

BLUEBACKS HERE GALORE

Over 700 Barrels Brought In —Most go to Salt or for Oil.

Fresh fares to split constituted the fresh groundfish receipts here this morning, over 260,000 pounds in all being brought down from Boston, on account of the dullness of the market there.

The gasoliners landed some more good catches of bluebacks this morning, most of which sold for oil and salt. The total landings was over 700 barrels.

Sch. Preceptor which laid over from yesterday, sold her halibut to the New England Fish Company this forenoon at 6 cents a pound for white, 4 cents and 3 cents for gray.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 140,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Adeline, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Jopplate, seining, 150 bbls. fresh bluebacks. (went to Boston.)
- Str. R. J. Kellick, seining, 70 bbls. fresh bluebacks. (went to Boston.)
- Str. Advance, seining, 90 bbls. fresh bluebacks
- Str. Bryda F., seining, 60 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Unknown, seining, 25 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Bessie A., seining, 85 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Alice, seining, 61 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Herbert and Emma, seining, 62 bbls. butterfish.
- Str. Gertrude, seining, 77 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Lorena, seining, 8 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Sch. Marjie Turner, via Portland.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Victor, seining.
- Sch. Aloha, dory handling.
- Sch. Mystery, halibuting.
- Sch. Carrie C., Georges.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.
- Drift codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75.
- 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.
- Shore salt mackerel, \$12 per

DULL MUSIC AT T WHARF

Plenty of Fish in But Dealers Not Anxious to Carry Over Fourth.

T wharf was a pretty dull place this morning, but little trade being reported in groundfish as a result of which most of the trips laid over and will go to the splitters to salt.

Since yesterday, an even dozen and a half fares are reported, the skippers and fishermen being anxious to be at home over the Fourth.

The largest fares were schs. Mary 46,000 pounds; Gossip, 88,000 pounds; steamer Ripple, 47,000 pounds.

One trip of fresh mackerel was in, sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, having 700 large and 300 medium fresh mackerel.

Four fares of swordfish were landed, the dealers paying seven cents a pound for them.

Wholesalers quoted \$1 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$2.50 for large cod, \$1.50 for market cod, \$1 for hake, \$1 for cusk and 9 cents and 5 cents a pound for halibut.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

- Sch. Mary, 42,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 19,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Sakuntala, 47 swordfish.
- Sch. Sabine, 39 swordfish.
- Str. Ripple, 43,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3500 pollock.
- Sch. Delphina Cabral, 20,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Matchless, 15,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Philip P. Manter, 14,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 55,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 1000 halibut.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 25,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 500 halibut.
- Sch. Gossip, 60,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 1500 halibut.
- Sch. Olivia Sears, 200 haddock, 1800 cod, 8000 pollock.
- Sch. Ignatius Enos, 200 haddock, 4200 cod.
- Sch. Jorgina, 2000 cod, 2500 pollock.
- Sch. Eva Avina, 9000 cod, 7000 pollock.
- Sch. Hester, 33 swordfish.
- Sch. Flavilla, 71 swordfish.
- Sch. Lottie D. Merchant, 700 large fresh mackerel, 300 fresh medium mackerel.

Haddock, \$1; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1; pollock, \$1; halibut, 9 cents for white and 5 cents for gray; swordfish, 7 cts. per lb.; fresh mackerel, 24 cts. each for large, 15 cts. for medium.

N. F. FISHING CONDITIONS

The following report of fishing conditions has been received by the St John's, N. F., Board of Trade:

From W. Joy, (Holyrood, Hr. Main)—No traps in water yet. Two bankers back with good fares. Good sign of cod and bait, plentiful since the 18th. Lobster fishery is very poor. Sch. Sanley Joseph, Capt. Vallis, of Ramea, baited with caplin on the 17th, and Capt. W. Hollett of Burin on 20th. Sch. Fearless, Capt. J. Dwyer, cleared for Labrador on the 12th.

June 21st.—From T. McCarthy, (Renews to Seal Cove). Catch of cod today is 35 qtls. and for last week, 30. Two traps in water and 13 dories, 33 skiffs and 13 boats fishing. Prospects for good voyage are not bright yet.

June 21st.—From A. S. DuBourdieu, (Stephenville to Serpentine River), Codfishery prospects improved slightly since last report. Catch for last week was 50 qtls. No traps yet in water. Caplin are in some coves, but only in small quantities. Lobster fishery has decreased so that some of the packers are about taking up their traps. On Tuesday the 17th, a heavy breeze from the northeast caused much damage to lobster gear in Port au Port Bay, and report says that the loss to the fishermen around the Peninsula was still more severe.

June 21st.—From J. White, (Colinet Island to Head of Salmonier). Only two schooners have returned from the fishing grounds. Catch for last week was 100 qtls., making total to date 500. Twelve traps are out and 50 dories and skiffs and 25 boats fishing. Prospects not much better than last week. Fair supply of bait, caplin being plentiful. No lobsters are being taken. Latest reports from outer grounds say codfish is striking in to shore.

June 21st.—From R. Furneaux (Baziels to Harbor LeGou).—Catch of cod for last week was 65 qtls. No traps out and only eight dories, and skiffs are fishing. Cod very scarce. Lobster fishery is total failure and some packers are taking their traps ashore. Salmon are very plentiful and this 700 were taken here and at Petites.

Fulton Fish Market Notes.

With few exceptions, cheap fish was the rule of the market during last week. Nearly all varieties of fish were to be found on the stands and buying was freely indulged in.

The fishing boats coming to the market over half a million greater part of

PORTLAND HAS LOT OF MACKEREL

July 2, ✓

CUSTOM HOUSE RUMORS THICK

Dropping of Two Inspectors Entirely Unexpected—Story That Some Others May Be Transferred to Boston.

Like a thunder bolt out of a clear sky, the official order dropping two of the force of inspectors at the custom house was received yesterday. What

now that the official axe has been twice wielded, there is no telling where it will hit next.



ALBERT H. MCKENZIE,
Deputy Collector in Charge of Gloucester Port of Entry.

Not the slightest intimation of the intention of the department to reduce the force here was learned until yesterday morning, when the order was received, notifying Inspectors Frank O. Griffin and James L. Hodgdon that their employment would cease on and after July 15. About 10 days ago, an inspector from Boston called at the local office and after inquiring from each officer as to his length of service, duties, etc., returned to Boston. Nothing further was thought of the visit until yesterday, when the two inspectors were informed that they had been dropped.

The action of the department is in accordance with the scheme to cut down expenses and consolidate the districts. With the removal of the duty on salt as is proposed in the Underwood tariff bill and is almost certain to pass, the work at the Gloucester office will be considerably reduced. Just what will be done with the force here is problematical at this time, although it is stated that three of the inspectors have an option of being transferred to Boston. A Times representative endeavored to ascertain from the inspectors in question the authority of the report this forenoon, but none had been notified or knew anything of such contemplated action. It may be that no further reduction of the force here is contemplated but those who claim to know say that other changes will

further reduction if any will be made by the treasury department is a matter of conjecture and a subject in which the inspectors are much interested just at the present time, for

*July 2 Portland Has
Lib 7 Mackerel*

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 shad, \$2.30 per bbl.
Fresh mackerel, 20c each for large,
12c for medium, 6c each for tinkers.
Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl, for
bait; \$1 to freezer; 75c to salt.
Bank halibut, 6c for white, 4c and 3c
for gray.

Lobster Twine.

A man who had wondered what lob-
ster twine was found the answer very
simple. It is a fine quality, stout
twine, an eighth of an inch in diame-
ter, made of Manila hemp, and origi-
nally intended for making the netted
part of lobster pots.
Lobster twine has come also to be
used on board vessels, both sail and
steam; for serving ropes, for whipping
ropes, including even ropes of wire,
and for various other purposes for
which a stout, durable twine of this
kind might prove useful. There is
probably more lobster twine used now
on vessels than for the purpose for
which it was first made.

Although the markets demand for
large mackerel is hardly likely to be
satisfied this season or any other sea-
son Friday and Saturday gave the
market all that it could care for in
the way of small mackerel. The firm
of J. W. Trefethen alone took in 40,000
pounds Saturday and almost all of
the fish came from traps. Charles
and Edward Oleson, two Bowery
Beach trappers, lead the field this
year for successful trap fishing and
it is understood that they have al-
ready cleaned up more than \$1600 this
season.

Spike mackerel, the little fellow
which are used only for canning pur-
poses, are now being caught in large
numbers. One trapper sold the J. W.
Trefethen firm between 40 and 50
barrels which will be shipped away
for canning.

Because the market was so crowde
with mackerel Saturday none of the
dealers could handle the 23,000 pounds
of fresh halibut brought in by the
Gloucester schooner Margaret late
Saturday afternoon. Extra men were
working in all the shops striving to
cull and ice the mackerel they would
have to carry over Sunday, and no
dealer could have taken the halibut
catch at any price. The Margaret
had to put out into the stream and
there she remained over Sunday.

Sch. Marjie Turner arrived Monday
from a fortnight's cruise on Le Have
Banks. The captain reports fish ex-
ceedingly scarce, he coming home with
a very small fare, only about 5000
pounds of halibut and 4000 pounds of
salt cod

Before he was able to get away four
of the largest wrapped themselves
about him, one around his waist and
three about his legs. He managed to
open a large knife he carried with him
and began cutting the snakes loose, at
the same time calling for help. John
Charles and Jacob Kauffman, who
were fishing a few hundred yards dis-
tant, ran to his rescue. His legs and
body were covered with black bruises
inflicted by the reptiles.

Week's Receipts at 1 Wharf.

Fresh groundfish receipts at Bos-
ton for the week ending June 26 to-
talled 1,775,050 pounds from 47 ar-
rivals as compared with 2,650,250
pounds from 73 arrivals for the same

July 2.

which were bluefish. Twenty
the market boats had stock of that va-
riety, the total number of fish being
50,800, averaging four pounds each.
The largest haul was 8000, and the
smallest 800. Nine of the vessels had
less than 1500 bluefish each, and only
four had 4000 or more. During the
week bluefish were quoted at 11 to
15 cents per pound.

One trip of tinker mackerel was
received. It consisted of 50 bushels.
Codfish was low in price on Satur-
day, steak fish selling at 7 cents and
market fish at 3 cents per pound.
During the balance of the week steak
cod sold at 8 cents to 10 cents, and
market fish at 3 to 5 cents.

Haddock was quoted at 4 cents per
pound with the exceptions of Wednes-
day and Thursday, when some sales
were made at 5 cents.

Western white halibut was quoted
at 11 cents during the entire week.

Eastern white halibut brought 13 to 16
cents, according to the size of the fish.
The quotation on hake was 4 cents
per pound.

Fisherman's Fight With Snakes.

George Ensor, a hunter of Mountain-
dale, Maryland, stopped fishing for
trout in Fishing Creek to kill a large
black snake lying alongside an old
hollow log. When he attacked the
reptile with a club snakes by the dozen
came wriggling and hissing from the
log.