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THE HIGHEST FIGURES FOR MACKEREL

Prices Paid Yesterday Equal Paid for Early Fish.

Fresh mackerel brought the highest price of the summer season at T wharf, Boston, this morning, a small mixed fare landed by sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire, selling at 50 cents each for large, 30 cents for mediums and 12 cents a pound for tinkers and spikes.

The mackerel market was fairly depleted this morning, the scarcity of fish being responsible for conditions. The prices paid were the highest since the first trips landed from the south last spring, which the dealers were willing to pay without complaint.

Capt. Maguire had 500 large and medium fish, 1000 tinkers and 6000 spikes.

Shortly before 9 o'clock, sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. John S. Seavey, shot into the dock with 2000 large and medium fresh mack and 3500 spikes. Th down on the Rips and sold later during the forenoon.

The traps and gasoliners are doing but little. The fish seem to have entirely disappeared hereabouts and for several weeks have been as scarce as hens' teeth. Nothwithstanding the discouraging prospects, the fishermen are optimistic that the schools will appear again, for there is still plenty of time for a good season's work.

Mackerel Receipts at Newport.

A wire from Newport to the Times this noon, announces the following arrivals: Geraldine, two barrels fresh mackerel; Gracie Freeman, 10 barrels fresh mackerel; Alert, eight barrels fresh mackerel; Little Fred, eight barrels fresh mackerel; sloop Lillian, 12 barrels fresh mackerel.

The prospects are much brighter and encouraging the despatch says:

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FRESH FISH PLENTIFUL NEXT FALL

Arthur E. Rowe Takes Optimistic View of Gloucester's Future

No matter what they do with the tariff in Washington, the supply of fresh fish is going to be plentiful next fall, according to Arthur E. Rowe, of this city, according to an interview with him in the New York Times.

"The chances for making a dollar or two in Gloucester are now brighter than for a long time," said Mr. Rowe. "I would say this is on account of the fact that large bodies of mackerel and other fish are being seen on the grounds near the South Shoal Lighthouse and the Channel, indicating that there will be plenty of fish in the fall. Last winter and spring our vessels did well, and the outlook is encouraging for the captains and others paying up their obligations. You see, in 1912 everybody had got pretty well tied up. There was a terrible amount of bad weather and high seas, and fishermen were not able to make big catches.

"People have taken to eating a great deal more fish nowadays, as one direct consequence of the higher cost of meats. Not only is this true in households, but they tell you in restaurants that their patrons are ordering fish every day instead of the one day in the week when it was considered the thing to take something that was not meat. Then the facilities for transporting fish have been so improved that the fish may be delivered in any city in far better condition than used to be possible.

"In Gloucester the fishing fleet has diminished considerably over other years, because so many vessels have been sold, the reason for that being it was next to impossible to get captains and crews. So many skippers and sailors deserted the water last winter, those that stuck to their craft through the winter have made money.

"New York is a big market for Gloucester halibut and other fresh fish," admitted Mr. Rowe, "but our salt fish go all over the country. One question that is agitating Gloucester just now is that of the gill netters. Some assert that gill nets are injurious to our general fishing interests, because they catch the mother fish when they are in spawn. I understand that a fish will not bite at a hook when in that condition. The fishing with gill nets began in Gloucester waters two years ago, when fishermen came from the Great Lakes, where, it is claimed ,they had destroyed the fishing grounds by this kind of fishing. Another question that is being agitated is that of auto- trawling—whether dragging scrapers over fishing grounds is not a disadvantage to fishing. This is to be settled by the United States Fishing Commission. Local opinion is much divided on the subject."

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MACKEREL SEINERS FINDING FISH

Several Fares at Boston Taken Off Chatham and in Barnstable Bay.

Dingle, Ireland, July 19.—About 20,000 mackerel landed this week. These were either canned or shipped fresh. No curing. News from Norway dated July 16 reports the catch of mackerel for the week at Haugesund 155,700 fish. Kristiansand 21,000, and other places from 5500 to 42,000. Total catch to date at Kristiansand 3,090,500 fish; at other ports from 11,000 to 80,000. Amount split and salted, 396,900; salted round, 333,800. Prices 6 to 10 ore each.

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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.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 90c.

Cusk, large, $2.25; medium, $1.75; 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, 29c each for large, 18c for medium, 8c for tinkers.

Fresh bluebacks, $2.50 per bbl., for bait; $1 to freezer; 75c to salt.

Bank halibut, 11 1-4c per lb. for white and 9 1-2c for gray.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Arrivals

British sch. Virginia, Apple River, N. S., for Boston.

Scout sch. Pioneer, cruising.

Sch. Ontrato, Milbridge, Me., for Boston.

Sch. William Thomas, Calais, Me., for Boston.

Tug Irvington, Boston.

Steamer yacht Santa Marie, cruising.

Nova Scotia Bait News.

MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOR, Aug. 4.—Eight barrels herring at Jeddore, six barrels herring at Musquodoboit; no bait at Owl's Head.

SHERBROOKE, August 4.—About six barrels herring taken at Liscomb today; none at other ports.

PETIT DE GRAT, August 4.—Fifteen barrels herring in Petit De Grat and Cape Auget.

TANGIER, August 4.—Ten barrels of herring taken at Pope's Harbor; one barrel of herring at Spry harbor; half barrels of herring at Spry Bay.

DIGBY, August 4.—Forty-five barrels of bait at Digby, thirty-five at White's Cove, twelve at Grosses-Coques.

BARRINGTON, August 4.—Six barrels at Clark's Harbor, fifty at Baccaro.

MIDDLE WEST PUBNICO, August 4.—Thirteen barrels of herring taken at Pubnico, sixty barrels of herring at Yarmouth, fifteen barrels of bait at Wedgeport, none at Tusket Islands.

CANSO, August 4.—Fifteen barrels of bait taken at Canso, none at Bell Island Cove, White Head, Port Felix Harbor, few herring at Larry's River, Queensport reports some herring and good squid.

New Fish Company Incorporated.

The Cape Cod Specialty Co. of Truro, has been incorporated to raise and preserve fish. The capital stock is $10,000, and William H. Young is president and Edward C. Morgan treasurer.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Elk, Capt. Felix Hogan, was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday and cleared for fishing.

Fulton Fish Market Notes.

There was an abundance of salt water fish in the market last week and it sold at very low prices. Despite the hot weather of the entire week buying was brisk. On Thursday many of the big stands were cleaned up early in the day, much of the stock being shipped out of town.

It was a big week for the schooners sailing from the market. Up to Thursday noon 46 reached port, of which the heaviest arrivals were bluefish.

Twenty-nine vessels carried bluefish, the total weight being 444,750 pounds, or 88,950 fish, at an average weight of five pounds. The largest haul was 9500 fish and the smallest 1000 fish. Only six of the boats carried more than 5000 fish and 13 had less than 3000 fish each. The average catch was about 3100 fish. On Saturday last bluefish, because of light arrivals, were quoted at 6 to 8c per pound. During the remainder of the week the price was 5 to 6c per pound.

Practically all varieties of groundfish were low in price during the entire week Market cod was quoted at 4c per pound on Saturday last, because of the light demand During the remainder of the week the price was 4 to 5c. Steak cod reached its highest point on Thursday, when sales were made at 8 to 9c per pound. During the remainder of the week the price was 6 to 8c.

There was plenty of haddock to be had, the top price being 4c, and the low water mark 3c. Quite a few sales were made at 3 1-2c per pound. Steak hake brought practically the same price as haddock Pollock sold at 3 to 4c per pound, with the exception of Thursday, when some few sales were made at 5c. The 3c price quoted that day was for small fish.

The halibut supply was not very heavy, Western whitefish from Monday to Wednesday selling at 11c per pound. Eastern gray halibut during the early part of the week was quoted at 15 to 16c, while Eastern whitefish brought 17 to 18c.

There were no large fresh mackerel in the market. On Saturday frozen mackerel were brought out to supply the demand for that variety of fish. They sold at 23c each. There were a few tinker mackerel in the market. The quotation was 10 to 15c per pound. The bulk of the sales were made at a shilling.

The fares in detail were:

Sch. Amagansett, 1750 bluefish.

Sch. George E. Hagan, 2300 bluefish.

Sch. John Feeney, 1600 bluefish.

Sch. Ruth E. Pember, 7100 bluefish.

Sch. Anna & Ella, 2500 bluefish.

Sch. Bertha L. Barkes, 6200 bluefish.

Sch. Geneva Mertis, 3900 bluefish.

Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, 3100 bluefish.

Sch. Lottie S. Morton, 2900 bluefish.

Sch. Clara E., 3500 bluefish.

Sch. Harold, 1800 bluefish.

Sch. Hildur Mabel, 6800 bluefish.

Sch. Benjamin M. Wallace, 4300 bluefish.

Sch. Ellen Charlotta, 2400 bluefish.

Sch. Libbie, 2700 bluefish.

Sch. Elizabeth C., 225 bushels bluefish.

Sch. Ester Anita, 3700 bluefish.

Sch. Angler, 2300 bluefish.

Sch. Gracie, 1100 bluefish.

Sch. Roulette, 5100 bluefish.

Sch. Annie Godfrey, 2400 bluefish.

Sch. Sir Knight, 9500 bluefish.

Sch. Monmouth, 1300 bluefish.

Sch. Lewis & Rosie, 5200 bluefish.

Sch. Gleaner, 1000 bluefish.

Sch. William H. Oakes, 4700 bluefish.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, July 22.—Since our last, 15th inst., arrivals of fishstuffs at the various ports were as follows: Ex strs. Brazos and Bayamon from New York: At San Juan—215 tcs. and 104 bxs. cod, 69 tcs. fish, 25 tcs. pollock, 49 bbls. and half-bbls. pickled fish. At Ponce—136 tcs. and 50 bxs. cod, 20 tcs. fish, 35 half-bbls. pickled fish, 50 bxs. bloaters. At Mayaguez—130 tcs. cod, 18 tcs. pollock, 18 tcs. fish, 50 bbls. pickled fish. At Humacao—46 tcs. fish, 10 tcs. pollock, 2 bbls. pickled fish, 210 bxs. bloaters. At Arecibo—50 tcs. cod, 10 bbls. pickled fish, 24 bxs. salmon. At Aguadilla—9 tcs. fish. At Arroyo—10 tcs. fish.

Codfish.—Enquiry remains good for small and medium, at prices ranging from $32.25 to $32.50. The demand for large has almost ceased owing to liberal supplies, and we quote same today at $33 per cask of 448 lbs., of $7.75 per box of 100 lbs.

Pollock and haddock—Market easier. We hear of occasional sales of pollock at $18 per drum. Inferior stocks sell at still lower prices.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Company.

Captured 1300-Pound Horse Mackerel.

A 1300-pound horse mackerel, the largest ever hooked along this section of the coast, was captured after a lively chase off the inlet Atlantic City, N. J., by the crew of the fishing smack Nettie R. The mackerel had been swept into shallow water during the night and was trying to find its way into the inlet channel that leads into deep water when it was sighted by the crew of the Nettie R. To capture the fish the boat several times barely escaped being stranded. The pilot finally got alongside of the mackerel and the giant fish was harpooned. It put up a hard fight before it was finally drawn aboard. The fish was shipped to Philadelphia.

Sharks Ate Fisherman.

Sharks are believed to have eaten A. R. Blower, of Los Angeles, who went fishing recently in Los Angeles Harbor and fell overboard from a launch. He was a good swimmer and treaded water, laughing and joking while the launch was being put about to rescue him. Suddenly he went down and was not seen again. Sharks are known to be numerous in the vicinity of the accident.

Bait at Liverpool, N. S.

A wire from the Times correspondent at Liverpool, N. S., this morning states that 500 barrels of herring were taken in the traps there yesterday.

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Sch. Viola, 2600 bluefish.

Sch. Benjamin W. Latham, 4800 bluefish

Sch. Florence E. Stream, 4200 bluefish.

Sch Frank Munroe, 4200 bluefish.

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FOG FORMED A DENSE BLANKET

Only Three Fishing Arrivals Reported at This Port This Morning.

A dense blanket of fog overhung the harbor this morning, while there was but little doing in the way of arrivals and sailings.

Sch. Meteor from Bay of Islands, N. F., brings a cargo of 375,000 pounds salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Sch. Georgianna is here from Portland after disposing of her halibut fare. She brings 60,000 pounds fresh fish and 5000 pounds salt cod, which sold to George Perkins & Son.

The only other arrival reported is sch. Corona, Capt. Wallace Parsons, from mackerel seining.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Meteor, Bay of Islands, N. F., 375,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Georgianna, via Portland, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Corona, seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Senator, Saulsbury, Georges handlining.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, salt drifting.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Stranger, swordfishing.

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; medium, $4.

Cusk, large, $2.25; mediums, $1.75; snappers, $1.25.

Hake, $1.50.

Pollock, $1.50.

Haddock, $1.50.

Flitched halibut, 8 3-4 cents per lb.

Shore salt mackerel, $15 per bbl for medium; $6.50 for blinks.

LITTLE AT BOSTON BUT MACKEREL

Three Off Shore Fares and One of Swordfish Reported Since Yesterday Noon.

Outside of the seven trips of fresh mackerel, T wharf had little to offer in the fresh fish line this morning, three off shores and one swordfisherman being the only fares reported since yesterday.

Sch. Mary arrived yesterday afternoon with a mixed fare of 46,000 pounds, and this morning, two of the steam trawlers Ripples and Spray are in, the former with 58,000 pounds and the latter 45,000 pounds, besides a few thousand pounds of lemon sole each.

One sworder, sch. Eliza E. Benner, landed 62 swordfish which sold at seven cents a pound.

Wholesalers quoted $2.50 to $3 a hundred pounds on haddock. There were no quotations on cod, hake and pollock up to 9 o'clock.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Mary, 38,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.

Str. Philomena, 35,000 medium fresh mackerel.

Str. Geisha, 95 bbls. medium fresh mackerel.

Str. Enterprise, 12,000 medium fresh mackerel.

Str. Water Witch, 10,000 medium fresh mackerel.

Str. Mildred Agnes, 85 bbls. medium fresh mackerel.

Str. F. S. Willard, 80 bbls. medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Eliza A. Benner, 62 swordfish.

Str. Ripple, 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 lemon sole, 3000 pollock.

Str. Spray, 38,000 haddock, 8400 cod, 3000 cusk, 7000 lemon sole.

Str. Joanna, 7000 medium fresh mackerel.

Haddock, $2.50 to $3 per cwt.; swordfish, 7 cents per pound; fresh mackerel, 4 cents to 7 1-2 cents per pound.

MANY SWORDFISH OFF NOVA SCOTIA

Great numbers of swordfish have been taken on our coast during the past fortnight, says the Halifax Herald. And as the only market for this fish is Boston and that market is glutted, the price paid our fishermen took a very heavy decline. On Tuesday the dealers were paying five cents per pound, but on Saturday the price was one cent. While the price holds up the fishermen make good money at swordfishing, as many of the fish run in weight from two to five hundred pounds each.

A great fleet of boats patrolled the waters across the mouth of St. Margaret's Bay all last week—boats from Tancook, Dover, Peggy's Cove, Indian Harbor and other parts of the bay. When captured the fish were taken to Indian Harbor or Boutilier's Cove, where they were packed in ice and reshipped to Boston via Halifax. Over one hundred of the fish were landed at Everett Shatfords' wharf last Thursday. Several hundred tons were shipped to Boston Saturday night.

Swordfishing, or swordfish fishing, is attended with an element of danger. The fish have immense swords of solid bone protruding from the head. This is their weapon of defense and with this they will tackle a whale. When the harpoon enters the fish it immediately goes down to the full length of the harpoon line, dragging the buoy attached to it. When it comes up again the sword is liable to come in contact with the boat. This very often happens. Last Friday a fisherman named Warren Covey, one of the most intrepid on the coast, nearly lost his life by the sword of one of these fish. It pierced the boat, entered the side of Mr. Covey's rubber boot, ran along his leg and almost pierced the groin. Many other narrow escapes were reported during the week.

The swordfish is an excellent food fish, much resembling halibut. It is almost devoid of bone and in the Boston market it is highly prized. The season on this coast runs from about the 20th of July to the first of September.

Some Olden Times Down on the Annisquam River.

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Bobbing For Eels.

One morning as James L. Shute, one of the cottagers, and myself were about to embark across the river on our trip to town, for our daily duties "Uncle Sim" asked us if we wouldn't like to go bobbing for eels during the evening. We were only too glad to acquiesce and he said, "I'll have the bobbs all ready for you and tell you just where to go and get a good mess of them."

The bobs consisting of lines, one end of which was filled with worms strongly netted in so they could not get away, were all ready and after supper we rowed down river to the stone pier in Jones' Creek, where we made the dory fast, and threw over our bobbs. Pretty soon we could feel them moving and quickly pulling them up secured several of the lively snakelike fish. They went from one end of the dory to the other, slashing the water in the bottom of the dory all over us; but we didn't mind that we were busy with the bobs, and it did seem as if we had got right in the midst of a big school of these varmints so fast did we bring them up. They played merry games tumbling over one another in their efforts to get overboard and once more gain their watery element.

I was awfully afraid that one of these frisky fish would get up my trousers leg during their gyrations, but I was spared that experience.

After catching some four dozen we were satisfied that "Uncle Sim" knew something of the eel fishery, but what to do with our catch was a puzzle, as neither of us had ever skinned an eel and every one who knows anything at all about this fish knows that to skin one in good shape is quite a neat thing to do.

The moon was now shining in full brilliancy, and the old 'Squam river made a beautiful picture as we rowed out of Jones' Creek for the home stretch that charming summer evening. We had the eels, but what to do with them again presented itself. But we were not long in doubt, as we neared the island there sat "Uncle Sim" awaiting our coming. He kindly offered to take care of the catch and we enjoyed the fun of seeing him relieve them of their outer covering, which he did according to the highest style of the art. They were put on ice and next morning he distributed them among the cottagers and the frying pans were busy in cooking these savory fish—but I can't say that I am particularly fond of them. But I can safely say that catching them on the bob is great sport and worth the trial.

G. H. P.

FIND OF SCALLOP BEDS IMPORTANT

Will Open Great Opportunity for Fishermen to Supply Market.

What is believed to be one of the most important commercial discoveries in recent times is the finding of a vast tract of scallop beds, which has just been located by the U. S. Fish Commission sch. Grampus, which returned here Tuesday evening after a month's absence to the southward.

Only through mere accident was the discovery made, after Capt. Justaf F. O. Hansen, commander of the craft, had thrown out an otter trawl and brought up four bushels of these toothsome dainties. The captain and crew thought they would like some fish for supper, but never for a moment dreamed of finding scallops in that locality. Out of the lot, less than half of them were dead, but after that they could bring up most any amount of some of the very best specimens, alive and healthy, and all hand had a splendid feast.

The Grampus with officials of the bureau of fisheries has been making an observation of currents from New York to the southward. On July 8, about 20 miles from the edge of the Gulf Stream and east by south of Ambrose Channel, the scallop beds were discovered. The Grampus used a small 30 foot otter trawl in 40 fathoms of water. Experiments afterwards made in shoaler water and fish were found at a depth of 20 fathoms.

Capt. Hansen cruised as far south as Cape Henry, taking current observations. For fully 200 miles, great beds of scallops were located. Observations and records were made and the important find reported to the bureau of fisheries.

In the opinion of the government officials, a great opportunity has been opened up for fishermen, especially at this time of the year when sea scallops sell for $2 a gallon in the market.

The Grampus will sail down east for a few days to finish up some government work there and in a fortnight will return to the south.

Capt. Hansen expects to remain ashore for about a month and take a vacation. The Grampus in the meanwhile will be in command of Gustav W. Carlson, the mate.

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The "spell" has been broken and the mackerel seiners are finding fish again, Boston reporting seven arrivals, all with fares of mackerel taken down off Chatham and Barnstable Bay yesterday.

None of the sailing crafts are included in the list, however, the fleet securing them being the little steamers, which made some good hauls.

The arrivals in detail are:

Str. Philomena, 35,000 medium fresh mackerel.

Str. Geisha, 95 bbls. medium fresh mackerel.

Str. Enterprise, 12,000 medium fresh mackerel.

Str. Water Witch, 10,000 medium fresh mackerel.

Str. Mildred Agnes, 85 bbls. medium fresh mackerel.

Str. F. S. Willard, 80 bbls. medium fresh mackerel.

Str. Joanna, 7000 medium fresh mackerel.

The fish average from a pound and a quarter to a pound and a half each.

Some of the crafts had a few large and some spikes, but the lot run mostly mediums.

Wholesalers paid 4 cents to 7 1-2 cents a pound for them.

Three mackerel fares arrived at Boston this noon, as follows:

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 50 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, 10,000 fresh mixed mackerel.

Steamer Mary F. Ruth 4000 fresh mixed mackerel.

Foreign Mackerel Prices.

There is nothing new to say about the local market for foreign mackerel. Prices remain firm, though the demand is only fair, says the New York Fishing Gazette.

Liverpool, July 22.—Shipments week ending July 19: To New York, 100 bbls.; to Boston, 100 bbls. Total for week, 200 bbls. Total shipments to date, 1912 Irish autumn, 9956 bbls.; 1913 Irish Spring, 980 bbls.

Liverpool, July 26.—Shipments this week: To Boston, 265 bbls.; to other ports, 1300 bbls. Count 350 to 400. Fishing very poor.