

THOUGHTS TURN TO CAPE SHORE

Expect Bulk of Southern Fleet Home Soon to Fit For All Important Trip—Capt. Ralph Webber at New York With His Fourth Fare.

The only seining arrival at New York is sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, which tied up at Fulton dock yesterday noon with 3000 lbs. of fish. This is Capt. Webber's fourth trip of the season.

The Merchant took her fish 20 miles east of Barnegat lightship and reports a few small fish showing. Most any day now, the advance of the fleet will be arriving to fit for the Cape Shore. The word down there is necessarily generally beginning May 23 and lasting to about June 20 and of course the crafts generally figure to be on the grounds at the beginning of the month.

First Cape Shore Fish Last Year.

Last year, May 15, 15 barrels of fresh mackerel were received at New York from Yarmouth, N. S., being

the first receipts from there that season.

One Netter In.

The only mackerel netter at New York today is the Julietta with 1300 lbs. of fresh mackerel.

Some Fish Overland.

Fulton Market this morning also received 3000 large fresh mackerel overland from Atlantic City.

The Catch Thus Far.

During the past week, the southern fleet of seiners and netters landed 913 barrels fresh mackerel, mostly at New York and Cape May.

The corresponding week of last year the mackerel fleet landed 3647 barrels fresh and two barrels salt mackerel. The fish were mostly large and sales were made at 23 cents each.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date has been 2847 barrels as compared with 3647 barrels for the same period of 1913.

FIRST SHACK TRIP AT BOOTH CONCERN

Work on remodelling and fitting up of the Booth Fisheries Company plant at Leighton wharf property, Wharf No. 1, is being hustled to completion under the direction of John Kincaid of Boston, the company's agent and manager. Grant, who has been secured as manager of the concern in this city.

Yesterday the company took in its first trip of fish here, sch. Margaret Dillon bringing down from Boston 25,000 pounds fresh fish, which went to split. It will be several weeks yet before the company is fully equipped. When ready the concern will have one of the best appointed stands to do business, anywhere to be found.

Fitting Out.

Sch. Esperanto has been fitted out by Capt. Chris Carrigan for seining. Victor P. Oliver has fitted sch. Esperanto for a single dory fresh shack.

McLean Fitting Sch. Norma.

James McLean is fitting sch. Norma for seining and Capt. Charles Grant has given her up after making a trip pollock seining.

Back From Eastward.

R. J. Killick which has been sent to the eastward has returned.

Has Engine Installed.

Sch. Harvard has had a 36 horsepower engine installed and is fitted out for seining. It has not been decided who the captain will be.

Bait and Ice Report.

Queensport, N. S., May 13—Herring scarce today. No ice.

Amherst Harbor, M. I., May 13—Plenty of herring at Amherst, Grindstone, House Harbor and at Etang Du Nord. None at Grand Entry. No ice.

Landed Herring

Str. Nora B. Robinson landed 10 barrels large shore herring at Rockport last evening.

ITALIAN BOATS HAD GOOD DAY MEN RESCUED WERE HELPLESS

No Off Shore Trips Here—Only a Few Gill Netters Going.

Outside of the Italian boats and few remaining gill netters, there were no arrivals at this port up to noon today.

The Italian fishermen had a good day yesterday, their landings being mostly hake. The fares of the gill netters went to split.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Italian boats, shore, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Marjie Turner, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, Boston.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, Boston.

Str. Cromwell, Newport News.

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 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.

Story to Build New Vessel.

A. D. Story will build a new vessel at his Essex yards of about 130 tons gross for Capt. John Hickey of former sch. Terranova. The craft will be constructed something after the lines of sch. Premier.

Going in Sch. Juniata.

Capt. William Foley, is fitting sch. Juniata for seining. Capt. Foley was seining in sch. Squanto last year.

Going Seining.

Capt. Joseph Lacy is fitting sch. Aloha for seining instead of for shackling as was his purpose originally.

Speaking of the rescue of six French fishermen on Quero, recently, by sch. Jorgina, of this port, the North Sydney Herald says.

Six French fishermen off the schooner Lanormande, belonging to St. Pierre, arrived here last week, and are being cared for by French Consul Ed. Lacroix until their vessel arrives here for bait. The men strayed away from their vessel while fishing on the Quero Bany, May second, and after drifting helplessly about in their dory for 48 hours, were picked up in a famished condition by the Gloucester schooner Jorgina, who landed them at Liverpool, from which place they came here. Their rescue was effected not a moment too soon, as the exposure so long to the elements and shortage of food and water left them in a pitiable condition.

While on board the Gloucester craft the men were kindly cared for, and they are anxious to have their gratitude made public. This is the second incident of a similar nature to happen so far this month to the French fleet. On the same day the aforementioned men were rescued, the schooner Jeanne d'Arc was rammed by the brigantine Gallantry, some 25 miles off the harbor entrance. The schooner went down almost instantly, her crew of 26 men barely escaping with their lives, being rescued by the crew of the brigantine.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray arrived at Liverpool Tuesday and cleared.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream arrived at Mulgrave Tuesday and cleared.

Sch. Tattler arrived at Shelburne Tuesday and cleared for fishing.

Schs. Bohemia, Annie M. Parker, Squanto and James W. Parker sailed from Canso Tuesday for Magdalens.

Schs. Thomas S. Gorton, Onato, Senator Gardner, Elsie, Ingomar, Natalie Hammond, Bay State, Squanto Admiral Dewey, Muriel, Flora S. Nickerson and Preceptor arrived at Hawkesbury Wednesday and cleared. There was also a large fleet of Provincial vessels sailed.

Sch. Clintonia sailed from there the same day.

Schs. Moonam, Romona, Sylvania, Smuggler, J. J. Flaherty, Athlete, Juno and Maxine Elliott sailed from Canso Wednesday.

Pigeon Cove Arrivals.

The only arrival at Pigeon Cove yesterday was the Nautilus with 1400 pounds fresh fish.

Thursday the Nettle brought in 2700 pounds, while the dory fishermen had 1000 pounds.

Weeks' Receipts at New Pier.

Receipts of fresh groundfish at Boston for the week ending May 15 amounted to 1,273,350 pounds from 40 arrivals as compared with 1,291,500 pounds from 39 fares for the corresponding week of 1913.

BOSTON HAS 5000 POUNDS

Tame Ending for a Week of Light Receipts at New Fish Pier.

Fish receipts at the new fish pier this morning were hardly enough to talk about, one sloop landing less than 1000 pounds. Yesterday afternoon, the Laura Enos brought in 4000 pounds, the only arrivals after the morning's list.

Wholesale quotations were \$3.50 a hundred for haddock, \$3 for large and \$2 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:

- Sch. Minnie, 300 cod, 600 pollock.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 4000 cod.
- Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50.

Portland Fishing News.

A large fleet of vessels, both steam and sail, will start out from this port in search of herring as soon as they show up, they being unusually late this spring in putting in an appearance. Quite large bodies of sardine herring have been seen this week off Clapboard Island, Falmouth Foreside, but as the fish were too small for canning they were not disturbed; they will not be long, however, in reaching the desired size, and it is expected by another month there will be something doing in that line in Casco Bay. A few fish are also being taken this week in the Sheepscott river. Advices received from the eastward are to the effect that about 100 hogsheds of sardine herring are being landed daily at the canning factories at Eastport and Lubec, not one-quarter the amount usually brought in when the herring are plenty. The fish are of fine quality, and the fishermen are receiving hitherto unheard of prices, from \$22 to \$27 per hogshed. About 15 of the factories at the places above mentioned are in operation in a small way, the receipts not being large enough to warrant the opening of the other canneries. The packing season is now one month old and nothing has been practically been accomplished, but the operators at the eastward, as well as the local parties who are interested are confident that the season as a whole will prove to be a profitable one.

The beam trawler Breaker arrived in port Thursday with a fare of about 100,000 pounds of fish for the Burnham & Morrill factory. It is expected she will be the last one of the fleet to stop here for several weeks, and for the present they will land their fares at Boston, resuming their trips here later in the season.

LARGE FLEET AT NEWFOUNDLAND

Island Colony to Prosecute Fishery This Season on a Larger Scale Than Ever.

From all we can learn, the fishermen are determined to prosecute the fishery on a more extensive scale than for many years past, the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review says. This is as it should be. With the good prices received for our staple in these days, there is great inducement for our people to follow up their noble avocation. It is not now, as was the case about 20 years ago, when the fishermen were compelled to accept any price offered them. We remember about 25 years ago, a man being compelled to sell six hundred quintals of Labrador fish at one dollar and fifty cents per quintal. The same quality of fish well-cured and dried would fetch five dollars at the present day. The Labrador fisherman as well as the shore fishermen, can now conduct fishing operations far more economically and expeditiously than they could 20 or 25 years ago, when they had to depend upon mail communication about every three weeks, and utilize the chartered vessels in getting down their extra supplies from their merchants.

Today, with the wireless communication and the three splendid steamships running in connection with the Labrador service, little delay is experienced in getting their necessary supplies rushed to the coast to meet all emergencies. The high price of fish and the great demand for a good article in these days are great inducements for our people to prosecute the fishery as it should be prosecuted, and no honest or industrious planter or fisherman need fear but he will secure all the necessary supplies. The merchants require the fish to fill their contracts in foreign markets, and the fishermen require employment and good prices, and all that is necessary is for supplier and supplied to work harmoniously together, and then everything will go ahead successfully, and our country and her people becomes more successful as time rolls on.

After all, the interests of the supplier and supplied are identical, and one cannot make a success out of our greatest industry without the assistance of the other. For the past six or eight years' fair prices have been realized, both by the fishermen at home and the merchants in foreign markets. In fact, seldom have better prices been given for the suitably cured and dried article, although there had been an exception in 1814, when the price of fish reached the top-notch of two pounds per quintal. But this was a really exceptional year, and the high prices may be attributed to the Napoleonic wars, and the lack of supplies in Spain and Portugal.

But to turn out a first-class article, our people should see that the pickled fish should be a thing of the past, as flavour and general appearance are not up to the standard, and do not

please the palates of our friends in sunny Spain, Portugal, Italy, etc., who, in these days, know a good thing when they see it. Our fishermen have the destiny of our country in their own hands to a great extent, and for the benefit of all concerned, let them see to it, that nothing but a first-class article will be shipped to the foreign markets during the coming summer. Better to hold over their cargoes for a month than ship an inferior article, and thus jeopardize the success of our great industry and play into the hands of our rivals the Norwegians.

NEW T WHARF AS RIVAL OF NEW FISH PIER

The new \$3,000,000 fish pier in South Boston is to have opposition, and there is a great deal of anxiety and heartburning among the wholesale fish dealers who have plunged heavily in the new market. The opposition market will be located at T Wharf, where for thirty years the fish business of the port was carried on exclusively.

The backers of the new project are all well known in the fish trade and have formed a corporation with a capital of \$30,000 to lease and repair the old T Wharf and sub-let stores thereon. The incorporators are Thomas McManus, the best known designer of fishing vessels in New England; Francis C. Welch, wharf trustee; Elias A. Malone and Sylvester Whalen, vessel owners and outfitters; Arthur E. Rowe, a prominent Gloucester fish dealer; Jay O. Richards of Lexington, L. Holbrook Tourtellotte of Marlboro and G. Rio of Boston. The name of the corporation is the T Wharf Supply and Rental Company.

Already the new concern has made a beginning in repairing the old stores on the wharf and improving the sanitary conditions, which have been very bad for years. One store is already occupied by the T Wharf Fish Company, a branch of one of the houses at the new pier, and has been doing business for some time. A detached building at the upper end of the wharf has been fitted up as a market for the shore fishermen, for the most part Sicilians, of the famous motor dory fleet.

The men back of the new project say that it will succeed because of the lower cost of doing business at T wharf, because masters of fishing vessels find the new dock too exposed in any kind of a big wind, and the convenient situation of the old wharf.

The dealers who left the old wharf and invested heavily in the new, believing that there would be no other market and that all the dealers would be on the same business footing, are greatly disturbed over the new turn of affairs. They realize that the new crowd will be under very much less overhead expense and will be in a fair way to make it lively for them.

From Boston American May 16

Norwegian Fishery.

The latest figures from Norway show sixty-three and a quarter million fish while the corresponding date last year the catch was roundly fifty million fish. While this year's figures are very large, it will be noticed by those who have followed the record from the early part of the season that the catch has not been, by any means as large, relatively the last few weeks as in the early days, and the total may not round out to be any greater than it was last year after all. We note that some of the early caught Norwegian fish is already finding its way into the markets of Europe.—St. John's Trade Review.

May 18. PORTLAND FLEET AFTER HERRING

Practically the entire fleet which will engage in herring fishing this season is now out in its first attempt to bring into port fares of the small fish. It is estimated that between 25 and 30 schooners and steamers will engage in the fishing this year, and the local fishing men are looking for a good year, even though the fish were late in running. The steamers which have been engaged in the gill netting business up to this week have given up that line of fishing and some have fitted up for the herring trade. The Elthier left Friday on her first trip out of port since she departed from the gill netting fleet. One catch has been reported off Port Clyde, amounting to about 40 barrels, but the name of the craft was not made known.

Only two fish arrivals arrived Friday, the sch. Hattie and Eliza having about 10,000 pounds, while the gill netter Nashawena brought in the small fare of about 4000 pounds. The Nashawena is about the only gill netting steamer in the business at the present time, the majority of them leaving this trade for sardine fishing or after pollock.

SOME HERRING AT MAGDALENS

Souris, May 14—North and east coast clear of ice, herring scarce
Queensport, May 14—Herring scarce today, no ice.

Amherst Harbor, May 14—Herring at Amherst, Etang du Nord, Grindstone and House Harbor, some at Grandentry, also very few vessels in.

Queensport, May 15—Herring scarce today, no ice.
Amherst Harbor, May 15—Herring at Amherst, scarce at Grindstone, some at Etang du Nord, some at House Harbor, nor at Grandentry, very few vessels baiting.

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