

TRAPS FULL ON THE CAPE SHORE

One at Yarmouth Had So Many Mackerel Yesterday It Could Not Be Hauled—Weather Continues Fine—Few Netters at Newport.

Things are looking brighter each Monday on the Cape Shore and yesterday the Yarmouth traps took 200 barrels of fresh mackerel, the largest catch of the season. One of the traps was so full, a dispatch says that the fishermen were unable to purse it and will try again today to remove the catch.

The weather according to reports has been fine the past few days and our vessels should be in the vicinity where the fish are schooling. Schs. Saladin and Esperanto were reported at Halifax Tuesday.

Newport Arrivals.

Arrivals at Newport this morning included steamer Joanna, 3800 fish; Alice, 800 fresh mackerel; Little Fannie, 1300 fresh mackerel; Ada Morrow, 600 fresh mackerel; Stella, 800 fresh mackerel.

Big Catch at Cranberry Head Trap.

The first big stop of mackerel on the Nova Scotia coast this season took place Monday when the Cranberry Head trap at Yarmouth took 40 barrels, the Sandford trap 30 and the Byrns Point trap at Port Maitland 50 barrels. Owing to the bad weather the men were unable to take all the fish from the traps, probably not more than half. The westerly wind of the last few days is bringing the fish in and a big catch is looked for.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, May 12.—Prices do not show any signs of weakening despite the fact that arrivals of the last three weeks aggregate 3300 casks of dry fish, on the contrary, in certain sections cod has attained prohibitive limits, and our impression is that our market will continue to rule strong unless influenced adversely by consignments of inferior stuffs.

We quote our usual net ex-wharf prices as follows: Large and medium codfish, \$35 to \$36; small codfish, \$35, and pollock and haddock, \$24 to \$24.50.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

Norway's Fishery.

A message to the Deputy Minister of Customs, Mr. LeMessurier, this morning, gives the figures of the Norwegian Fisher up to Saturday as 66,800,000 against 59,200,000 of same date last year. The fishery has been dropping the past month and by the time it is over, about the end of June, will probably not be any greater than last year.—St. John's Herald, May 18.

Salt Fish.

Conditions in the salt fish market are not of any more reassuring nature than reported last week, the Fishing Gazette says. The shortage of both cod and herring continues, and spot supplies are said to be almost exhausted. Dealers say that the first arrivals of new cured Lunenburg catch are sure to bring high prices, but it is rather difficult to say just what the figures will be at the present time. Unseasonable ice conditions are reported still prevailing at the fishing grounds, many bergs and unusually large fields of ice begin reported northeast of the Grand Banks. The Labrador current has been very strong this season and the Gulf Stream correspondingly weak. As a result the cold water has extended 75 miles south of the nominal line for this time of year.

Imports of codfish at Malaga have been diminishing for some years, owing to the development of the local industry (in which, besides sailing vessels, there are now 24 steam trawlers engaged) and to the great improvement in transportation by refrigerator cars. The Malaga market demands cheapness, rather than quality. Codfish pays a duty of \$2.35 per 112 pounds. French codfish from Bordeaux and Fecamp on the west and north, and Port Bou on the Mediterranean, does not seem well adapted to this climate, and little is brought here when Labrador can be obtained at ordinary prices. It also is suitable only for winter use. Two kinds are imported under the name of cod, but one is stated to be dried haddock. The latter sells at \$5.88 to \$6.57, and the former at \$7.36 to \$8.04 per cwt.

The Norwegian Catch.

Up to the end of last week the total catch of the Norwegian codfishing fleet was 63,000,000 fish, as against 49,000,000 at this time last year. Naturally the expectation is that this great increase will depress the world's markets, but there are so many other factors to be considered, it is difficult indeed to forecast what the reduction will be.—Halifax Maritime Merchant.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Veda M. McKown, and Pinta arrived at Halifax Monday last and cleared.

FEW ARRIVALS AND TRADE DULL

There's Very Little Doing Today at the New Fish Pier.

There was but little doing in the trade line at the new fish pier today, only a few arrivals being on hand.

The Provincetown sch. Rose Dorothea, brought in 18,000 pounds fresh halibut, which sold at eight cents for white and six cents for gray and 46,000 pounds fresh cod. Other arrivals were schs. Matthew S. Greer, 33,000 pounds; Virginia, 38,000 pounds; Good Luck, drifting, 32,000 pounds; Hattie A. Heckman, drifting, 28,000 pounds.

Dealers quoted \$1.25 to \$1.50 a hundred for haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 for large and \$1.50 to \$1.60 for market cod, 75 cents for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Good Luck, 600 haddock, 31,000 cod.
- Sch. Rose Dorothea, 46,000 cod, 18,000 halibut.
- Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 26,000 cod, 2500 pollock.
- Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 19,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Virginia, 700 haddock, 38,000 cod.

Haddock \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.60; pollock, 75c.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.
- Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
- Drift cod, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers \$1.50.
- Haddock, \$2.00.
- Hake, \$1.80.
- Pollock, \$1.75.
- Flitched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Fresh Fish.

- Splitting prices:
- Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
- Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.
- Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.
- All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
- Hake, \$1.25.
- Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.
- Pollock, \$1.
- Small pollock, 75c per bbl.
- Fresh halibut, 9c lb. for white, and 7c lb. for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.50 to salt. Fresh mackerel, 11c per lb.

ROBINSON BOAT IS SOME FLYER

Setting a new sailing record for the Behring sea codfish fleet, the sch. Wamona of the Robinson Fisheries Company of Anacortes, made the passage from Cape Flattery to Sanak Island near the entrance to Behring sea in the remarkably short time of eight days. This information was received last week by W. F. Robinson, president of the Robinson Fisheries, from Capt. Charles Foss, who is in command of the new flagship of the Robinson fleet on her maiden voyage as a codfisher.

Capt. Foss reports that the Wamona passed Cape Flattery on April 1st and with exceptionally favorable winds and weather sighted Sanak Island on April 8. Sanak Island is the Unimak pass, which is the entrance to the Bering sea, the codfishing grounds.

The Wamona was held outside the pass for several days on account of head winds and calms. She put to Dutch Harbor to take on sundry supplies and the letter from Capt. Enos was written at that place on April 16.

The captain spoke enthusiastically of the new Robinson flagship in a letter. He said she made 11 or 12 knots an hour without any effort. Capt. Foss stated that the Wamona was to weigh anchors for the following day, or on April 17.

Want Seiners Citizens.

The purse seiners of Puget Sound as well as fishermen from other sections of Washington, are very much exercised over the rigid enforcement by the state fish commissioner of a law requiring that any person engaging in the fishing industry in the state must either be a citizen or declare his intention a year prior to engaging in the industry.

This law has been on the statute books for some time, but the general impression amongst the fishermen was that it applied alone to the owners or those in charge of the operation of the vessels and gear, and not to persons hired as ordinary fishermen and deck hands, and this same impression was doubtless current in the state authorities as no effort was made to apply the law to these persons until several months ago, when Attorney General construed the law to mean that it applied to every one except possibly cooks.

While the fishermen do not complain of the law itself, in fact, they regard it as an excellent measure, they are that as this misunderstanding of the law was general, those now engaged in the fisheries ought to be granted sufficient time to conform to the law, and not be prevented nearly a year from prosecuting their only work with which they are familiar.

A rigid enforcement of the law during the coming season will result in driving the ineligible fishermen of Alaska, and the local fishermen have to employ green crews, which in this construction of the law is in abeyance until next fall all the now ineligible will be in a position to conform to the strictest interpretation of the act.

May 29
**QUICK TRIP
FROM CHANNEL**

**h. Gladys and Nellie, Four
Days Out, Brings Fresh
Cod Fare.**

ly four days out, sch. Gladys and
le, Capt. James Dwyer, is here this
ning from South Channel with a
are of fresh cod, halting for 60,
pounds. This is one of the quick-
trips of the spring, the fare being
n by the Cunningham & Thomp-
Company.

esterday sch. Eva and Mildred ar-
d from the Maine coast with 60,
pounds fresh hake, while down
Boston were schs. Mary E. Sen-
and Esther Gray with small fares,
the pollock seiners found fish yes-
terday, landing 50,000 pounds of large
several barrels of small pollock.
The trips went to split, the Glou-
ster Salt Fish Co., and Gorton-Pew
eries company taking the bulk of
catch.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- h. Eva and Mildred, Maine coast,
0 lbs. fresh hake.
- h. Esther Gray, via Boston, 13,000
fresh fish.
- h. Mary E. Sennett, via Boston,
0 lbs. fresh fish.
- h. Gladys and Nellie, the Channel,
lbs. fresh cod.
- h. Dolphin, gill netting, 1200 lbs.
fish.
- h. Medomak, gill netting, 3000 lbs.
fish.
- h. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 12,-
bs. fresh pollock.
- h. Gertrude T., seining, 10,000 lbs.
pollock.
- h. Unknown, seining, 1000 lbs.
pollock.
- h. Beatrice E., seining, 2700 lbs.
pollock.
- h. Herbert and Emma, seining,
lbs. fresh pollock.
- h. Independence, seining, 1000 lbs.
pollock.
- h. Alice, seining, 1300 lbs. fresh
pollock.
- h. Naomi Bruce, seining, 2600 lbs.
pollock.
- h. Anna T., seining, 2550 lbs. fresh
pollock.
- h. A. B. Nickerson, seining, 4000
fresh pollock.
- h. Advance, seining, 7525 lbs. fresh
pollock.
- h. Doris, seining, 4670 lbs. fresh
pollock.
- h. Bessie A., seining, 6000 lbs.
pollock.
- h. Gasoline boats, 50 bbls.
fresh pollock.
- h. Can boats, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh
pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Vanessa, haddocking.
Eleanor, Portland.
Cape Shore Trip Year Ago
Today.
Year ago tomorrow str. Thelma
8000 fresh mackerel in Boston
the Cape Shore, being the first
seiners to arrive from that

Will Have Cold Storage.

On urgent representations by Nor-
man Waterhouse, appearing for the
Pacific Coast Fishermen's Association,
the independent halibut fishing or-
ganization, which operates a fleet rep-
resenting an investment to \$3,000,000,
the port commission is working out
plans for a fish dock and temporary
wooden cold storage building at the
south side of the turning basin in the
East Waterway. The temporary
structure will adjoin a five-story con-
crete cold storage building to be
erected by the port to care for the
apple industry, both buildings, ac-
cord to present plans, being operated
by the same refrigerating plant.

Waterhouse has been in conference
with members of the commission for
some time. He appeared at the meet-
ing of the commission April 22, and
formally laid the whole matter before
the members. In reply Gen. H. M.
Chittenden, president of the port, an-
nounced that Paul P. Whitham, chief
engineer of the port, had been in-
structed to work out the plans men-
tioned. Whitham has already begun
work.

The independent halibut fishing or-
ganization is composed of 78 members
operating a fleet of 50 vessels. As an
example of what the industry means
to Seattle, Waterhouse declared that
the 78 members expend an aggregate
of \$20,000 a month in Seattle for the
maintenance of their families and
households.

The temporary cold storage build-
ing be used for the storage of fish
during demoralized periods in the
market. Under present conditions,
he said, halibut boats sometimes re-
turn to port to find the market so de-
moralized that they either have to
sell their catches at a big loss or
throw the fish away altogether. He
pointed out that such a condition
menaced the industry at present.

What Is a Sardine?

Says the Fishing Gazette editorially:
The question, "What is a sardine?"
is now occupying the attention of Ger-
many as well as the United States and
England. It is the subject of litigation
there on similar lines to what it has
been in this country, and the decision
has had similar effect. In accord-
ance with the procedure usual in Ger-
many in commercial cases, the Ham-
burg court, before whom the question
came, referred it to an expert on mat-
ters of fact. This expert, Dr. Lubbert,
the official director of fisheries in
Hamburg, has given his opinion that
a "sardine in Germany means a fish
caught on the shore of France, Spain
and Portugal; that it does not mean
fish of other sorts tinned with oil, to-
matoes or otherwise; and the Ger-
man market has not adopted sardines
as designating tinned sprats and her-
rings from Norway."

Pickled Fish.

There are no herring of any kind,
form or description at the port of Hal-
ifax, and there will not be any suit-
able for Canadian grocery trade until
August, when the fat July catch begin
to come in, the Maritime Merchant
says. Strange to say, the scarcity of
poor class fish suitable for West In-
dia trade is quite as large as in the
better grade. The trade are hoping to
hear of some good stops of mackerel
on the Nova Scotia coast before very
long now. No doubt the fishermen,
too, would be glad to see them.

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**ONE SEINER GOT
CAPE SHORE HAUL**

**Took Good School Wednesday Evening
Eight Miles Off Liverpool—Weather
Still Fine—Few Netters at Newport—
Season Over at New York.**

The seiners have landed on fish
down on the Cape Shore, a dispatch
this morning to the Times from D. C.
Mullhall of Liverpool, N. S., stating
that a coaster arriving there yester-
day, reported a seiner took a good haul
of fish about eight miles off there,
Wednesday evening. The weather is
still fine and clear.

The fleet are patiently waiting for
them and some good catches are
looked for now most any day.

Getting Ready for Halifax.

Says the Halifax Herald of May 26:
"In preparation for the mackerel
fishing season several schooners ar-
rived at Halifax yesterday, among
which were the Saladin and Esperan-
to from Gloucester, Capt. Matheson of
the former vessel stated that there
were "strings" of vessels coming up
along the coast and had put into vari-
ous ports along the shore. They were
all getting ready for the mackerel
fishing off Halifax, where they expect
the schools towards the end of the
week, and are preparing their nets.

Several schooners sailed yesterday to
set their nets for mackerel, but up to
the present no catch has been report-
ed. Capt. Matheson also stated that
he had passed a netter setting for
mackerel when off Halifax, but they
had caught nothing.

"Most of the ships now in port are
getting ready in expectation of large
catches at the end of the week. And
not only here, but also all along the
coast in the vicinity of Halifax."

One Netter at New York.

The season is about over at New
York, it would appear, only one ar-
rival being in there yesterday, the
Maud F., having 200 fish. New York
dealers were wiring to Boston yester-
day for fish, the market being prac-
tically cleaned out over there.

Netters at Newport.

At Newport today, these arrivals
were reported:
Str. Joanna, 200 fresh mackerel.
Pearl, 1300 fresh mackerel.
Mildred J., 1800 fresh mackerel.
Wood and Mack, 150 fresh mackerel.
Reliance, 800 fresh mackerel.
Lear C., 600 fresh mackerel.

Bait and Ice Reports.

Amherst Harbor, May 26.—Plenty
herring at Grindstone, Grand Entry,
some at Amherst and Etang-du-Nord.
Queensport, May 26—No herring to-
day.

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