

# BOSTON FARES FALL OFF TODAY

Receipts at Boston this morning showed a falling over yesterday's big list. Just 11 crafts were in, three being steam trawlers and one swordfisherman.

Sch. Angle B. Watson has 106 swordfish, one of the largest fares of the season. She sold at 12 cents a pound, an advance over yesterday's prices.

Of the off shore haddockers, sch. Adeline has 80,000 pounds and seven swordfish, the largest fare of the sailing crafts.

Quotations were \$2 to \$3.75 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$7 for large cod, \$2.25 to \$3 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake, \$2.25 to \$4 for pollock.

## Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Angle B. Watson, 106 swordfish.
  - Str. Ripple, 31,000 haddock, 1100 cod.
  - Str. Billow, 27,000 haddock, 400 cod.
  - Str. Spray, 46,000 haddock, 2200 cod.
  - Sch. Thomas Brundage, 800 haddock, 26,000 cod.
  - Str. Crest, 39,000 haddock, 700 cod.
  - Sch. Patriot, 24,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
  - Sch. Adeline, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 7 swordfish, 200 halibut.
  - Sch. Esther Gray, 7000 pollock.
  - Sch. Matchless, 12,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
  - Sch. Eva Avina, 8000 pollock.
- Haddock, \$2 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2.25 to \$4; swordfish, 12 cents per lb.

# MORE GOOD NEWS FROM NORTH BAY

More good mackerel news was received here from the North Bay today. In a letter to the Times from Souris, P. E. I., sch. Fannie A. Smith of this port is reported with 200 barrels of mackerel, taken off East Point in three days fishing. The fish run from 90 to 130 count to the barrel.

Capt. Walker, who is one of the crew of the Smith reports fish plentiful. The craft has taken out a license in Souris and will likely ship her fish as soon as "struck."

Sch. Albert, Capt. Almon Malloch is also in the bay and probably has taken fish, the letter states.

The catch of mackerel by the fleet to date is 12,649 barrels, salt and 65,711 barrels fresh. Last year to this time, 4436 barrels of salt and 38,629 barrels of fresh were brought in.

The catch of mackerel last week was 1846 barrels fresh, and 67 barrels salt; same week in 1913, 542 barrels fresh and 668 barrels salt.

# SAY FISH HELD FOR WAR PRICES

"The great mile-long fish pen just inside Point Democrat, Fire Island Inlet, now contains upward of 150,000 live bluefish, weakfish, skipjack, etc., which are being held for war prices. This is a modest estimate; many claim that the number is double that.

"Miles of nets block the entrance to the inlet, one net alone having three miles of leaders. The fish are scooped out of these nets and carefully placed alive in fish traps or scows covered by wire netting and towed by tugs. Those not sent immediately to market are placed in the great fish pen. The Fish Trust is thus enabled to keep down the supply and keep up the price.

"The majority of fish sent to the markets are shovelled alive into vessel holds and on decks, where they die en route to New York. Nevertheless, they are cleaned and put in ice or storage and offered for sale. No country in Europe, even at war, would allow entry into the markets of fish that had not been butchered alive under official inspection.

"In 1906 New York City consumed 55,000,000 pounds. It is estimated that consumption has increased to 75,000,000 pounds. Thus an increase of one cent a pound means \$750,000 to the trust."

## Provincetown Fishing News.

Last week was a good one for the mackerel seiners. Three of the local boats were among the lot that secured good hauls, steamers A. B. Nickerson, Sam and Priscilla and Verina and Esther being the lucky ones, the latter boat, Capt. George O'Neill, being high line with 23,000 pounds. They were sold at the Boston fish pier Wednesday at 8c per pound and the crew received \$173.31 each,—a record trip hereabout for several years for one day's work.

Capt. Will O'Donnell and crew secured a big haul of bluebacks last Sunday off Wood End only a short distance from the beach. There was such a body of fish in the seine that the crew was unable to bring it up. Part of the crew of steamer A. B. Nickerson went to their assistance and helped them save the fish. About 350 barrels were sold to the Fisherman and Cape Cod cold storages.

Other boats that got small catches of bluebacks were Annie T., Vesta, Mildred and Agnes, Margaret L., Lear C.

Squid are scarce and it looks as though the cold storage concerns would be unable to secure a supply for the winter fishermen for bait.

## Good One, As Usual.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Lemuel Spinney, stocked \$2711 and the crew shared \$57.65 on her 18 day halibut trip.

## Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Marjie Turner sold to the American Halibut Company for 10 cents per pound for white and 6 1-4 cents for gray.

# PACIFIC COD MARKET STRONG

Says the Fishing Gazette:

The report comes from the Pacific Coast that there is no demand there as yet for codfish. The Western packers hope to get rid of a part of the big catch due to arrive in San Francisco in the fall to the Eastern dealers. Reports are to the effect that the ice left the Bering Sea banks several weeks earlier than usual, with the result that the vessels have doubtless made considerable progress toward filling their hold, so there will be plenty of codfish on the Pacific Coast to meet all requirements of the trade until the arrival of the Bering Sea fleet along in September. The codfish market in San Francisco has been uneventful and the demand is seasonably quiet.

The consuming demand for salt fish is, as usual at this time of the year, at its lightest, and as importers are discouraging speculative purchase, there is little business to report. There have been some arrivals within the past few days of mackerel and herring, but whether anything more will come forward is open to question, as fishing operations have ceased for the present and the fishermen, as well as the packing hands, in Norway and Sweden, have been called to the colors. Those countries, as well as Holland and Denmark, though not directly involved in the war, are mobilizing as a matter of precaution against unwarranted invasion. More over, the seas from which the greater supply of herring and mackerel come are rendered unsafe by the planting of mines. Domestic mackerel in view of the scarcity of imported and uncertainty as to the future supplies, is firm and tending up. Codfish is strong and fairly active.

# TRURO FISH FREEZER BURNS

Fire destroyed the fish freezing plant of the North Truro Cold Storage Company, near the railroad station Monday afternoon, burned the freight depot and warped the rails of the New York, New Haven & Hartford line so badly that trains could not be run over them, and so that crowded holiday specials were delayed for hours.

It is estimated that the loss on the fish freezing plant will amount to about \$75,000. The place was filled with about \$40,000 worth of fish and the building was valued at \$35,000.

## Salt Mackerel Sales.

The 19 barrel fare of salt mackerel of steamer Thelma sold yesterday to the E. K. Burnham Fish Company at \$19 per barrel.

## Going Seining Now.

Capt. George Peoples in sch. Lafayette has hauled out of swordfishing and has refitted for seining.

# VERY GOOD WEEK AT PENSACOLA

The week ending August 31 was an exceptionally good one for fishermen, especially those of the Warren Fish Co., whose faces wreathed in the smile that would come off. Last week the 15 boats had the small end of some small catches, whereas this week had the big end of some big ones they made the most of it. In a smacks landed nearly a quarter million pounds of red snapper grouper this week, the actual being 232,905 pounds, or 17,095 per cent of the full 250,000. Of the catch nearly 75 per cent was snapper, the combined catch of fleets being 194,890 pounds, with 100,000 pounds of grouper.

Only 15 crafts made port, nine of which came to the Warren Co., six to E. E. Saunders & Co. The average catch for the 15 boats was 15,500 pounds each, though some over that quantity, while a good many ran away below.

The nine vessels of the Warren Co. had a total of 143,750 pounds which 117,435 pounds were red snapper and 26,315 pounds grouper. The biggest fare brought in during the week was by a Warren boat and consisted of 32,735 pounds, of which 30,635 pounds were red snapper, 2,100 pounds grouper. The smallest trip by a Warren boat was 1,000 pounds, all of which were red snapper.

The total catch of E. E. Saunders & Co.'s six boats was \$9,155 pounds, which 77,455 pounds were red snapper and 1,700 pounds grouper. The biggest fare of a Saunders boat was 28,455 pounds, of which 28,455 pounds were red snapper and 675 pounds grouper. The smallest fare of a Saunders boat was 1,940 pounds, of which 1,940 pounds were red snapper and 0 pounds grouper. The catches of Warren Fish Co.: Amy Wilcox, 720 lbs. red snapper 1000 lbs. gr; Mary L. Harty, 14,855 lbs. red snapper 1260 lbs. grouper; Clara J. Silva, 1260 lbs. red snapper, 8915 lbs. gr; Halcyon, 3440 lbs. red snapper 1000 lbs. grouper; Ariola, 9440 lbs. red snapper, 2385 lbs. grouper; Sea, 20,635 lbs. red snapper, 2100 lbs. grouper; Galatea, 1000 lbs. red snapper; Mineola, 14,355 lbs. red snapper 3895 lbs. grouper; Hope, 15,800 lbs. red snapper, 4060 lbs. grouper.

E. E. Saunders & Co.: Amy Wilcox, 11,200 lbs. red snapper, 3885 lbs. gr; Louise F. Harper, 8600 lbs. red snapper, 2710 lbs. grouper; R. Welles, 11,700 lbs. red snapper, Brooks, 28,455 lbs. red snapper, grouper; Sea, 1265 lbs. red snapper, 475 lbs. grouper; Emerald, 16,235 lbs. red snapper and 3,000 lbs. grouper.

## Fish Concern Gone Up

The Dominion Fish Co., of New York, B. C., has gone into liquidation, and the affairs of the company are being wound up this week. The whole of the company's assets are being sold, and it is expected that B. E. Neville and W. G. G. will organize a new company to carry on business in the old company's premises.

# SALT COD HERE FROM LABRADOR

Mackerel seems to have left the grounds temporarily at least to the southward. Sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson, is here this morning with a 54 barrel fare of salt ones. After fitting again, Capt. Matheson will take a run to North Bay, where the prospects of a fall catch are extremely bright at this time.

The only other arrivals were schs. Pauline with 30,000 Georges handline cod; sch. Monitor from Labrador with a cargo of salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company; sch. Adeline from Boston.

The smoke boats took between 700 and 800 barrels of bluebacks yesterday, among which were a few mackerel.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Saladin, seining, 54 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Pauline, Georges handline, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. fresh halibut.
- Sch. Adeline, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Monitor, Blanc Sablon, Labrador, 376,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Patriot, via Boston.
- Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, seining, 42 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Str. Bryda F., seining, 40 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Beatrice E., seining, 40 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Advance, seining, 100 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Lydia, seining, 56 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Rough Rider, seining, 50 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Alice, seining, 35 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 90 bbls. fresh bluebacks, 2 bbls. small fresh mackerel.
- Str. Quartette, seining, 30 bbls. fresh bluebacks, 1 bbl. small fresh mackerel.
- Str. Herbert and Emma, seining, 80 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Bessie A., seining, 90 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Sch. Malicia Enos, seining, 50 bbls. fresh bluebacks, 2 bbls. small fresh mackerel.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.90
- Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
- Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.
- Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.
- Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Flitched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.
- Hake, \$1.30.
- Pollock, \$1.75.
- Haddock \$2.50.
- Salt medium mackerel, \$320 per bbl.

**Fresh Fish.**  
 Splitting prices:  
 Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
 Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.  
 Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.  
 Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.  
 All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.  
 Hake, \$1.30.  
 Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.  
 Pollock, 90c.  
 Small pollock, 60c per bbl.  
 Fresh halibut 10c per lb. for white, 6 1-4 for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.  
 Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.75 to freezer; \$1 to salt.  
 Fresh mackerel, 10 1-4c per lb. for small.

## GOOD FLEET IN AT THE NEW PIER

The new fish pier had a fleet of 16 arrivals this morning, mostly ground fishermen.

Steamer Scout brought up 1600 pounds small fresh mackerel and 20 barrels of bluebacks taken in Ipswich Bay.

Wholesale quotations were \$2.25 to \$2.50 a hundred weight for haddock, \$5 to \$5.50 for large cod, \$2 to \$2.25 \$1.25 to \$2.50 for hake, \$2.50 for pollock, and 14 cents a pound for swordfish.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Str. Swell, 30,000 haddock, 300 cod.
- Str. Foam, 58,000 haddock, 400 cod.
- Str. Philip P. Manta, 5000 haddock, 7500 cod, 23,000 hake, 18 swordfish.
- Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 24,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 hake, 2500 pollock, 1 swordfish.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Jorgina, 12,000 haddock, 1100 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Waltham, 16,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Elenora DeCosta, 34,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 17,000 hake.
- Sch. Ruth, 10,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Buema, 22,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Thalia, 400 haddock, 30,000 cod.
- Sch. Olivia Sears, 4000 pollock.
- Str. Wave, 53,000 haddock, 600 cod.
- Sch. Jessie Costa, 17,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. Commonwealth, 36,000 haddock, 9500 cod, 6000 pollock.
- Str. Scout, 1600 lbs. small fresh mackerel, 20 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.50 to \$3; swordfish, 14 cents per lb.; small fresh mackerel, 12 1-2 cents per lb.

### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Rex, Capt. Augustus G. Hall was in Portland Monday with 12,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 70,000 shank. The Rex fished on Western Bank and was gone only three weeks.

## CANADA EXPECTS FISH ADVANCE

The fish trade has not altered much during the past week. Few shipments are arriving due to the fishermen holding their stock for better prices and the absence of a demand by small dealers throughout the country. It is thought that the situation will improve in the near future but at present it is very uncertain. Various views are taken of the chances of getting some of England's trade. The price of fresh fish has reached an enormous price over there owing to the great scarcity caused by the danger to their greatest fishing grounds—the North Sea. This was illustrated in the sinking of fifteen British trawlers by the German warships and the confiscation of their fish before sending them to the bottom, and shows the apparent need of the enemy for food. Canada, it is optimistically hoped by most fish merchants, will get part of this trade in which case it would cause the price to take a sharp upward movement.—Halifax Herald.

### U. S. Lobster Shipments Affected.

Says the Halifax U. S. Maritime Merchant:

The export of lobsters from Canada to Europe is at a standstill; there is no business doing. Fortunately about half the maritime provinces' pack of the present season had already gone forward, and is being held in strong hands on the other side. What stock is here, speaking generally, is equally strongly held, so the trade are inclined to think that there is not likely to be a break in prices so far as the Canadian pack is concerned. The situation in Newfoundland, however, is not so reassuring. Newfoundland finds its market largely in Germany, and the small packers there on the advice of the Fishermen's union held out for \$25 per case, with the result that a great many small packers are left with their stock and the German market gone entirely. It would be difficult to secure a bid from any lobster buyer at Halifax today, and any that was offered would naturally be of a speculative character. The feeling we gather from talking with the trade is that the outlook for next year is not at all satisfactory, but no doubt, they will largely depend on the war's duration and the purchasing capacity of continental people during the second half of 1915.

### Portland Fishing News.

Capt. Gus Hall of the Gloucester schooner Rex seems to know where to strike the fish every time, seldom coming into port with a poor catch, says the Portland Argus of Tuesday. He landed a trip of halibut here only about three weeks since, and was back again yesterday with another fare, he having in addition to 12,000 pounds of halibut about 70,000 pounds of shank fish. The catch was made on the Western Banks, good weather having been encountered the greater portion of the time.

Quite a fleet of fishing vessels arrived in port Monday, all practically empty, the skippers telling the same story of hard luck. They all report seeing plenty of fish along the coast,

dodging in among the rocks and acting very wild, it being impossible to get near them except with great danger to the seines. Capt. Burns of the steamer Navis reports on Sunday got his net around a good sized school of Wood Island, about 200 barrels of blue backs being in sight, but his net caught on the rocks at the bottom and was so badly torn that the fish all got away, he being obliged to return here to refit. The Portland schooner Albert D. Willard, which has been fishing in the Bay of Fundy, came in with 16 swordfish yesterday, a very unprofitable trip. The skippers of some of the vessels arriving from the westward yesterday, report several good sized catches of herring mixed with mackerel as having been made on Sunday near Boon Island.

## SALT MACKEREL GO TO \$20 BARR

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Lie Dixon consisting of 22 barrels to the Frank E. Davis Company \$19 per barrel. The fare of Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., consisting of 40 barrels sold to the Gorton Fisheries Company for \$20 per barrel. William H. Jordan & Comp purchased the fares of their vessel for \$20 per barrel. They were Constellation, 54 barrels; Lottie Merchant, 42 barrels; Harvard, 40 barrels; Cintonia, 3 barrels.

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## HAD TO GROUND THE UNKNOWN

Steamer Unknown of Newburyport, after taking out a trip of blue backs here Tuesday, commenced a leak and Capt. Henry Woodward, her aground on the beach at Plum Island.

Capt. Stevens of the Plum Island life saving station ordered out his surfboat and went to the assistance of the stranded craft, as there was strong probability that with the flood tide she might be pounded in pieces by the breakers, there being quite a breeze. A telephone message was also sent to the Newburyport life saving station in order that Capt. Max dox might go over with the static power boat.

An examination by Capt. Stevens convinced him that the leak was through an open seam and that the air compartments of the Unknown would prevent her from going to the bottom. Consequently he put men aboard and set everybody to bailing. Mr. Woodward got the engine running, and the leaky craft worked off the beach and into Plum Island river, things working just as Capt. Stevens had figured. It was sharp bailing for the men in the boat all the time. After the Unknown had been worked to a place of safety it was found that the cause of leak was due to the starting of the butt and the loss of oakum from the seam. Repairs will not be attempted.