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**MARCH RECEIPTS SHOW GOOD GAIN**

**Landings Here During April About Equal Those of Same Month Last Year.**

A comparative statement of the landings of fish at this port during the months of March and April of this year and 1913 is given in the following statistical reports issued by Secretary Brown of the Board of Trade:

March.		April.	
1914.	1913.	1914.	1913.
Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
cod .....	78,338	587,760	491,510
haddock .....	452,994	1,709,868	2,144,800
halibut .....	255,157	236,709	446,798
haddock .....	2,339,015	2,067,065	1,323,465
haddock .....	2,285	2,990	15,800
hake .....	14,558	83,795	168,561
hake .....	8,875	1,570	4,850
cusk .....	84,805	167,047	205,107
cusk .....	5,015	260	2,515
pollock .....	62,187	203,286	566,675
pollock .....	809	1,502	4,150
fish .....	7,935	852	515
Total .....	3,311,973	5,062,704	5,374,746
herring .....			515 1-2

**LOOKS BLUE AT THE MAGDALENS**

Encouraging news comes from Cape North fleet and it is looking blue and bluer all the time. From reports the ice is still hanging and the Magdalens and where it cleared, bait is scarce. Last year, the first arrival home from Cape North was Capt. John ... in sch. Independence II, who ... here May 12 with a fare of ... pounds of salt cod. The first ... and salt fare was that of sch. ... Capt. William Corkum, who ... 80,000 pounds salt cod, 26,000 ... fresh halibut and 15,000 pounds ... cod.

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**SMALL FLEET NOW IN PORT**

There are now but 22 of the larger type of fishing vessels in port. Of these, about 11 are getting ready for trips or have just arrived in port with fish. The remainder are tied up at the wharves without any immediate prospects of being fitted out for fishing. When those who are now getting ready to sail, get away, the harbor will present an unusually bare appearance. The only thing that will enliven the harbor will be the arrival of the southern seiners who may come in for a few days to fit for the Cape Shore or some of the fleet of halibut-ers. The Cape North shakers will not be due for a few weeks yet.

Those which are now fitting out or are being painted up preparatory to being fitted out or which have just arrived and the branch of the fisheries they will pursue, follows: Sch. Aloha, shacking; sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, haddocking; sch. Olga, cod trapping; schs. Harvard and Esperanto, seining; sch. Essex, Newfoundland; sch. Yankee, shore; sch. Leonora Silveira, haddocking; sch. Jorgina, haddocking; sch. Kinco, halibuting; sch. Harriett, shacking.

Those which are hauled up are sch. Arkona, at the Cunningham & Thompson plant; sch. Matchless, which is for sale, at Leighton's wharf; sch. Mildred Robinson, at the Atlantic Maritime; sch. Ella G. King and sch. Gossip at the Gorton-Pew plant; sch. Galatea, at the Gas Company's wharf; sch. Mattie Winship and sch. Carrie C. at Bradley's; sch. Manhasett which is to have an engine installed; sch. Thomas Brundage, at Whalen's wharf; sch. Priscilla at Rocky Neck.

**Yankees Seek Terms.**

The Gloucester and Boston newspapers continue to devote a lot of space to an agitation which is now in the acute stage in that section, with the object of securing some concessions in Canadian and Newfoundland waters which will make it easier for the American fishermen to carry on their industry henceforth. The American fishermen claim that now Canadian and Newfoundland fish is admitted into American markets, they should get free bait and other advantages such as were proposed under Reciprocity, and they are doing their utmost to induce the American Government to set on foot overtures to Canada and Newfoundland with this object in view.—St. John's, N. F., Herald.

**Good Fish Fares at Yarmouth.**

Fishermen along the Yarmouth part of the Nova Scotia coast have done well during the past week, getting good fares of all kinds of fish which have sold at good prices.

Saturday three vessels of the Amiraute fleet landed upwards of 25,000 pounds of mixed fish.

A small motor boat manned by three men went out Saturday morning and returned in the afternoon with their catch which realized \$38.

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**Medical Relief for Fishermen.**

The suggestion made two years ago by A. Piatt Andrew that a hospital ship be furnished for the fishing fleet, and that the first test of practicability be made with a revenue cutter during the summer months, is bearing fruit, but not as rapidly as could be desired. Mr. Andrew was then assistant secretary of the treasury; today he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Essex district against Mr. Gardner, but the latter has, in a characteristic manner, repeated the suggestion, given due credit to its author, and urged that it be acted upon.

The bill calling for the establishment of such a vessel has been sent back to the Senate from the committee on fisheries on the point that the matter belongs for consideration to the committee on public health and national quarantine. There should be no unnecessary delay in committee or by the Congress. The proposition is practical, and through the temporary use of a revenue cutter the work need not be expensive.

Every member of the Massachusetts delegation in Congress should take an active interest in behalf of the project.—Boston Journal.

**Ice Field of 450 Miles.**

Ice fields of unusual length, lying off the Newfoundland coast and the Grand Bank, were reported by Capt. Agassiz of the steamship Uranium, which put in at Halifax on her voyage from Rotterdam for New York. Capt. Agassiz's observations and those of the revenue cutter Seneca, which is maintaining an ice patrol, shows the presence of a broken field of ice more than 450 miles long.

**Portland Fishing News.**

Fish were exceedingly scarce Tuesday, and but one schooner came into port. She was the Dorcas and had about 6000 pounds of mixed fish. She took out at Willard's and a good price was paid for her fare. There were not many small arrivals in port either yesterday, the total amount taken out during the day not exceeding 20,000.

**Sch. Nellie Dixon Going Seining.**

Sch. Nellie Dixon is fitting at Boston for mackerel seining under Capt. Rufus McKay and will probably get away next week.

**Going Cod Trapping.**

Capt. Al Evans is fitting sch. Olga for a cod trapping trip to the Labrador coast.

**Bait and Ice Report.**

Queensport, May 11.—One to two hundred herring to a boat today, no ice. Amherst Harbor, May 11.—At Amherst, Grindstone, Grandentry, no herring, few at House Harbor, no vessels to bait, plenty herring in traps at Etang du Nord, no ice. Souris, P. E. I., May 11.—North and east coast free of ice, herring scarce.

**Bringing Codfish.**

Sch. T. M. Nicholson cleared May 5 from Channel, N. F., taking 1817 qtls. of salt bulk fish for T. M. Nicholson, of Bucksport, Maine.

**Few Netters In.**

The following arrivals are at New York this morning: On Time, 1100 fresh mackerel. Florida, 1200 fresh mackerel. Lewis Totman, 900 fresh mackerel.

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**Pensacola Fishing News.**

Thirteen crafts arrived at this market with red snapper and grouper during the last week. Nine of the vessels come to E. E. Saunders & Co., and four to the Warren Fish Co. The combined catch of the vessels of the two companies was 271,740 pounds. Of this quantity, 187,190 pounds were red snapper and 84,550 pounds grouper. The total catch of vessels of the Saunders fleet was 162,020 pounds, of which 112,360 pounds was red snapper and 49,660 pounds grouper. The hauls of E. E. Saunders & Co., were made in nine vessels, against four trips by the vessels of the Warren Fish Co. The last named company had a total of 109,720 pounds of fish, of which 74,830 pounds were red snapper and 34,890 pounds grouper.

The largest haul of the week was made by the sch. Chicopee, of the Warren fleet. She brought 37,235 pounds of fish to port, of which 16,905 pounds were red snapper and 20,370 pounds groupers. The smallest haul made by a Warren vessel was 7,875 pounds, of which 6,145 pounds were red snapper, and 1,440 pounds grouper.

The biggest haul made by a schooner of E. E. Saunders & Co., was 31,855 pounds, of which 24,020 pounds were red snapper and 7,835 pounds groupers. The smallest haul of any of the Saunders boats was 3,650 pounds, of which 2,350 pounds were red snapper and 1,300 pounds of grouper. The biggest individual haul of red snapper and groupers was made by vessels of the Warren fleet. The catches were:

E. E. Saunders & Co.—John M. Keen, 19,795 pounds red snapper, 6,040 pounds grouper; Ida S. Brock, 11,275 pounds red snapper, 7,525 pounds grouper; Seaconnet, 11,370 pounds red snapper, 16,330 pounds grouper; Wallace McDonald, 9,780 pounds red snapper, 2,825 pounds grouper; Clara M. Littlefield, 17,455 pounds red snapper, 1,490 pounds grouper; Mary E. Cooney, 24,020 pounds red snapper, 7,835 pounds grouper; Set Em, 3,515 pounds red snappers, 1,315 pounds grouper; Nautilus, 2,350 pounds red snapper, 1300 pounds grouper.

**Arrivals at Rockport.**

These fresh fish fares were landed by the boats at Rockport yesterday: Sloop Klondike, 2200 pounds; Lena May, 1100 pounds; City of Everett, 2000 pounds; Grace E. Freeman, 1000 pounds; Marguerite S. McKenzie, 1600 pounds.

**Had Fresh Cod Instead of Salt.**

The first fare from Cape North last year was landed by sch. Independence II. Capt. John McInnis, who brought 170,000 pounds fresh cod, instead of salt cod, as was stated in yesterday's issue.

**Ice and Bait Report.**

Souris, May 12—No ice north of eastern coast, herring scarce in nets. Traps report 10 barrels only, extra large fish. Queensport, May 12—Herring fair today, no ice. Amherst Harbor, May 12—No herring, House Harbor Grandentry Grindstone, few in nets at Amherst, Etang du Nord some herring in traps four vessels baiting, no ice.

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# MARSALA HAS A FINE FARE

## Georgesman Hails For 25,000 Pounds There Only 30,000 Pounds This Morning—Haddock Prices are Good.

Sch. Marsala from Georges handling, which put in at Provincetown Wednesday, is here this morning, bringing a handline fare of 25,000 pounds salt cod and 7000 pounds fresh halibut.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Margaret Dillon brought down 25,000 pounds fresh fish from Boston which sold to the Booth Company to split.

Steamer Beatrice E., took a small pollock seining fare yesterday afternoon, while the Italian boats and gill netters had about 7000 pounds.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Margaret Dillon, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Marsala, Georges handling, via Provincetown, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 7000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Beatrice E., seining, 7000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Italian boats, shore, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.  
Str. Wissoe, Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lenora Silveira, haddocking.  
Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

### 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; medipm, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

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

Hake, \$1.25.  
Cusk, large, \$1.75 medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Fresh halibut, 11½c lb. for white, and 9½c lb. for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl.

#### Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Marsala sold to the American Halibut Company for 11½ cents for white, and 9½ cents for gray.

# DEARTH OF FISH AT NEW PIER

## Only 30,000 Pounds There This Morning—Haddock Prices are Good.

One beam trawler and three small shore fares comprised the fish receipts at the new Boston fish pier this morning. Steamer Billow brought only 15,000 pounds, while the combined catches of the other three was only 30,000 pounds.

Prices on haddock still remain good, shore grades selling from \$4 to \$5 a hundred weight. Other wholesale quotations were \$3 for large and \$1.75 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake, \$1.75 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Billow, 10,500 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 6000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 6000 hake, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 700 cod.

Sch. Evangeline, 600 cod, 1000 halibut.

Haddock, \$4 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50, halibut, 11 cents for white and gray.

# ONE CRAFT BAIT AT MAGDALENS

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Daniel McDonald of the halibuting fleet, has reached the Magdalenes, being the first American craft to bait there this year as far as is known.

A dispatch to Capt. Jerome McDonald states that the craft baited May 5. Only a few crafts were there, the dispatch says, and bait was very scarce indeed. Whether any of the local fleet were among the number, Capt. McDonald did not say.

### SARDINE HERRINGS ARRIVE.

#### Maine Canneries Have Begun Operations on a Limited Scale.

Sardine herrings have at last struck in along the Maine coast, and already several Eastport canneries have begun operations on a limited scale, employing about 350 of the long-idle help. On May 5 about 125 hogheads of herring were received, for which as high as \$25 a hoghead was paid, but with steadily increasing supplies the price has dropped considerably, and within a few days it is expected that normal conditions will be reached. The herrings have been reported as schooling as far east as Boothbay, and at various points from there eastward to Passamaquoddy Bay.

It is now announced that the great sardine plant at Chamcock, N. B., which was built a few years ago at the cost of \$500,000, will not resume operations this season.

# STEAM TRAWLERS DEplete SOLE

The following extract from the "Fish Trades Gazette" of London, England, has an especial interest for Nova Scotia fishermen at the present time.

"Occasionally," says the writer, "one sees other species of sole exposed for sale in London, but, so far as the writer is aware, not in Manchester. These are southern species differing markedly from the common sole. They belong to the general Plagusia and Cynoglossus, and are brought to the home markets by steam trawlers working the Moroccan grounds. It is extremely doubtful whether these fish can be captured in sufficient numbers to replace the common sole if the latter should become much scarcer in the future. How far the Irish Sea can withstand the enormous and rapidly increasing steam fishery is doubtful. The high-water mark of sole production was a little over 650 tons in 1912. The detailed statistics for 1913 are not yet available, but there seems certain to be a decrease as compared with 1912, and this in spite of an enormous increase in the instruments of capture. The proportion of small soles landed is now from 20 to 26 per cent. of the whole catch. One does not wish to take an alarmist view of the sole fishery, but that some further regulations is unavoidable in the future if the fishery is to be maintained permanently is a conclusion that one is forced to come to. The majority of trawler owners and fish dealers are strongly against the landing or sale of undersized fish of any kind, and they deplore as much as anyone the destruction that at present takes place."

### Bay of Island's Notes.

The prospects is that the spring will be one of the latest on record. The ice in the Bay is as solid as in January and it cannot get out before mid-May. People cutting fish holes last week say it is 22 inches thick.

Reports come weekly from Capt. Barry and Engineer Carter of Summerside now on board the U. S. tug Potomac, near Twin Islands, in St. John Bay. They hope to bring her safely into port later.

The herring at North and Middle Arms are fairly abundant, of excellent quality, but none are got save through ice.

The spring fishery will be short this year as other work will be on before the men can set their nets.

### Portland Fishing News.

But few fish were landed Wednesday outside of the fare brought in by the schooner Topsail Girl, the few netters that went out steaming back as fast as possible with very light catches. The Topsail Girl, which has been away about a week, brought in over 200,000 pounds, including a halibut weighing 103 pounds, which was caught with a hook by Forrest Curat, one of the crew, who was unable to get it into his dory, finally putting the painter through the mouth of the fish and towing it alongside the schooner.

### Urges Dogfish for Food.

"Eat fish and reduce the cost of living," is a suggestion of Commissioner McDougald, chairman of the Dominion Commission, which was in St. John, N. B., inquiring into prices and conditions.

Speaking of the results of the investigation so far, he said that the evidence seemed to indicate that while the price of beef was advancing steadily with no prospect of stopping, the cost of fish food had not been increased in proportion.

It appears that the use of more fish in place of meat, would help to reduce household bills, and would be beneficial from a health standpoint.

### Rose Blanche Fishery.

Between Rose Blanche and Pettit the total codfish catch is 9,900 tons and for last week 520. Sixty-four boats and skiffs are fishing and also boats. Four bankers have arrived. Prospects at present are good, but there is no bait, all the frozen squid having been used. Some of the boats are using salt squid and find it as good as herring. Boats get from four to nine quintals per day of offer bank.—Western Star, May 1.

### Herring Still Scarce.

A message received by the Fisheries Department yesterday from W. Parsons, Harbor Breton, says: "Herring have been seen, but none have been hauled. The netters are getting a barrel and a half daily.—St. John N. F., Herald, May 8.

### Good Halibut Stock.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, stocked \$3650.74 on her recent halibuting trip. The average stock was \$80.35, and the high share those having handline fish, \$100.35.

### Bait at Edgartown.

Sch. Rex baited and sailed for Edgartown Saturday for halibuting. Plenty of alewives are reported at Edgartown which are selling at 50 cents a hundred.

### Poor Report from Lunenburg.

The reports from the Lunenburg fishermen are not very encouraging. Bait is scarce and drift ice very prevalent. The schooner Warren G. Peters, Captain Richard Silver, caught in a crush of ice floes and in rather a serious predicament, rescued by a passing tug. This occurred while going out to the berth. The schooner was jammed tight in the floes that her crew were driven quite a distance from hull.

### SEALSHIPT SALE ORDERED.

#### Authority Given in U. S. District Court for Massachusetts Property.

Receivers for the Sealshipt System were authorized by Judge Eaton in the United States District Court to sell the property of the system in Massachusetts. On May 1 the receivers were given permission in the United States Court for the Eastern District of New York to sell all the property in its jurisdiction on June 20. Pierre M. Brown and William H. Raye were made receivers in Massachusetts. A report has been filed in Boston by the receivers on hand April 1 amounting to \$119,516.