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OUTLOOK FOR N. S. FISH TRADE

Halifax Merchant Reviews Present Market Conditions Throughout Provinces.

Concerning the outlook in the fishery trade, the Halifax Herald of Wednesday prints the following:

E. F. Hart, when interviewed by the Halifax Herald yesterday afternoon regarding the fish market said:

For the first time in many years in the history of the trade, there were no low priced herrings remaining in the Halifax market. Everything saleable had been cleaned out, and while there were still a few barrels of better grades these also were both scarce and high-priced.

The stock of dry fish also was at the lowest point it had been for many years, said Mr. Hart. Probably a thousand quintals would clean up all the Halifax fish holdings from Point Pleasant to Richmond. A few scattering lots of new dry fish had been received from the shore, but only enough to demonstrate the fact that there had been fish this season.

Spring herrings were reported at Queensport and some few alewives in the St. John river. These were being used for bait at high prices. When fishermen had to pay two dollars per hundred for small herring for trawl bait and catch a half quintal of fish a morning, it was better for them to remain at home.

In eastern Halifax county, the lobster fishermen were having trouble with the packers and a good many of them had discontinued lobster fishing, refusing to sell lobsters by weight instead of being counted as usual. In other words, because they could not have it all as they had in the past, they did not want any of it. These disgruntled lobster fishermen were now turning their attention to trawling and this might result in an increase in dry fish production during the nearby months. High prices were still ruling in spite of the fact that Norway reported a fishery of unprecedented volume, about twice the quantity being landed over last year.

Lunenburg bankers to date had landed some 7000 quintals there, a very large quantity for so early in the season, and as the spring fleet continued to arrive, this would be further augmented from week to week.

About half of this quantity is haddock and this would mean some \$40,000 netted by the fleet previous to the first of May, which was a considerably larger stock up to that time than ever before in the history of the industry.

Fat mackerel and salt salmon, the higher priced grades of fish, were in very poor demand, he said. In fact, they were hardly selling at all and when they did meet a market, they would realize considerably less than heretofore.

Boston reported the first fare of medium fresh mackerel caught by the southern fleet. Fish were reported to

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be schooling in large bodies and the prospects of a good fishing seemed to be the general opinion.

The rebellion in Mexico did not seem to have much influence over the mackerel production, said Mr. Hart, although these fish come largely from Mexican waters.

The Fisheries of P. E. Island.

In Prince Edward Island, haddock and hake are mainly used for the tables of the people and there is also used by them the same quantity of cod. Otherwise, haddock, hake and cod are very largely dry-salted and sent to Halifax to be exported, the hake going to Liverpool and about one-third of the cod to Havana. The green-salted cod, together with the larger kinds of dried cod, go to American and Canadian cities. The catch the year before last (1912) was small. Improved methods of curing cod were introduced at that time by the establishment of the North Atlantic Fisheries at Rustico.

Herring are used almost wholly for bait, either pickled or fresh. In 1912, 7000 boxes were smoked in the Georgetown herring smoker, but a late run of herring on Grand Manan has depressed prices and made island smoked herring less profitable.

The catch of smelt in 1912 was a good one for the fishermen but not for the dealers. About one-fifth of the catch were sent to Western Canada. Mackerel was plentiful in quantity and exceptionally fine in quality, 90 fish often filling a 200 pound barrel; but the demand was poor and prices rather unsatisfactory. They are sent by express to the New England market. Clams, which are also shipped principally to the United States, are becoming less plentiful than a few years ago and plans for their culture are being discussed.

Reports from the Magdalen Islands, where fisheries have much in common with Prince Edward Island, indicate a prosperous fishing year there, especially in cod and herring. In the winter, the inhabitants of the Magdalen Islands, take sleighs out on the ice floes and bag seals from straggling herds. Two years ago, in the spring of 1912, it is stated that 10,000 of these seals were shot, the oil being extracted and barreled for Nova Scotia, of which Halifax got a large share. A new industry is the smoking of bloaters, and already 6000 cases of these have been exported.

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FINE FARE FOR SCH. PAULINE

Georges Handliner Has 35,000 Pounds of Salt Cod and Some Halibut.

This morning's arrivals here consisted of schs. Pauline, Capt. Larson, from a Georges handlining trip with 35,000 pounds salt cod and 7000 pounds fresh halibut and Ralph L. Brown and Leonora Silveria down from Boston with fares for the splitters.

The gill netters fared poorly yesterday, landing about 25,000 pounds in all.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Pauline, Georges handlining, 35,000 lbs. salt cod, 7000 lbs. fresh halibut.
- Sch. Ralph Brown, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Leonora Silveria, via Boston, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Alice, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quartette, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary E. Sennett, shore.
- Sch. Eleanor, shore.
- Sloop Albert W. Black, shore.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50.
- Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Haddock, \$2.00.
- Hake, \$1.15.
- Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

- Splitting prices:
- Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
- Cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.
- All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
- Hake, \$1.10.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
- Pollock, 90c.
- Fresh halibut, 14 1/2 lb. for white.

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PRICES LOOK UP A BIT AT BOSTON

Dozen Fares In But No Large Ones—Haddock Go to \$3.50 Cwt.

Haddock prices were a little better at Boston this morning, although other grades remained about the same as yesterday. Just a dozen fares arrived at the new pier since yesterday, although no large trips were reported.

The biggest ones in were schs. Valerie, 45,000 pounds; Louisa R. Sylvia, 38,000 pounds; Lucania, 45,000 pounds; Buema, 38,000 pounds; Frances S. Grueby, 63,000 pounds.

Wholesale quotations were haddock, \$3.50 a hundred pounds, \$2.40 for large and \$1.65 for market cod, \$1 to \$1.50 for hake, \$1.50 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Valerie, 26,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 1500 pollock.
- Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 6000 haddock, 29,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Lucania, 15,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 1500 pollock.
- Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
- Sch. Buema, 6000 haddock, 31,000 cod.
- Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 5000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. France, S. Grueby, 6000 haddock, 55,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 1200 pollock.
- Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 3500 haddock, 7000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 6000 pollock.
- Sch. Rose Standish, 24,000 cod.
- Sch. Virginia, 27,000 cod, 1500 pollock.
- Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, 23,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Haddock, \$3.50; large cod, \$2.40; market cod, \$1.65; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50.

The Salt Mackerel Market.

Says the Fishing Gazette:

The usual quiet conditions prevailing at this season were manifested in the market for mackerel this week demand being slow and of the hand-to-mouth order. Prices remain about the same under moderate supply.

Jobbers report that very little mackerel is selling at the present time, and the only demand is the Norwegian at the higher prices.

The market for foreign salt mackerel is showing the usual quietness prevailing after the close of Lent. While stocks are in fair supply at this time, advices from abroad are not of an encouraging nature as to future supplies, and jobbers are expecting a firmer tone later on in consequence. A brisk demand is expected about the first week in June, especially in new fat Norways No. 2 and No. 3. These grades are in light supply and jobbers are of the opinion there are not enough on hand to meet future demand. On account of these reasons new fat Norway No. 2 is now quoted at \$26 and new fat Norway No. 3 at \$20.

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GORTON PEW CO. ADDS TO PLANT

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company has added another branch to its extensive plant, having taken over the Tremont, Maine, the large wharf property of Guy Parker, which they will operate on the Maine coast.

Mr. Parker who is well known among the skippers and fishing interests here, is in poor health, but will remain with the Gorton-Pew Company there. Chaney N. Hall, who has had charge of the company's interests at Bay of Islands, will manage the plant at Tremont for a while.

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BIG FARES IN AT PENSACOLA

Fifteen schooners landed 356,735 pounds of red snappers and groupers at Pensacola last week. The biggest fare came in the Clara G. Silva, of the Warren Fish Co.'s fleet. The vessel is commanded by Capt. Charles Holm. His catch was 48,155 pounds, of which 34,365 pounds were red snappers and the balance groupers. The biggest haul made by a vessel of the Saunders fleet was 37,370 pounds of which 22,220 pounds were red snappers and 15,150 pounds groupers.

The total catch of red snappers reached 249,270 pounds, of which 129,000 pounds were received by E. E. Saunders & Company. The total catch of groupers was 107,265 pounds of which 63,625 pounds were received by the Warren Company and 43,630 pounds by Saunders.

The biggest catch of red snappers made by a vessel of the Warren fleet was 34,365 pounds. The heaviest catch of red snappers for the Saunders' firm was 24,605 pounds. The smallest fare by a Warren craft was 3000 pounds of which 2000 pounds were red snappers and 1000 groupers. The smallest catch by a Saunders vessel was 3000 pounds, all red snappers.

The Warren Fish Company were supplied by seven schooners. They were: Galatea, 3000 lbs. red snappers, 7000 lbs. groupers; Halcyon, 2000 lbs. red snappers, 1000 lbs. groupers; Mary B. Greer, 24,335 lbs. red snappers, 14,465 lbs. groupers; Clara G. Silva, 34,365 lbs. red snappers, 13,790 lbs. groupers; Marjorie Turner 15,435 lbs.; red snappers, 2275 lbs. groupers; Clara P. Sewall, 18,135 lbs. red snappers, 8505 lbs. groupers. Totals 120,470 lbs. red snappers, 63,625 lbs. groupers. Grand total, 184,695 lbs.

E. E. Saunders & Company: Flora J. Sears, 22,220 lbs. red snappers, 15,150 lbs. groupers; Ruth A. Welles, 12,740 lbs. red snappers, 2220 lbs. groupers; Favorite, 16,680 lbs. red snappers; Emelia Enos, 22,360 lbs. red snappers, 6140 lbs. groupers; Sea Em, 3000 lbs. red snappers; Thos. J. Carroll, 24,605 lbs. red snappers, 2135 lbs. groupers; Frances V. Silva, 19,690 lbs. red snappers, 2135 lbs. groupers; Angelina, 7675 lbs. red snappers, 6210 lbs. groupers.

Heavy catches of Spanish mackerel are being received each day.

Lockeport Fishing News.

Last week's arrivals:

Nellie Viola, 15,700 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Togo, 4024 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Small Boat, 1009 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Ohio, 13,535 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Lydia May, 16,500 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Valmore, 1,000 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Viola, 2,000 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Julia Opp, 14,620 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Olive R., 1,105 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Gladiator, 2,800 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Blanchard C., 3,000 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Elvah Belle, 2,900 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Louis H., 511 lbs. mixed fresh fish; Small Boat, 120 lbs. mixed fresh fish. All the first part of the week boats and vessels did not get out on account of wind and weather. Bad for lobster fishermen; last part of the week lobsters more plentiful.

HOSPITAL SHIP BILL HELD UP

A hearing was set yesterday morning before the Senate committee on fisheries in the Lodge-Gardner hospital ship bill. Senator Lodge and Representative Gardner both appeared before the committee, but were not permitted to state their views. Senator Thornton of Louisiana, chairman held that the bill properly belonged before the committee on public health and national quarantine. Thereupon the committee on fisheries took up other business, after referring the hospital ship bill back to the Senate. Senator Lodge will press for a hearing before the public health committee in a few days.

If it is not possible to get the provision for a hospital ship through Congress, it is Mr. Gardner's intention to endeavor to accomplish the same result through the revenue cutter service. The congressman says that the first suggestion as to the revenue cutter came to him two years ago from A. Piat Andrew who was then assistant secretary of the treasury.

JORGINA SAVED SIX FRENCHMEN

The Gloucester fishing schooner Jorgina, Capt. Rose, arrived at Liverpool, N. S., yesterday, and reports having picked up in a gale of wind six men and their dories of the French fishing vessel La Normande of St. Pierre, on Bank Quero, May 2.

The captain said that in another half an hour those men would have perished. The rescued men were sent to the French consul at Halifax.

New Fish Concern.

The Cape Cod Fishing Co., of Yarmouthport, Mass., has been incorporated with a capitalization of \$15,000. Directors are: Stephen W. Fuller and Grace W. Fuller, of Yarmouthport; George M. Faulkner, of Brookline, and Mary E. Mullen, of Cambridge.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Prairie sold to the American Halibut Company for 14 1-2 cents for white and 10 1-4 cents for gray.

Former Local Craft Libelled.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason of New York, formerly owned at this port was libelled on April 24 by three members of its crew at Georgia. They contended they are due \$27.44 each as part of the profits. Leslie Nightingale, Tony Nelson and Henry Perry are the libellants. They shipped at Fernandina and Brunswick. They claimed the master of the schooner intended to sail the following day. E. Brix is master and Frank Montaner of New York owner of the vessel.

Portland Fishing News.

Sch. Edmund F. Black arrived in the harbor Sunday, with her fore topsail torn from its fastenings and otherwise damaged from rough weather experienced while on the banks. The schooner was out from this port 10 days and it was only during the last few days that the schooner was forced to battle against heavy winds. While returning from the grounds, the schooner ran into the stiff wind of the latter part of last week, and it was during her battle with this wind that her fore topsail was carried away. She had one of the largest trips brought in by local fishermen for some time, however, her fare totalling up to about 35,000 pounds, and her crew were at work the greater part of yesterday, taking out the fish.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, April 21.—The market here is quiet, but steady. As long as arrivals continue in the present moderate scale we do not apprehend any decline in values. Medium and small cod are in greater demand than the large variety, of which there are fair supplies on hand. The inquiry for pollock still continues with stocks in small supply.

We quote as follows on net ex-wharf: Large and medium codfish, \$35; small codfish, \$34.50 to \$35; pollock and haddock, \$23.50 to \$24.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

We Never Lost It.

The removal from Boston to Gloucester of one of the largest concerns in the world engaged in the fish business is significant, for it is evident that the old city is regaining some of its lost prestige, and the future may see a revival of the fish business in all its branches.—Fishing Gazette.

Going to Cape North.

Capt. Joseph Lacey is fitting sch. Aloha for a Cape North shacking trip.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Independence II, arrived at Louisburg Saturday and cleared.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver arrived at Liverpool Saturday and cleared for fishing.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Clintonia arrived at Canso Saturday.

Schs. Conqueror and James W. Parker arrived at Shelburne Saturday and cleared.

Bait and Ice Reports.

Souris, May 2.—Wind north, north coast clear except strip ice mile wide; eastern coast clear, hundred herring to boat, traps out today.

Amherst Harbor, May 2.—Ice Pleasant Bay still stationary from Sandy Hook to Have-Aux-Basque; strip ice on north side of Eatand Dunord; no bait reported from anywhere; Grand Entry from Grindstone clear of ice.

Going to Bay of Islands.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgson is being fitted out for a trip to Newfoundland for a cargo of salt cod and herring for her owners, the Cunningham & Thompson Company.

SHAD NETS.

A Bath fisherman who makes shad nets has used during the past month 81,200 feet of cotton rope, 600 leads and 600 corks on cork rope. The result has been a mile and a half of shad net.

Sixteen Seiners Have Gone South.

The fleet of mackerel seiners now to the southward number 16 crafts, while there are six vessels here at present being fitted for seining.

Following is a list of the fleet and skippers engaged in the fishery:

- Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firt
- Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber.
- Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archie Devine.
- Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Martin L. Welch.
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank Hall.
- Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Seavy.
- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben Cameron.
- Sch. Victor, Capt. John F. Vautier
- Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire.

- Sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson
- Str. Thelma, Capt. Elroy Prior.
- Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Ambrose Fleet.

- Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Louis Carritt.

- Sch. Arabia, Capt. William Bissert
- Str. Lois H. Corkum, Capt. William Corkum.

- Sch. Corsair, Capt. George G. Hamor.

These vessels are fitting:

- Sch. Emperor, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.

- Sch. Pythian, Capt. Solomon Jacobs
- Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Wallace Walker.

- Sch. Pinta, Capt. Daniel Grady.
- Sch. Corona, Capt. Wallace Parsons.
- Sch. Romance, Capt. John Hickey.
- Str. Bessie M. Dugan, Capt. Douglas McLean.

AS THINGS LOOK IN SALT FISH

There was little change in the market for salt fish this week, with quotations remaining the same as previously reported, says the Fishing Gazette. Codfish is somewhat stronger with prices stiffly maintained. Shipments to Porto Rico have fallen off during the week, and some jobbers are of the opinion that they will be even lighter later on. Advices from Gloucester, this week are to the effect that the cod fishing is progressing very slowly, due to cold, stormy weather and heavy ice floes. Jobbers say there are practically no new fish in sight yet and that prices will remain stationary for the next 30 days. Reports from St. John's, Newfoundland, say that the balance of last year's stock of dry codfish is slowly shrinking, there is no more to come in from the outports, and clean stores will be in order long before any new goods are available. Considering the extremely high price to consumers, the Newfoundland fish now held in Southern Europe is going out very well and all will be disposed of at paying figures if not unduly pressed on the consumer. In view of the large Norwegian catch this winter, it is a good thing for the Newfoundland fish market that so small a stock is being carried over.