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# ORACE WYLDE HAS FINE TRIP

## Ingomar Landed Fresh Fish at Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. Here.

Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wyld, landed yesterday afternoon from an trip from La Have bank with 10 pounds of fresh fish which sold at Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. Paragon, Capt. William Her- arrived during the night from land where she took out a small of halibut. The gill netters were not out yes- day, being the third consecutive that the boats have been unable to. A few of the steamers ventured this morning to find their nets.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

Ingomar, La Have Bank, 50,000 fresh fish, 800 lbs. fresh halibut. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., via Bos- Paragon, via Portland, 6000 lbs. cod. Josephine DeCosta, shore (went Boston.)

### Vessels Sailed.

Josephine DeCosta, Boston.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

andline Georges codfish, large, \$5 cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25. Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3. Haddock, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50. Dressed halibut, 10c per lb. Haddock, \$1.75. Pollock, \$1.75. Newfoundland herring, \$3.75 per for salt bulk.

#### Fresh Fish.

Whiting prices: Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt. Eastern cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c. Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c. Haddock, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2. Codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 lbs less than above. Haddock, \$1.40. Haddock, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c. Pollock, round 80c; dressed 90c. Fresh halibut, 13c for white and 10c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 30c each for large, 20c for medium.

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# BOSTON FARES STILL VERY FEW

## Prices Soar As Dealers Have Not Enough Fish to Go Around.

Fresh fish receipts at the Boston fish pier this morning continued light, three arrivals being reported. They were the beam trawler Spray with 15,000 pounds and 7000 pounds lemon sole, sch. Leonora Silveria from the Cape Shore with 52,000 pounds and sch. Josephine DeCosta with 3000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$6 to \$7.35 a hundred weight for haddock, \$7.35 to \$7.50 for large cod, \$5 to \$6 for market cod, \$4 for hake, and \$4 for pollock.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Spray, 13,000 haddock, 200 cod, 2000 hake, 7000 cusk. Sch. Leonora Silveria, 16,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 3900 hake, 5900 cusk, 400 halibut. Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake. Haddock, \$6 to \$7.35 per cwt.; large cod, \$7.35 to \$7.50; market cod, \$5 to \$6; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$4.

# LOOK FOR COD PRICE TO DROP

Says the Fishing Gazette: Although the demand of foreign markets has jumped up the price of codfish in Newfoundland, the price for that commodity elsewhere shows a downward tendency.

The markets for salt fish in Havana and Porto Rico are readjusting themselves with the colder weather, and the domestic outlook is somewhat brighter than heretofore.

A leading New York salt fish merchant summed up the foreign markets in the following fashion: "It's a question of credits. They want us to draw, but we don't feel able to take any chances at the present time. We are having some unsolicited orders at the present time, but we must see certain payment before we deliver."

Said an eminent New York authority last Thursday:

"No material change in the situation of any variety of salt fish has occurred during the week. While the demand, as usual at this season, is light, there is no pressure to sell, and prices are held steadily up to previous quotations.

Says an exchange: "The price of codfish is expected to go up—news we are sorry to hear.

"It is only partly the war this time. Thanks to the success of the British in keeping the Atlantic open, fish merchants expect, it is true, to find extra markets for the season's Newfoundland catch of cod in Mediterranean

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ports and Brazil. But unfortunately the season's catch, amounting to 850,000 quintals, is 250,000 quintals short of the average. Hence the expected jump in price.

"Cod is a wonderful fish—plentiful, cheap, clean, good eating. Fresh or dried, it ought to be more popular than it is. Too many families in comfortable circumstances look down on cod as an inferior fish. This is all wrong. They know better in Massachusetts. Cod, boiled or baked, supported by mashed potatoes and a yellow sauce with pieces of hard-boiled egg therein, is a dish worthy of any occasion or company."

# NO HERRING AT BONNE BAY N. F.

Word received by the Times this morning states that the weather was mild at Bonne Bay, N. F., yesterday and no herring are being taken.

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# START WORK ON BREAKWATER

Work has begun on another improvement at the great fish pier in South Boston, which already represents an investment of \$3,000,000. At a cost of \$17,879, a timber breakwater is being constructed on the easterly side of the pier, forming a protected basin for the fishing craft.

Since the fish pier has been in operation the fishing vessels coming into port with their fares have used the easterly side of the pier practically not at all. The custom is to unload the catch on the westerly half and then make for the old T wharf on Atlantic avenue where the fishermen can bait up in protected waters.

This custom is entirely due to the fact that the easterly side of the fish pier is unprotected from prevailing easterly winds and gales, which make rough water for the light vessels.

To obviate this difficulty and make the most of the modern pier the Directors of the Port decided to have constructed a breakwater that would not only permit vessels to unload their fares in this side of the market, but would also provide a haven for the vessels after they have unloaded. October 29 bids were opened and the contract was awarded to W. H. Ellis & Son Company, whose figure, \$17,879.19, was the lowest. The governor and council approved the contract November 11, and the contractors undertake to complete the work in four months, or by March 11.

The timber breakwater will be 1325 feet in length over all. There will be an entrance facing the main ship channel 100 feet in width. The protected basin will be large enough to accommodate all the fishing craft bringing their fares to the pier.

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# LARGE COD IS QUOTED AT \$11

## Only Two Arrivals at New Fish Pier Today—Supply Very Short.

Only two arrivals docked at the Boston Fish pier since yesterday. The down east sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan and the beam trawler Wave brought small fares, which were promptly snapped up and brought big prices, on account of the shortage in the market.

Wholesale quotations were \$8 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$11 for large and \$7 for market cod, \$4.50 for hake and \$5 for pollock.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 2500 haddock, 17,000 cod, 500 hake, 2500 cusk, 800 pollock. Str. Wave, 22,000 haddock 300 cod, 500 hake. Haddock, \$8 per cwt.; large cod, \$11; market cod, \$7; hake, \$4.50; pollock, \$5.

# NEARLY LOST AS WAVE SWEEP DECK

Sch. Preceptor, of this port, arrived Tuesday at Portland from a six weeks' cruise on Georges and LeHave Banks, having a catch of 10,000 pounds of halibut and about 12,000 pounds of salt cod. The halibut were sold to the Commercial wharf fish dealers, while the Lord Brothers took the salt catch. The skipper reports the roughest kind of weather on the banks and in one of the numerous gales encountered the schooner had five of her dories smashed by a heavy sea which swept her decks of everything movable, some of the crew having a narrow escape from going over with the debris.

# THREE GOOD HADDOCK TRIPS

Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Asa Baker, stocked \$2100 and the crew of 23 men shared \$42 each on the recent haddocking trip.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, stocked \$2305 and the crew shared \$50 on a similar trip.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Mansfield Conrad, stocked \$1787 and the crew shared \$35 on the recent haddocking trip.

# GILL NETTERS MAY LOSE GEAR

**Fleet Has Not Lifted for a Week—May Not Find Nets After Storm.**

The gill netters are up against it good and hard and with today, it will have been a week since the boats lifted. Grave fears are expressed by many of the crafts of finding their gear at all, on account of the heavy storm that has raged for several days. The Quoddy attempted to lift yesterday but came back to port on account of the rough weather. Today the fleet is again tied up at their various berths.

The only off shore arrival today is the British sch. Flirt from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt and pickled herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

**Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.**  
The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- British sch. Flirt, Bay of Islands, 1375 bbls. salt bulk herring, 52 bbls. pickled herring.
- Sch. Priscilla Smith, via Boston.
- Sch. Esperanto, via Boston.
- Sch. Smuggler, via Boston.
- Sch. Preceptor, via Portland.
- Sch. Jeanette, shore.
- Str. Long Island, "Rips", (towed to Boston).

**Vessels Sailed.**

No sailings today.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET.**

**Salt Fish.**

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
- Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Filthed halibut, 10c per lb.
- Hake, \$1.80.
- Haddock, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$1.75.
- Newfoundland herring, \$3.75 per bbl. for salt bulk.

**Fresh Fish.**

- Splitting prices:
- Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
- Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.
- Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.
- Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.
- All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
- Hake, \$1.40.
- Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
- Pollock, round 80c; dressed 90c.
- Fresh halibut, 13c for white and 10c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 30c each for large, 20c for medium.

# SKIPPERS MAY GO TO OLD T WHARF

**Big Meeting of Leading Master Mariners at Boston Yesterday Results in Steps Toward Own Concern on Favorite Spot.**

If present plans now under consideration come to a full fruition, famous old T wharf, Boston, may again become the headquarters of the fresh haddocking fleet. Strong pressure is being brought to bear, the Times has learned to make T wharf the distributing center again of the fresh fish trade.

No less than 53 master mariners, including several prominent skippers of this port, attended a meeting held at Boston yesterday, and held a protracted session in which the situation was

fully discussed in all its details. The meeting was resumed today and it is possible that at its conclusion some definite action will have been taken, looking to the end as above outlined.

The company which controls the T wharf property is in a receptive mood, it is understood. There is no disposition on the other hand by the skippers to disturb the business at the new pier and in all probability the manager of the new concern would be selected from among some of the leading dealers there.

The skippers believe that the move would be to their advantage as well as a convenience to the fish trade in general.

**SEALS ARE GOOD DRILLERS.**

**Get Through Solid Ice of the Arctic for Air.**

Not many people know how the seal of the far North gets air when the Arctic Ocean is entirely covered with many feet of ice, says the Youth's Companion.

The small spotted seal, which is a hair seal, and not a fur bearer, is the hardy dweller of the northern waters. Under his tough, thick skin, he has an inch or more of blubber. When the ice closes up the open water in the Arctic, the seal selects a spot, and begins to drill a hole to the surface by pressing his warm nose against the ice. Nobody knows how many hours it takes him to accomplish his task, but he manages it; and although he is obliged to work most of the time, because the surface of the hole is continually freezing, he keeps it open all winter, and obtains air.

Seals have been known to drill in this manner through 50 feet of solid ice. Whether or not they take turns in the slow drilling is not positively known.

It is at these "seal holes" that the Polar bear seeks food in the winter, and there the Eskimo waits, spear in hand, for his weekly supply of meat.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

- Sch. Flora L. Oliver and Manhasett were at Liverpool, N. S., Monday and cleared.
- Sch. Imperator was at Shelburne, N. S., the same day and cleared.

**Hard on the Fishermen.**

An order issued by the British admiralty that the whole fishing fleet in the Firth of Forth, Scotland, cease operations has been received with consternation by a thousand fishermen who face ruin. The population also is excited as the people believe the prices of fish will advance beyond the reach of the people whose principal food is fish. The Firth probably will be closed until the end of the war.

## CAPT. "SOL" SUES FOR BIG MONEY

The following case from the vicinity of Gloucester was entered in the superior court at the December return day:

Solomon Jacobs of Gloucester vs. Bay State Fishing Company in an action of tort for \$10,000 for personal injuries received February 10, 1912, while steering the steam trawler Ripple by the breaking of an alleged defective wire cable.

# ON WINGS OF THE EASTER

**Sch. Aloha Made Five Day Passage With Cargo of Herring.**

Sch. Aloha, Capt. Wallace Paine arrived yesterday afternoon from Bay of Islands, N. F., making the in five days. The Aloha brings 10 barrels salt and 13 bbls. pickled herring for the Cunningham & Thomson Company.

With clearing weather, the fleet gill netters ventured out this morning and will try to locate their nets, which they last lifted a week ago today.

**Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.**  
The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Juno, via Boston.
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, via Boston.
- Gasoline schooner Amiral, from ship, Maine.
- Sch. Aloha, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1570 bbls. salt herring, 130 bbls. pickled herring.

**Vessels Sailed.**

- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, haddocking.
- Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.
- Sch. Ralph Brown, haddocking.
- Sch. Russell, haddocking.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary Edith, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.
- Sch. Harriett, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.
- Sch. Adeline, haddocking.
- Sch. A. Platt Andrew, haddocking.
- Sch. Conqueror, haddocking.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.
- Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, haddocking.
- Sch. Helen B. Thomas, haddocking.
- Sch. Washakie, haddocking.
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, haddocking.
- Sch. James W. Parker, haddocking.
- Sch. Gov. Foss, haddocking.
- Sch. Arethusia, haddocking.
- Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.
- Sch. Bay State, haddocking.
- Sch. Georgianna, haddocking.
- Sch. Muriel, haddocking.
- Sch. Clintonia, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Arkona, Newfoundland.
- British sch. Artisan, Newfoundland.
- British sch. J. D. Hazen, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Hortense, Georges handling.

**Gone to Bay of Islands.**

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Lewis Whaley sailed yesterday for Bay of Islands, N. F., for herring. The British sch. William C. ... will sail for Bay of Islands, N. F., with another cargo of herring.

**Labelled for Salvage.**

The Provincetown sch. Gertrude Costa, which ran ashore at ... some time ago, and was pulled off the tug Nelson, has been labelled for the owners of the latter ship for salvage.