

...wester, used to bail, was their only protection against the invading sea. Two of the men in the first dory which had contained eight, were transferred to the second with three men. The shipwrecked men saw Sankaty Head five miles away. In their fight against the seas they broke two oars. Several men were clinging to the stern of one of the dories. Reuben Kenney, the cook, lost his hold as a great wave engulfed him and was carried away. He fought hard to swim back to the boat, but his comrades, unable, with the few oars left, to work their craft nearer to him were powerless to assist him.

Through the night the fishermen drifted. Occasionally they snatched a wink of sleep, but most of the time they clung tight to the boat or to each other to keep from being swept off by the sea.

On Sunday night they sighted a vessel, apparently a fisherman. Oilskin coats and white shirts were torn off and fastened to oars as signals. The men waved them frantically. But the schooner passed without seeing them. A steamer appeared on the horizon, but sped eastward and into the distance. Hope of rescue faded.

Rescued at Last.

At the sight of another schooner, later in the forenoon, the crude signals were again energetically displayed. With joy the weary men saw the vessel head in their direction. Thirty miles south, southeast of Sankaty Head they were rescued.

The schooner was the Tifton, Capt. Emil Carlson, Jacksonville, Fla., for Portland with lumber. Her crew found the men in dories almost exhausted. They had to be helped over the schooner's rail. Harry Nelson, son of the captain, was almost unconscious from his fatigue and worry over his father's disappearance.

Feared That Craft Was Towed In.

Late last night Portland newspapermen carried to the rescued fishermen on board the anchored Tifton word that the Annie M. Parker was safe and sound in New Bedford. By so doing, however, the mystery was only increased, for the survivors of the crew reiterated that when they had left the vessel she had been filling rapidly.

Corresponding news to the fishermen in New Bedford proved equally puzzling, for the Parker bore only the slightest evidence of having weathered the gale, and not the slightest of having been seriously injured by running on to a reef. With the exception of the missing dories and some sail, she was ship-shape and capable of making a long voyage.

The schooner was libeled in the United States district court yesterday afternoon by Robert A. Terry, acting for H. E. Morse & Co., Liverpool, Eng., owners of the steamer Astrakhan.

Capt. Nelson a Leading Skipper.

Capt. Nelson is one of the best known mariners that ever sailed out of this port. He formerly resided in this city, but later removed to Beverly, where he made his home when ashore. Capt. Nelson has five sons, one of whom is married, the others living at home. The older son, who was among those rescued, has been a fisherman for a number of years. Mrs. Nelson prostrated by grief at her home under the care of a physician.

GILL NETTERS HAD A BIG DAY

Fleet Brought 150,000 Lbs. of Fresh Pollock in Here Yesterday.

Two arrivals from off shore have put in here since yesterday, sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wyldie from a haddocking trip, bringing 40,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish.

Shortly before noon, sch. Norma arrived from the Nova Scotia with a cargo of salt cod consigned to the Cunningham & Thompson Company, her owners.

The gill netters had a good day yesterday, the receipts of fish being the largest since the present season opened. The boats which have been fishing on the Ridges and Ipswich Bay found pollock in abundance, as a result of which some 150,000 pounds in all were landed. A large part of the pollock fares went to the splitters to salt.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Torchers, 50 bbls. fresh herring.
- Str. Julia May, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nora B. Robinson, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 12,000 lbs fresh fish.
- Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 4000 lbs fresh fish
- Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Geisha, gill netting, 12,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 16,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Orion, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Hugo, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Randolph, gill netting, 3200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. May L., gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lorena, gill netting, 3675 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Evelyn, gill netting, 6800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Alice, gill netting, 4300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Swan, gill netting, 1860 lbs. fresh fish, 22 fresh shad.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 13,600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mystery, gill netting, 2750 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Norma, Nova Scotia coast, salt cod.
- Sch. Stranger, shore.

GOOD MARKET FOR FRIDAY

T Wharf Has 22 Trips—Some of the Channel Fleet In.

For Friday's market, T wharf wholesalers were well stocked, fares arriving since yesterday's report consisting of 22 vessels and steamers.

Three of the steam trawlers were in, they being steamers Spray, Surf and Billow. Of the off shore sailing fleet, those arriving were schs. A. Piatt Andrew, Sylvania, Josie and Phoebe and Pontiac.

Wholesalers quoted \$3.25 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$4.50 to \$4.75 for large cod, \$2.25 for market cod, \$1.25 for hake, \$1.25 to \$1.50 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Muriel, 12,000 cod.
- Str. Billow, 41,000 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 lemon sole.
- Str. Spray, 20,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 3500 lemon sole.
- Str. Surf, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1200 lemon sole.
- Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, 15,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 20,000 hake, 5000 cusk.
- Sch. Sylvania, 12,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 17,000 hake, 3500 cusk.
- Sch. Josephine DeCosta 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.
- Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 16,000 hake.
- Sch. Pontiac, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 19,000 hake.
- Sch. Annie Perry, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 12,000 hake.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3500 haddock, 300 cod.
- Sch. Yankee, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 hake.
- Sch. Flavilla, 2800 haddock, 800 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 6500 hake.
- Sch. Adeline, 6000 haddock, 1700 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Jorgina, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 7500 hake.
- Sch. Harriety, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Buema, 7500 haddock, 2500 cod, 7000 hake.
- Sch. Manomet, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Viking, 10,000 pollock.
- Sch. Mary F. Sears, 6000 haddock, 1200 cod.
- Sch. Elk, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 hake.
- Haddock, \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to 4.75; market cod, \$2.25; hake, \$1.25 to \$2; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50.

Good Stock.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William Thomas, stocked \$1926 on her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$47 apiece clear as the result of a week's fishing.

GALE MAULED AN OLD TWO HOOKER

Sch. Senator Saulsbury of Gloucester, which arrived at Portland Wednesday, from the Georges Banks with a fare of 6000 pounds of salt cod, had a decidedly rough time while on the fishing grounds, and in a terrific gale about a fortnight since received a severe pounding, having jib torn to pieces and mainsail badly torn. The gale continued for nearly 48 hours, the wind blowing with hurricane force, a tremendous sea running at the time, and constantly sweeping over the schooner's deck, one of her dories being washed overboard. Crippled with loss of sails the schooner had considerable difficulty in reaching port, but succeeded in doing so without further mishap.

Fish receipts Wednesday at Portland were light, not over 20,000 pounds of market fish having been landed. Dealers were looking for better results yesterday, the entire fleet being out with the weather conditions of the best.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.25 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.50.
- Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.25.
- Dory handline cod, \$5 for large; \$4.50 for medium.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.
- Filthead halibut, 10c per lb.
- Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.
- Haddock, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$1.50.
- Salt mackerel \$18 per bbl. for medium; \$10.25 for tinkers.

Fresh Fish.

- Splitting prices:
- Haddock, \$1.00 per cwt.
- Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.
- Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.
- All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
- Hake, \$1.40.
- Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 50c.
- Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

- Fresh herring, \$2.50 and \$3 per bbl. for bait.
- Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl., for bait; \$1.75 to freezer.
- Bank halibut, 12c per lb. for white.
- Fresh small mackerel, 6c per lb.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrivals.

- Sch. Charles E. Wyman, Bangor for New York.
- Sch. A. F. Kindberg, Bangor for New York.

MACKEREL SWARM NOVA SCOTIA COAST

Mackerel fishing is good all along the shore in the vicinity of Halifax, according to reports over the long distance telephone last evening, says the Halifax Herald of Wednesday. The fish are all that can be desired as to size and quantity and early catches are getting nearly record prices for the season. The operations so far are restricted to the inshore boatmen, those along the vicinity of Halifax harbor and St. Margaret's Bay being especially successful.

This is the same run of large mackerel that passed northward off Halifax early last June. They are being driven south by the oncoming winter in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, their summer habitat. The presence of this great body of fish on the coast holds the interest of the public as well as seafaring folk, for besides presaging the return of a delectable fish at cheaper prices, there is a flavor of romance or adventure in this particular fishery.

For the Nova Scotia fisherman the mackerel hunt is like a Klondike gold rush. Often two men have shared \$300 for a day's work with a gasoline boat and it is common to hear of the crew of a seining schooner sharing a hundred dollars each for a few days at sea.

The reason is plain. The large mackerel move in a compact school, and when the fisherman sees "live" water ahead it's pretty certain he'll haul well, earning more money in that one set of the net than in weeks at another fishery. There is also a mystery regarding the prized beauties; none have been able to discover the secret of the mackerel's itinerary except that yearly it races past Nova Scotia and the New England coast on the way to and from the North Bay spawning grounds. Until the past three seasons it was not fished in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but now a dozen of our schooners make a visit there in June.

Says the Halifax Herald of Tuesday: "The run of mackerel still continues, and constitutes an almost unprecedented record for the bays and coves adjacent to Halifax. The North Atlantic Fisheries received Monday between 40,000 and 50,000 of the fish, and last night prospects for Tuesday's run were even as good as Sunday's and Monday's."

"What this will mean to the fishermen can to some extent be reckoned

at the price now being paid, namely five cents for mediums and 12 cents for large. The catch is averaging up to a fair size, and even for the two days catch must amount to a considerable sum of money circulated among the Bay fishermen, from Herring Cove around to Prospect."

Wednesday's Halifax Chronicle says: "Yesterday's storm interfered with the fish receipts at this port, but the remarkable run of mackerel still continues, and the next few days should see even greater numbers of the fish landed at Halifax piers. Both S. Y. Wilson and the North Atlantic Fisheries are receiving consignments from Halifax Bay and further westward along the coast. In St. Margaret's Bay there are computed to be 100,000 caught and held in traps awaiting boats large enough to breast the heavy weather outside and carry the fares to Halifax. Monday night 18,000 mackerel made a harvest for the fishermen of Herring Cove, and at Portuguese Cove 7000 were caught. The run is not confined alone to the west shores, but the fishermen of the eastern part of the harbor are also reaping the bonanza, not in the same quantities; but however, reporting several large catches.

The price is not likely to be affected by this great glut of mackerel. The fishermen are now getting five and twelve cents for medium and large respectively, and at this price is likely to hold, for if there is any cut, the fisherman can retaliate by salting down the fares, which in the case of fat salt mackerel, such as he is now catching by the thousands will bring him the best price of any state in which he can sell them. Spring mackerel caught when the fish are going east, usually to spawn, sell around \$12 a barrel, but the fat mackerel of the autumn runs such as are coming inshore now, bring on the market not less than \$23 to \$25 a barrel. Combining this harvest of mackerel with the open markets of the United States, where now the former \$2 duty a barrel on that class of fish is now no more, the fisherman has struck the best conditions for many years. The spring mackerel salted, which have recently gone forward in small lots to the United States, have sold at \$1 per barrel higher than the price previously obtained, which augurs well for the salt of the present supply."

MEN SWAM FOR SHORE AS THE ALCONA SANK

Big Freezer Steamer of Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. Was Swept by Flames for 18 Hours While Anchored at Curling, Bay of Islands—Crew Worked Like Heroes Until Craft Began to Sink—Some Rescued by Boats As She Went Down—Firm's Winter Herring Plans Are Considerably Disarranged.

The refrigerator steamer Alcona, owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company of this port sank in the harbor at Curling, Bay of Islands, N. F., yesterday after the big craft had been swept by flames for 18 hours, while her crew of 14 men had remarkable and thrilling escapes.

The Alcona, which was purchased by the Gorton-Pew Company two years ago, lay at this port in the inner harbor for a long time and about a year ago, on the eve of her departure to Provincetown, took fire and was badly damaged. She was repaired and refitted and afterwards sent to Newfoundland, where she has been located ever since. The steamer was in readiness to take on herring there, the season for which has just begun.

The crew had stuck bravely by the steamer through the night, in an at-

tempt to subdue the flames, although a gale of wind made their task next to hopeless. When the Alcona sank yesterday afternoon, she nearly carried down those men who were fighting to save her. Nearly all were thrown into the water, some getting away in boats, while others were obliged to swim ashore, while a few required assistance from boats that put out from shore.

The Alcona was valued at about \$100,000, including machinery and equipment. The loss of the craft is not so great as in comparison with the handicap to the company's plans for prosecuting the winter fishery on the Newfoundland coast. Her refrigerator system had just been put in order and everything was in readiness for taking on fish.

As far as is known, no Gloucester men were on board of the steamer at the time. It was learned this morning that she had already commenced to take on herring for freezing and three of the firm's fleet were there ready to load.

*Sch. Harmony Dis-
masted on Quero.*

Dismantled in a heavy gale off Sable Island a week ago yesterday, sch. Harmony, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, halibut fishing arrived at Canso, N. S., Wednesday evening after running under provided rigging and sails for several days.

A telegram to Capt. Carl C. Young from Capt. Gibbs told briefly of the safe arrival of the vessel after a long and tedious drive to port. While working the disabled craft to port, Capt. Gibbs and his crew encountered heavy gales Saturday and Sunday which drove them off their course.

The Harmony snapped her mainmast off about 10 feet from the deck and her foremast near the jaws of the gaff. None of the crew were injured and the hull of the schooner is uninjured.

Capt. Young has received no details of the accident as yet. The craft will probably be towed to Halifax and arrangements made by the insurance company for repairs either at that port, or towing her home.

Salt Bank Cod Sales.

The salt bank trip of sch. Hazel R. Hines sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company at \$4.75 a hundred weight for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3.25 for snappers.

The Newfoundland salt cod cargo of the British sch. Chesley Raymond sold to Frank F. Smith & Company and George Perkins & Son, at \$4 a hundred weight right through for large, medium and snappers. The Raymond's cargo runs mostly large and medium fish.

Crafts Hauling Up.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine and steamer Thelma, Capt. Elroy Prior have abandoned seining and are hauling up for the winter.

Schs. Good Luck, Capt. James A. Goodwin, and Hattie A. Heckman, Capt. Stillman Hipson, of the drifters have also abandoned that branch of the fishery.