

Portland Fishing News.

In addition to about 75,000 pounds of fish brought in Monday by the local vessels the Gloucester sch. Margaret came in with one of the finest halibut fares taken out here for a long time, she having over 30,000 pounds, in addition to about 4000 pounds of salt cod. The halibut were purchased by Capt. Fred Harty for the New England Fish Co., he paying 7 1-2 and 13 cents. The schooner had been five weeks on the trip, most of her fishing having been done on the Green Banks, and although the skipper reported the worst kind of weather the trim looking craft came through it all without damage of any kind.

The sch. Lochinvar, one of the vessels of the local fleet arriving Monday brought in besides a fare of 16,000 pounds of market fish a monster lobster which tipped the scales at 13 pounds, it being pulled up off Seguin, one of the fishing lines having got twisted around its claws.

Tuesday was another good fish day, nearly every vessel of the local fleet coming in with fares, the aggregate, including that landed by the boat fishermen, being considerably in excess of 100,000 pounds. The market is now well supplied and prices are ruling low.

The fishing steamer Alice, Capt. George Rice, came up Tuesday from Boothbay, where she has been hauled up for the past two months, and will at once commence gill netting operations, a business in which she made such a good record last season. She will make her headquarters at Long wharf, alongside the old tug Joe Baker, which she will use for storage of her nets, etc.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Waldo L. Stream sold to the American Halibut Company for 13 1-2 cents per pound for white and nine cents for gray.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 9.—Arrivals of fishstuffs at the various ports since our last of the 2d inst. were as follows, ex strs. Carcas, Brazos, Gravson, from New York:

At San Juan—225 tcs. cod, 50 tcs. pollock, 45 tcs. fish, 109 bbls. pickled fish, 675 bxs. bloaters.

At Ponce—105 tcs. cod, 40 tcs. pollock, 40 tcs. haddock, 10 tcs. fish, 34 bbls. pickled fish.

At Mayaguez—51 tcs. cod, 26 tcs. pollock, 3 tcs. haddock.

For outports—25 tcs. cod, 5 bxs. salmon, 475 bxs. bloaters, ex Br. sch. M. C. McKay, from Lunenburg, N. S.

At Ponce—500 tcs. and 150 bxs. cod-fish.

Codfish.—Although supplies on hand are in transit are fair, the prices quoted in our last circular of \$32.75 for salt and medium and \$33.75 per cask large, remain very firm and with active demand.

Pollock and Haddock.—Stocks are very moderate and the demand good at prices of about \$23 per drum, on usual basis "net ex wharf."—S. Ramirez & Co.

Belleoram Craft Gone.

Says the St. John's Herald of February 12:

A message to Mr. LeMessurier, Deputy Minister of Customs, this forenoon, says: "Fishing schooner Mattie, 38 tons, of Belleoram, became total wreck last night while entering harbor LaCau. She had 180 pills fish aboard. The crew are safe."

LOCAL FISHERMEN GOING TO RESCUE

Not only has Gloucester come to the relief of the Newfoundland fleet of bankers in furnishing them an adequate bait supply, but will render even still greater assistance by furnishing men to man the crafts, so that they may prosecute the spring fishery, according to advices published last week in the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review. The article says:

It was announced that Messrs. Harvey & Co., who are largely interested

in the West Coast fisheries, had to import salted squid bait from Gloucester for their schooners' crews; this week we have to announce an even more astounding fact in connection with the same fishery which is that a number of Gloucester fishermen have come down to the West Coast and shipped for the bank fishery in Newfoundland schooners prosecuting the voyage from that section of the Island. To slightly enlarge the familiar expression, this looks like "sending colliers to Newcastle," in a very earnest manner indeed.

The explanation for this new departure is in the fact that the New England fishermen are practically out of the salt bulk fish trade entirely, and are confining their activities to the fresh fish trade, and as far as possible, daily trips. Since the removal of the duty on salt bulk fish in foreign bottoms, the competition of Canadian and Newfoundland bankers has cut into the old time profits, and the New England fishermen have come to realize that there is more money in the daily fresh fish trade in which, for obvious reasons neither Canadian nor Newfoundland fishermen can hope to successfully compete.

NON-RESIDENT FISHING LICENSE

A bill introduced in the Maine House of Representatives provides for a non-resident fishing license of \$3 per year. The law applies only to males over 18 years of age, no mention being made of women fishers. The bill will give fishermen the right to ship 15 pounds of game fish out of the state. Penalty for violations of its provisions is a fine of \$25 for each offence. All non-resident fishermen are required to have the license in their possession when angling.

Going Halibuting.

Sch. Elmer W. Gray is fitting for halibut trip in command of Capt. Charles Peterson.

Going to Newfoundland.

Sch. Arkona is being fitted for a trip to Newfoundland by Capt. Carl McIntosh.

FAMOUS CRAFT TO HUNT FOR SEALS

Sch. John R. Bradley Again Ready to Penetrate Frozen North.

The famous sch. John R. Bradley of this port, which took "Doc" Cook and his party on their northern expedition, in which he claimed to have discovered the North Pole, will again sail for the northern regions, probably tomorrow, to engage in sealing, a new enterprise for Gloucester.

She will be commanded by Capt. Dominic Arsenault, a native of the Magdalenes, who has had some experience in sealing and will carry a quota of 23 men. He will take from here just enough men to reach Burgeo, N. F., where the main part of the crew will be shipped. The men are all experienced sealers and will navigate among the ice fields where the seal are to be found in large quantities.

The open season on sealing commences March 12. As in past years, a number of Newfoundland crafts will also penetrate the northern regions.

The experiment will be watched here with interest, inasmuch as it is a new venture for the local fishery. The skins will be marketed in Newfoundland. It is said that if the venture should prove profitable, others may engage in it another year.

The craft is owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company and has been equipped here for her northern voyage. Capt. Arsenault formerly commanded the lake steamer Alcona, which was purchased by the firm and fitted up as a refrigerator craft and was destroyed by fire at the Bay of Islands, N. F.

TELESCOPE CAMERA FIND AN ARRIVAL

This port today was without rival. The gill netters yesterday maimed in port, there being so much a sea on outside as to interfere with fishing.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in Gloucester are:

- No arrivals today.
- Vessels Sailed.
- Sch. Arkona, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Rex, halibuting.
- British sch. Artisan, Lunenburg.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

- Salt Fish.
- Handline Georges codfish, large per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$4.25.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, medium, \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.25; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.50.
- Haddock, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$1.50.
- Newfoundland herring, \$3.25 bbl. for salt bulk, \$1.25 per bbl. pickled.
- Fresh Fish.
- Splitting prices:
- Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
- Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
- Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
- All codfish, not gilled, 10c per pound less than above.
- Hake, \$1.25.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 50c.
- Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
- Fresh halibut 13 1-2c for white, 9c for gray.
- Newfoundland frozen herrings, lb.

MUST KEEP FISH COVERED

Delegation from T Wharf Calls About Retail Sales.

A half a dozen fishermen of this wharf, in the costume of their dropped in to see Dr. Francis Mahoney, chairman of the Health Board, Thursday, and asked if the board intended to prohibit the retail sale of fish at that wharf, as had been done to them.

Dr. Mahoney informed them so far as his department was concerned the story was without foundation.

Then Dr. Mahoney told them something that did have foundation, namely, that they must keep the fish sale covered. The board will permit fish to be exposed in the along planks or the sides of the sheds in which they construct their cover.

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RECEIPTS AT BOSTON TODAY

any of Off-Shore Fleet In Today After Week and 10 Day Trips.

approximately 825,000 pounds of fish were in waiting for the trade at the markets at the new pier and wharf opened this morning. The catch was brought in by several of the off-shore fellows, some of whom have been out from a week to 10 days. Wholesale quotations were \$1.75 to \$2.50 a hundred for haddock, \$5 for cod, \$2.50 for market cod, \$3 for hake and \$4 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 52,000 haddock, 5,000 cod, 2,000 hake, 2,000 cusk.
Sch. Gov. Foss, 66,000 haddock, 3,500 hake, 2,000 cusk.
Sch. Somerville, 37,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2,000 hake, 8,000 cusk.
Sch. Conqueror, 50,000 haddock, 4,000 cod, 2,500 pollock.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Stiletto, 54,000 haddock, 6,000 cod, 5,000 hake.
Sch. Bay State, 40,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2,000 hake, 5,000 pollock, 1,000 cusk.

Natalie Hammond, 37,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 800 halibut.
Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, 45,000 haddock, 8,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 17,000 cusk.

Sch. Foam, 75,000 haddock, 3,200 cod.
Sch. Ripple, 34,000 haddock, 1,600 cod.

ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Sch. Sylvania, 55,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 12,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5,500 hake.
Sch. Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.; cod \$5; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$6; pollock, \$4.

Salt Mackerel Market.

The Lenten season is lending a little to the decidedly limited stocks of commodity held in reserve, mainly one eminent holder, says the Boston Gazette. Domestic salt mackerel is hardly much of a factor just as compared with the broad and varied movements of the foreign mackerel. Of course, Cape Breton mackerel is not, strictly speaking, a salt fish. If we are to interpret the words "domestic mackerel" rigorously, we would confine ourselves to the boundary lines of our own country and the high seas directly adjacent thereto.

The business has started in with a bang, "with us," said the executive head of New York's largest Norway mackerel house a few days ago. "I am shipping hundreds of barrels of fancy mackerel. The rush is upon us. There is a great demand for these fish, as well there should be."

Report on Irish Mackerel by Mail: Liverpool, Eng., February 6.—No report of curing from any of the stations, shipments, to New York, str. Megan

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tic, 200 bbls.; to Boston, str. Bohemian, 500 bbls.; total for week, 700. Str. Bohemian due in Boston, Friday, February 19. Total shipments to date, 1914, Irish autumn, 17,298 bbls.

The following report was issued from Boston under date of February 12: "Receipts of salt mackerel in Boston the past week comprised one barrel from Canada and 389 from Ireland. The market on salt mackerel continues quiet, and there is not any change to note in prices. Lent began Feb. 17 and the demand for fish in not so active as it should be at the present time."

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THREE IN ON END OF THE WEEK

New Haddock Sold For \$2.50 at the New Fish Pier Today.

Three fresh fares were reported at Boston today, at the close of the week. All were from off shore and tied up at the South Boston pier, they being as follows: Sch. Imperator, Capt. Wm. Firth, 53,000 pounds fresh fish and 500 pounds fresh halibut; Aspinet, Capt. Jake Brigham, 45,000 pounds, Virginia, 45,000 pounds.

Wholesale quotations were \$2.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 for large and \$3 for market cod, \$3 to \$6.50 for hake, \$4.50 for pollock, \$1.50 for cusk and 15 cents to 16 cents a pound for fresh halibut.

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Sch. Aspinet, 25,000 haddock, 6,800 cod, 6,000 hake, 4,000 cusk, 4,000 pollock.
Sch. Virginia, 30,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 1,000 pollock.
Sch. Imperator, 35,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 6,000 cusk, 500 halibut.
Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$3; hake, \$3 to \$6.50; pollock, \$4.50; cusk, \$1.50; halibut, 15c and 16c per lb.

ALEWIVES NOW AT EDGARTOWN

The first alewives of the season have made their appearance at Edgartown, the run being the earliest in years. The fish are running in small quantities, 500 being taken there on Thursday.

ONE LONE CRAFT FROM PORTLAND

Sch. Margaret Only Craft Around the Point Since Last Report.

There was one arrival here this morning, sch. Margaret, Capt. Ernest Engstrom arriving from Portland with 5,000 pounds salt cod.

Capt. Engstrom landed over 30,000 pounds fresh halibut at the latter place and with the proceeds from her salt fish will stock about \$3,000.

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Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

Pensacola Landings.

The catch during the week ending February 12, by the fishing vessels of Pensacola reached 202,402 pounds, considered fairly good for this time of the year. Of the total, 166,962 pounds was red snapper and 37,440 pounds of grouper.

Following are the arrivals:
Ruth A. Wells, 20,630 snapper.
Wm. A. Morse, 27,030 snapper, 3,225 grouper.
Sheffeyld, 14,435 snapper, 4,165 grouper.
Wm. Hayes, 13,375 snapper, 5,575 grouper.
Emily Cooney, 16,000 snapper, 5,105 grouper.
Fish Hawk, 13,695 snapper, 3,305 grouper.
Caldwell H. Colt, 22,152 snapper, 1,270 grouper.
Francis V. Silva, 22,195 snapper, 11,055 grouper.
Algoma, 3,900 snapper, 940 grouper.
Silas Stearns, 13,350 snapper, 2,300 grouper.

SEALING FLEET WILL BE SMALL

Five wooden sealing steamers, the Terra Nova, Viking, Erik, Diana, and Bloodhound, are now being fitted out at St. John's for the sealing voyage, which will be prosecuted in the Gulf.

The Bonaventure, in command of Captain Bob Bartlett, will also fish in Gulf waters which, with the seal is now fitting for the trip at Halifax, and two Norwegian steamers, will bring the fleet up to nine ships, the smallest on record.

The Reid steamer Bruce, which was badly damaged at Port au Basques during a storm last week, has been towed to St. John's where she will dock for repairs. The steamer Kyle in the meantime is making tri-weekly trips between Port aux Basques and North Sydney.

The ships report heavy ice in the gulf.

BEAM TRAWLERS NOT COMING

An attempt by the Newfoundland fishing firm of Patten and Forsey, to secure steam trawlers in England, to operate in the Grand Banks codfishery during the coming summer, has failed. The British government refuses to allow any trawlers to leave British ports, as all those are used in mine sweeping and other work around the British Isles.

HADDOCKERS' GOLDEN DAYS

Some more of those prosperity stocks in the fresh haddock fishery were realized at Boston this week.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, stocked \$1800 and the crew shared \$300 clear on their recent trip.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, Capt. Enos Nickerson, six days out, stocked \$2343 and the crew \$72.62 clear to a man.

Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Ernest Parsons, stocked \$1888 and the crew, \$50 clear.

First Salt Banker Away.

The first salt banker of the season, sch. Athlete, Capt. Thomas Benham, sailed today. The first banker to sail last year was British sch. Independence II, which got away March 10.

Herring at Provincetown.

The fishermen at Provincetown have begun the work of putting down the weirs that were taken up last fall. A few herring have been taken there past week at this place.