

Lent and the Salt Fish Trade.

Says the Fishing Gazette: Lenten action is observable. Some salt fish merchants in New York are very busy, others fairly so—some complain of stagnation. Are the busy one's doing an unsatisfactory or profitless business? There is no question about it, the commercial customs of the salt fish business call for an extended credit extension. There is also no exception to the assertion that selling mackerel, even by the hundreds of pails, is a hazardous undertaking, for, in the haste of packing, a five-pound pail unfortunately becomes one that weighs seven pounds, unless painstaking supervision is the check on the packing department.

FIND PEARLS IN BEACH SHELL.

A cluster of white objects in an oyster shell found on King's beach in Swampscott Sunday, by George Baker of 76 Lewis street, Lynn, was declared yesterday by a Lynn jeweller to be pearls worth \$400. There are 10 stones in the cluster, one of which is a fine specimen, according to the jeweller.

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FLEET LEADERS MAKING MONEY

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, stocked \$2338 and the crew shared \$53 clear on their haddocking trip at Boston yesterday. Capt. Thompson has been keeping up his old time pace this season, as is evidenced from the craft's fine stock. Since last October, the craft has stocked \$22,000 in the haddock fishery.

Sch. Natalie Hammond, Capt. Charles Colson, stocked \$1370 and the crew \$32.50 clear on her recent haddocking trip. For three trips, covering a month, the Hammond as stocked \$5000.

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, Capt. Wallace Bruce, who leads the fleet in the season's fresh fishery, stocked \$1758 on her trip yesterday. The crew's part was \$29.70 clear to a man. The Andrew's stock since the middle of last September is \$29,880.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. Val O'Neil, stocked \$1503 and the crew shared \$34.75 on their recent haddocking trip.

Halibut Schooners in Collision.

As the halibut schooner Liberty was passing through the narrow channel at Doat Island, British Columbia, on her way north, February 2, she sighted the halibut schooner Alten bound from the northern banks to Seattle. Both vessels signaled with their whistles, but evidently they were misunderstood for the Alten struck the Liberty bow on. A gash eight feet deep and three feet wide, extending below the water line, was made in the latter vessel's side, and she was saved from sinking only by being beached. The Alten was but slightly damaged. After making temporary repairs, the Liberty was brought to Seattle under her own power, where the necessary repairs are now being made.

RECEIPTS HERE LIGHT TODAY

Sch. Teaser, another of the halibuting fleet is here today, her haul being for 10,000 pounds fresh halibut, 30,000 pounds fresh fish and 10,000 pounds salt cod. The American Halibut company bought the halibut, while the fresh codfish went to A. Cooney & company at the Fort.

Down from Boston is sch. Mary F. Sears with 50,000 pounds fresh fish left over from yesterday's market.

Gill netting receipts yesterday were again light, only a few of the crafts securing a lift.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Teaser, Quero Bank, 10,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary F. Sears via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

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

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mystery, via Boston.

Sch. Rhodora, via Boston.

Sch. Jorgina, shore.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

British sch. Independence II., salt trawl banking.

Sch. Eugenia, Georges handling.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, salt trawl banking.

Sch. Oriole, halibuting.

Sch. Kineo, halibuting.

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Russell, haddocking.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

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, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland herring, \$3.25 per bbl. for salt bulk, \$4.25 per bbl. for 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 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.15; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.

Fresh halibut 8 1-2c for white and 7c for small gray and 4 1-2 cents for large grays.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

STEAM TRAWLERS BRING SCROD

Over Half of Spray's Trip is of These Little, Young Fish.

Boston's arrivals list this morning consisted of two steam trawlers and four sailing crafts. All but one was from off shore.

Steamer Spray had 40,000 lbs. over half of which was scrod and steamer billow, 48,000 pounds of which a quarter was scrod. Other arrivals were schs. Sylvania, Stiletto, Ellen and Mary and Motor.

Wholesale dealers paid \$2.30 to \$4.50 a hundred for haddock, \$4.75 for large cod, \$2.25 to \$3 for market cod, \$3 for hake, \$3.50 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

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ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER

Str. Spray, 39,000 haddock, 1700 cod.

Str. Billow, 40,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 4000 cod, 200 hake, 800 cusk.

Sch. Sylvania, 31,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 hake, 9000 cusk, 2000 pollock, 500 halibut.

Sch. Stiletto, 30,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 8000 hake, 12,000 cusk, 600 halibut.

Sch. Ellen and Mary, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 2500 hake, 6000 cusk.

Haddock, \$2.30 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.75; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$6; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$1.50.

ENOS NICKERSON DRIVING THINGS

Capt. Enos Nickerson of sch. Frances S. Grueby has been "driving things" in the fresh haddock fishery lately and in less than three weeks the crew have shared \$140 clear, which all will agree is "some fishing."

Capt. Nickerson is one of those quiet fellows, who says but little, but is up and doing. On the trip landed Monday at Boston, the stock was \$900 and the crew's part, \$26, while the preceding trip netted the craft \$1500 and the crew, \$42 clear. The voyage previous to that was one of the banner ones of the winter, the stock being something over \$1700 from which each of the crew took down a check of \$72.

The last two trips were made in 12 days and the three in less than three weeks. The Grueby is single dory fishing in the Channel.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Teaser sold to the American halibut company for eight and one-half cents per pound for white, seven cents for small grays and four one-half cents for large grays.

Norwegian Fishery.

The first official news of the Norwegian catch of codfish, for the season, has reached us, and the figures are eight million fish. To same last year, the figures were seven and a quarter millions, thus showing an increase in the catch this year of a quarter of a million fish. The Norwegian fishing grounds are well known North-east of the North Sea zone, and the voyage will be conducted with as little fear as usual this year. The practical tie up of the English Scotch east coast fishery will stimulate Norwegians to greater efforts than ever in the pursuit of voyage.—St. John's N. F. Trade view.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

Codfish—The position of our markets remains strong and will likely continue so until Lent. Stocks on hand and in transit are We quote: Small and medium, 10 cask of 450 lbs.; large, \$34.50 per of 450 lbs. on usual basis "the wharf."

Pollock and haddock—The for these articles, especially continues unabated, and as are not plentiful the price has ed to \$24.50 per drum.—S. Ram Co

Fishermen Coming N. F. to Gloucester

That there will be no sea fishermen for the next few weeks, at least, seems assured from the large numbers of men, it is are planning to come from the inces and seek places on Gl crafts.

One well known dealer predicted that there would be 1500 to 2000 men here during son. Many of these are lobster fishermen, who have been haul out of the business on the war, as the canneries had down and are not taking stock are others it is said, who are srious of enlisting in the war also come here to go fishing.

LOOK FORWARD TO CAPE N

The advance guard of Northerners will leave here 15, and probably after the some of the haddockers will for spring cleaning and spring shacking trip.

About 10 days is figured a craft ready for the chances of getting to Cape this year look very much last year, and it is the skippers that they will be year to secure an early strike the fish as they so coast.

Quite a fleet will engaged, understood, including pract the old timers, who go the