OUTLOOK AT LUNENBURG

The fine weather of the past few weeks has been favorable for fish curing and as a result several cargoes of the Lunenburg spring catch have been delivered to buyers; about five we understand have been contracted for at the hour we write. Six dollars, Lunenburg, was the purchase price of these cargoes, a very satisfactory figure, one that should give a profit to the fishermen. The figures of the spring catch this year are 65,000 as compared with 90,000 quintals last year. However, there is no doubt that the net returns this spring will be much better than last owing to the assurance of the catch being much higher figures. We asked a member of the trade whether the present spring catch was much below normal. He said: "No, it is just about an average one." Last year's (90,000) was exceptionally heavy, but it is not so very long ago that the figures were 40,000. If the good weather for fish drying continues it will not take long to clean up the holdings from the spring trip. The local market is quite bare of old fish and the demand for our bank fish in certain markets is quite active at the present time. All the bank fleet are now out on their summer trip and as usual they will probably go to Newfoundland for a batting of caplin. It is a very efficient fleet this year. All the vessels are new or as good as new; the old ones too are very experienced and capable men and if they have a fair quantity of good fortune they should make a good showing this year. It is too early yet to indulge in predictions, but we should not be at all surprised if 1913 were one of the best years that the Lunenburg fleet have seen for some time.—Maritime Merchant.

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SCH. REX HAS FINE COD FARE

Brings 30,000 Pounds Salted and 130,000 Pounds Fresh Here Today.

With a fare of 130,000 pounds of fresh cod and 30,000 pounds of salt cod, sch. Rex is here from a shacking trip this morning, it being the largest arrival of the day.

Sch. Paragon, from halibuting, Capt. William Hermon has 12,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 12,000 pounds of fresh fish. The Paragon fished on to the southward of the island, but found the halibut scarce. The American Halibut Company took the halibut at 12 cents a pound for white and nine cents for grays.

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