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Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, June 24.—We confirm our last advices, 17th inst. and have now to report the following arrivals of fishstuffs at the various ports:

Ex str. Bayamon, San Juan, Carolyn from New York: At San Juan, 315 tcs. cod, 43 tcs. pollock, 40 cts. fish, 89 half-bbls. pickled fish. 440 bxs. bloaters and herring. At Ponce, 186 tcs. cod, 30 tcs. fish, 129 bbls. pickled fish, 300 bxs. bloaters and smoked herring. At Mayaguez, 135 tcs. cod, 12 tcs. pollock, 8 tcs. fish, 70 bbls. pickled fish, 200 bbls. smoked herring. At Humacao, 46 tcs. fish, 10 tcs. pollock, 2 half-bbls. fish, 210 bxs. bloaters. At Aguadilla, 9 tcs. fish. Ex. British sch. Mayola from Lunenburg, N. S.: At Ponce, 494 tcs. 50 drs., 100 bxs. cod-fish. More liberal arrivals, dull business and the approach of shipments of new catch codfish have caused our markets to ease off somewhat, although prices do not show as yet any substantial changes. Sales have been made of cod ex above steamers at the three ports at an average price of \$32 per cask, net ex wharf. Large cod still command \$35 and over. Pollock sell between \$21 and \$22. Haddock are from \$20 to \$21 per drum.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

Portland Fishing Notes.

Mackerel are scarce. Only a few have been brought here in the last few days and even the trappers are not able to catch them. The fishermen are waiting for the full of the moon to bring the schools and they believe big mackerel will come along then.

Five big trips of halibut in Boston and Gloucester Monday kicked the bottom out of the market Tuesday and when the schooner Effie M. Morrissey arrived Tuesday with a fare of 20,000 pounds Captain Ross refused to sell for the figure offered. He tied up at Central wharf to await the opening of the market yesterday, hoping for a jump in prices. Besides her halibut the Morrissey had 30,000 pounds of shack fish. She did her fishing off Brown's banks and was favored with good weather during the trip.

Proper Procedure.

The government of Newfoundland proposes that the next kin of every fisherman drowned or otherwise meeting death while engaged in his calling shall be given the sum of \$100, and this sum shall be beyond the reach of any creditors of the drowned man's estate, and may not be attached for any outstanding liability of his. The act contemplates the inclusion of fishermen, seamen, stokers and all others who may be employed on board any vessel or steamer plying in home waters.

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, 10 1/2c per lb. for tinkers.
Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl, for bait; \$1 to freezer; 75c to salt.
Bank halibut, 6c for white, 4c for gray, and 3c for chicken.

Nova Scotia Bait Reports.

North Sydney, July 7—No bait taken in North Sydney, Big Bras d'Or or Little Bras d'Or.
Digby, July 7—Ten barrels bait Seewall; 30 barrels bait White's Cove; 14 barrels Sandy Cove.
Yarmouth, July 7—Yarmouth and Pubnico no bait.
Petit-de-Grat, July 7—Plenty herring and mackerel on island.
Canso, July 7—Ten barrels herring taken at Canso; Half Island Cove, 500 to 600 per boat.
Sherbrooke, July 7—No bait taken at Marie Joseph, Liscomb, Sonora, Wine Harbor, Port Hilford, Port Beckerton.
Musquodoboit Harbor, July 7—Ten barrels small herring, half-barrel large taken at Clam Harbor.
Canso, July 7—No bait taken at Larry's river and Queensport.

Seek New Fish Field.

The possibilities of developing in Hudson Bay a large and lucrative fishing industry, will be investigated by Prof. J. B. McCarthy, of King's college, Windsor, whom the government is sending north with one of the hydrographic expeditions. Prof. McCarthy is a well-known biologist. It is believed that the bay and strait are full of fish and the construction of the railway will be the means of starting an industry to supply not only the prairie provinces, but also to share in part of the European trade. The Hudson Bay terminal construction gangs are now en route north, two vessels chartered by the government, having sailed from Halifax at the beginning of the week.

Bait and Ice at Ellis Bay.

Fishermen can procure bait and ice at Ellis Bay, Anticosti Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Charts of Ellis Bay may be secured upon application at the Times office.

LIVELY FIGHT WITH "SWORD"

The fishing schooner Richard J. Nunan, which arrived at T wharf yesterday, reported a hard battle with a 350-pound swordfish. A dory was wrecked, and two men nearly lost their lives. The Nunan brought in 123 fish.

The fight for the 350-pounder followed after the pulpit man had made fast with a lily-iron. James Domingoes put out in a dory to bring the catch aboard the schooner. As he was about to make the tow line fast the big fellow came to life, and in his struggles drove his sword through the dory.

Samuel Wallace, in a second dory, put out to the rescue of Domingoes in his sinking craft. Wallace made fast to the fish with a second iron, and the fish started to sea with such speed that Wallace deserted his dory for the sinking one.

With the aid of a shirt for calking and a sou'wester for a bail the two men kept the dory afloat until the schooner picked them up. The runaway fish was picked up dead several miles away, still attached to the dory.

Baited at Provincetown.

Several loads of bluebacks were landed at Provincetown yesterday and a number of the fishing crafts baited there.

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SCH. BAY STATE IN--WORKED WELL

Capt. Norman A. Ross Re-ports Fish Scarce After an Extended Trip.

Sch. Bay State, one of the two crafts built for the New England Fish Company for the Pacific coast, which will be taken to her destination probably in the fall, is here from her maiden trip to the Grand Banks this morning after a five weeks cruise in search of halibut.

Capt. Norman Ross, her commander reports that the new craft behaved well and the engines worked well, but some difficulty was experienced with the oil which continually bothered the piston. On account of difficulty to the craft's compass, it was necessary to lie at Canso or a week, until a new one was sent from Boston.

The Bay State cruised all over the banks, but found fish scarce, securing 18,000 pounds fresh halibut and 7000 pounds salt cod. The halibut fare sold to the New England Fish Company this forenoon at six cents a pound for white and four cents for gray.

Sch. Norma arrived from seining with five barrels of salt mackerel.

The Joppaite and Lorena took small schools of bluebacks yesterday which were brought in here and sold for bait.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Bay State, Grand Banks, 18,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 7000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Norma, seining, 5 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Str. Joppaite, seining, 25 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Lorena, seining, 30 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Vessel Sailed.

- Sch. Margaret, halibuting.
- Sch. Juno, haddocking.
- Sch. Antonia, seining.
- Sch. Pinta, seining.
- Sch. Agnes, seining.

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.
- Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75.
- 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.
- Flitched halibut, 8 3-4c per lb.
- Shore salt mackerel, \$11 per bbl.

SIXTEEN FARES SINCE YESTERDAY

Groundfish Arrivals at T Dock Not Very Heavy This Morning.

T wharf docked 16 arrivals since yesterday's report, including three mackerel fares, which were in good demand by the dealers, who readily bought them up.

A few off shore fares were reported, the largest arrivals being schs. Matthew / S. Greer, 52,000 pounds; Edith Silveria, 38,000 pounds; Mary DeCosta, 65,000 pounds.

Three swordfishing fares were also included, the Edmund A. Black having 109; Katie L. Palmer, 88; Rose Standish, 97.

Wholesalers paid \$1.60 to \$2.60 a hundred weight for haddock, \$5 to \$7 for large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50 for markets, \$1.25 to \$3 for hake, \$3 to \$4 for pollock and eight cents and eight and one-fourth cents a pound for mackerel.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch Ruth, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 40,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Jessie Costa, 47,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Bucma, 27,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, 16,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 20,000 hake.
- Sch. Genesta, 25,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Good Luck, 1000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2000 cusk.
- Sch. Georgianna, 100 haddock, 7500 cod, 900 pollock.
- Sch. Olivia Sears, 260 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, 45,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 800 halibut.
- Str. George Hudson, 20,000 fresh tinker mackerel.
- Sch. Edmund A. Black, 109 swordfish.

- Sch. Katie S. Palmer, 88 swordfish.
- Sch. Rose Standish, 97 swordfish.
- Sch. Romance, 2200 large and medium fresh mackerel, 35,000 fresh tinker mackerel, 65 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch Theodore Roosevelt, 4000 large fresh mackerel, 900 medium fresh mackerel, 5 bbls salt mackerel.
- Haddock, \$1.60 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$7; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hake, \$1.25 to \$3; pollock, \$3 to \$4; halibut, 8 cents for white and 5 cents for gray; swordfish, 8 cts. and 8 1-4 cts. per lb.; large fresh mackerel, 25 cts. and 27 cts. each; medium, 13 cts. and 15 cts.; tinkers, 6 1-2 cts. and 7 cts per lb.

NOVA SCOTIA FISH HIGHER

Although Halifax exporters were saying that \$5.75 was the very most they could afford to pay for new cured bank fish, when it came to the time that purchases had to be made they were forced to bow to the ruling of the Lunenburg fishermen, and instead of paying \$5.75 they paid equal to \$6.12 delivered at Halifax, says Maritime Merchant. The grade says there was nothing in prospect in the way of demand to warrant this price, but one buyer seemed willing to give it and there was therefore nothing left for the others to do but follow along if they wanted to get supplies at all. The news of the West India markets is about as follows: Porto Rico has been receiving too many fish and prices are temporarily weaker, but all the other islands are low in stock and report a fairly strong demand, which means that a large quantity of new fish will be required immediately. From northern Brazil there is news of small stocks and a rising market, but southern Brazil is very deprest owing to heavy stocks of fish and the general financial stringency. Italy is a free buyer of new fish at present and is taking all that offers at low prices. The advice from Oporto is that business is very dull and the market burdened with heavy arrivals. The catch of codfish in Norway for the season is given at 75,000,000 count as compared with 100,000,000 last year. The Lunenburg summer fleet is now out on its baiting of caplin, but no news has so far reached us of what success it has met with up to the present time.

GOOD WORK OF FISHERIES DEP'T

The year just closed established a record for the United States bureau of fisheries in the number of fish eggs taken and later planted. It ran to the enormous total of 3,640,000,000, which broke the record made in the previous year by 173,000,000. The largest number of any one kind was of flatfish, of which 800,000,000 eggs were planted.

During the year there was an increased capture of black spotted trout, Chinook salmon, haddock, striped bass and whitefish eggs and a decrease in those of the lake herring, pike perch shad, yellow perch and lobster.

To increase the supply of lobsters along the New England coast the bureau is considering the establishment in Rhode Island of a plant for lobster breeding. It is proposed to keep the young lobsters in captivity until they can defend themselves against attack or until they have passed what the experts call the fourth stage of their existence. The bureau now has two lobster hatcheries, one in Maine, the other in Massachusetts, but at neither are there facilities for breeding work.

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BEAM TRAWLER IN. CAPT. "SOL" FINDS THEM

PORTLAND EXCITED

Portland has greeted the first beam trawler that ever entered the port; the city has also welcomed it, for all there have been so many who have been loud in their denunciation of what the beam trawler does to the fisheries, says the Portland Press. The very fact that one beam trawler has come here and that others will be seen regularly in Portland harbor, means that a boom in the fishing business has taken place and that Portland's business in this line will be larger than ever before.

Shortly after noon Tuesday a big steamer—big as compared with other craft that have been in the harbor—entered the port and slowly made her way around to Back Bay where she tied up at the wharf of the New Burnham-Morrill plant. She was the Surf, Capt. Michael Greene, one of the fleet of six beam trawlers on the New England coast and also one of the most recently built.

To look at the steamer as she entered port, one would hardly have thought she was engaged in the fishing business, for dories or seine boats were lacking and there was little, beside her general build, to indicate that she was engaged in landing sea food. A closer examination, would have discovered long nets, the trawls, neatly stored away along her decks in the shelter of her rails and curious devices on her sides, pulleys and doors, that could be associated with no other kind of a craft than a fisherman. Therefore the Surf had to be reckoned as a fishing steamer for all the method of landing the fish is entirely different from that used by the schooners and steamers with which the people of Portland have become familiar.

The Surf is one of a fleet of six owned in Boston; the others are the Apple, Spray, Crest, Wave and Foam, and they are all practically the same. The Surf has a tonnage of 252, length 150 feet, beam of 22 feet and draft 14 feet, so that it can be seen she is considerable of a steamer as steamers go. For the purpose of comparison, it may be said that she is about the size of an ocean-going tug, though considerably different in her lines. With stack abaft amidships, low and short and bow high, it may be said that the beam trawler resembles a cargo steamer more than any other kind of a craft.

The coming of the Surf means that other beam trawlers will be seen here, and nearly the whole fleet of six will come to the plant of the Burnham-Morrill Co., to discharge their fares. Large quantities of the fish will be used for canning and the rest will be sold in the open fresh fish market.

At Boston With Good Mackerel Fare—Two Other Crafts Have Trips.

Three fresh mackerel fares at T wharf, Boston, this morning greatly relieved the market situation, the dealers paying good prices for them, the best for several weeks.

Sch. Romance, Capt. Solomon Jacobs hails for 2200 large fresh mackerel, 35,000 fresh tinkers and 65 barrels of salt ones besides. Another fresh fare is that of sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. Joseph Graham with 4000 large fresh fish in count, 900 mediums and 5 barrels of salt ones. The porgy steamer George Hudson also took a school, hailing for 20,000 large fresh tinkers.

Large fresh mackerel sold at 25 cents and 27 cents each, mediums at 13 cents and 15 cents and tinkers 6 1-2 and 7 cents a pound.

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MACKEREL FISHERY FAR FROM RUINED

This was the opinion of Prof. E. E. Prince, of the Dominion Fisheries Department at Ottawa, who has been on a visit to the biological station near St. Andrews, N. B., conducted by the department, and who was recently in St. John, N. B. In reply to a question he said the fishermen on the Atlantic Coast had been doing fairly well this year.

"You may have noticed that the mackerel have appeared in very large schools on the north shore of New Brunswick this year," he said. "That is a rather important development, as it falsifies the predictions of many of the prophets. Mackerel have also appeared in considerable quantities around the coast of Nova Scotia. For some years very few mackerel have visited the Canadian seaboard, and some authorities have been of the opinion that the mackerel fisheries had been ruined."

In regard to the dogfish which, some years ago appeared in vast numbers in the Nova Scotia fishing waters, and which it was feared would ruin the cod fisheries, Prof. Prince said that they were not causing a great amount of trouble this season, though they had not completely disappeared.

Asked if there were any new developments in regard to the agitation against the beam trawler, he said nothing particular had transpired recently.

"The whole matter," he added, "is to be discussed at the International Fisheries Conference to be held in Belgium this year, and I have no doubt Canada will have a representative there."

Speaking of the work of the biological station near St. Andrews, N. B., Mr. Prince said some of the experts were studying the movements of fish, and were marking and setting at liberty some of the fish caught in the vicinity. Others, by using specially constructed nets, were endeavoring to discover the place frequented by young sea fish and learn about the spawning habits of various kinds of fish. Good results had been achieved along these lines. Another matter which was engaging attention was the study of diseases affecting fish and the conditions necessary to a cure. At this station, said the Professor, only those who made a special study of the sea fish are at work. The station is as well equipped for purposes of scientific study as any station elsewhere.

Asked about the project to fit out a vessel equipped with facilities for the scientific study of the movements and life generally of sea fish which was discussed some years ago, the Professor said that the project had not been abandoned, and that he expected that when the department had the money to spare such a vessel would be secured.