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CRAFT BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE

Sch. Manhasset Went Ashore at Long Island, Maine—Galley Stove Upset and Vessel Took Fire—Crew Taken Off Safely.

The Boston fishing sch. Manhassett, Capt Frank Gray, engaged in the fresh market fishery, went ashore on Outer Long Island, off Tremont, Maine, Saturday, and was burned to the water's edge, after the galley stove had upset when the vessel keeled over.

The crew were brought to Bar Harbor by Capt. H. E. Stanley of the coast guard station at Cranberry Isles, whose crew took the men off. Later the men left for Boston, but Capt. Gray remained at Tremont to save what he could from the wreckage. The Manhassett had 16,000 pounds fresh fish on board at the time.

The Manhassett was built in this city in 1902 and measured 112 tons gross and 79 tons net. The craft probably had the most powerful engine of the fishing fleet, a 120 horse-power Diesel engine being installed last June. She is owned by Capt. H. Dexter Malone of Boston.

FRANK HALL, FIRST SEINER

The first of the southern seining fleet for 1915 has left, sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank Hall, sailing this morning about 9 o'clock for the Virginia Capes. Last year the first of the fleet did not leave until April 14, three vessels, schs. Rob Roy, Lottie G. Merchant and Arthur James getting away on that date. Others of the fleet will sail tomorrow.

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FOUR MORE SEINERS SAIL

Four more of the southern mackerel seining fleet sailed this morning. They are sch. Pythian, Capt. Solomon Hobbs; sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Joseph Webber; sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Wallace Walker; sch. Arthur James, Capt. John Matheson. Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth is ready to

Will Fit Tomorrow.

Capt. Douglass McLean will start tomorrow to fit sch. Victor for south mackerel seining.

Going After Pollock.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan is fitting for pollock seining in command of Capt. John F. Vautier.

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Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 17.—Arrivals of fishstuffs at the various ports since our last report of the 10th inst. were as follows:

At San Juan, per Str. Coamo.—197 tcs and 5 boxes cod, 30 tcs. haddock, 20 tcs. pollock, 20 bbls. pickled fish, 100 boxes salmon, 500 boxes bloaters. Per Str. Borinquen.—31 tcs. cod, 12 pollock, 146 bbls. fish, 100 boxes salmon, 950 boxes bloaters.

At Ponce, per Str. Coamo.—28 tcs. haddock, 15 tcs. pollock. Per Str. Borinquen 56 tcs. cod, 25 bbls. mackerel.

At Mayaguez, per Str. Coamo.—46 tcs and 5 boxes cod, 15 tcs. haddock, 15 tcs. pollock, 10 bbls. pickled fish, 15 bdls. bloaters. Per Str. Borinquen.—10 tcs. pollock, 1 tce haddock.

Codfish—Although consumption is active, larger receipts, some of which are of objectionable quality, have exerted a weakening influence on our market, especially on medium and small cod. We quote today: Small and medium, $31 per cask of 450 lbs.; large, $34 per cask of 450 lbs. on basis "net ex wharf."

Pollock and haddock.—The demand continues unabated and the stocks are very small. We quote $25 per cash.—S. Ramirez & Co.

BROUGHT DOWN FISH TO SPLIT

Three Crafts Here From Boston—One of Shore Fleet Also In.

Yesterday's big arrival list at Boston was responsible for three trips of fresh fish coming here. Sch. Stiletto brought down 60,000 pounds left over, sch. Corona, 35,000 pounds and sch. Flora L. Oliver, 50,000 pounds.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Jorgina landed 15,000 pounds fresh fish at the Fort, while the Italian boats had 3000 pounds. The gill netters brought in about 30,000 pounds yesterday. Steamer Mary F. Ruth had 4000 weight yesterday, which with her catches of the two previous days she took to Boston.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Stiletto, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Corona, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jorgina, shore 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Italian boats, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bryda F., gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2500 lbs fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 500 lbs fresh fish.

Str. Quartette, gill netting, 1000 lbs fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish (went to Boston).

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish (Monday).

Sch. Elsie, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Pythian, south mackerel seining.

Sch. Arthur James, south mackerel seining.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, south mackerel seining.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, south mackerel seining.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibuting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, $4.25 per cwt.; medium, $3.75; snappers, $2.75.

Georges halibut codfish, large, $4; medium, $3.50.

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

Hake, $1.50.

Haddock, $1.75.

Pollock, $1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, $1 per cwt.

Western cod, large, $2; medium $1.60; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, $1.90; medium $1.50; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per pounds less than above.

Hake, $1.

Cusk, large, $1.60; medium, $1.1 snappers, 50c.

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

Fresh halibut, 12c for white and for grays.

NEW YORK AND SALT MACKEREL

Says the Fishing Gazette:

The mackerel season is star The vessels are on the way. It is tunate for there are no stocks of stuffs more depleted than are those domestic salt mackerel. Leading New York factors usually dispose of the domestic mackerel question by a wave the hand and the outburst that "There isn't any." That brief summary is the truth, substantially, though a pre-eminent concern in Gloucester is known to hold some moderate supplies in reserve. For what little domestic salt mackerel there is, there is no noticeable demand. This commodity is in vastly less request than is foreign mackerel of any variety.

It is predicted that the new catch of domestic mackerel will loom up as a vital competitor to the constantly dwindling stocks of foreign mackerel from beyond the sea. From Gloucester there came recently an inquiry from a cooper in that city. He wanted 10,000 empty fish barrels—presumably herring barrels. Was he trying to fill an order for a factor who wanted to use them for domestic salt mackerel?

Said a New York handler last Tuesday: "We hear a lot of complaints about the dulness of the trade in mackerel. We have no reason to complain. We have been able to make nice sales during the last week of both Norway and Irish mackerel, and have been able to sell some of our stock even to our competitors who are importers themselves, and who paid us the full market prices."

Irish salt mackerel from Liverpool, Eng., per s.s. Etonian, at Boston, 218 bbls.

Irish mackerel statistics: Landed on the coats of Ireland during the month of February, 1914, 1,440 bbls., valued at $5610; for the same month this year 959 bbls., valued at $4365.

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DRIVE HADDOCK DOWN TO DOLLAR

Big Trips Continue Rule at New Fish Pier—Trade Not Brisk.

Big trips continue to rule and this morning saw several more bog fares at the Boston fish pier. Some nice catches of haddock were brought in, although the price on this variety was down as low as $1 this morning.

Some of the best fares of the day were schs. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. Val O'Neil, 120,000 pounds; James W. Parker, Capt. George Tufts, 76,000 pounds; Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, 74,000 pounds and 2000 pounds fresh halibut; Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, 131,000 pounds and 1000 pounds halibut; Robert and Arthur, 61,000 pounds. At T wharf were schs. Mary T. Fallon and Matthew S. Greer.

Dealers quoted $1 to $3.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, $3 to $3.50 for large cod, $1.75 to $2 for market cod, $2.50 to $5 for hake, $1.50 for pollock, $1.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 95,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 3000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1600 cod.

Sch. Marion, 800 cod.

Sch. James W. Parker, 50,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2000 hake, 8000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, 50,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 1000 hake, 5000 pollock, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 50,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Conqueror, 100,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 8000 hake, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1000 haddock, 2800 cod, 4000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 1700 haddock, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Angeline C. Nunan, 5500 cod, 1,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. James and Esther, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 11,000 hake, 2500 cusk.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, 5000 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Genesta, 8500 haddock, 2800 cod.

ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 9000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1400 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer.

Haddock, $1 to $3.50 per cwt.; large cod, $3 to $3.50; market cod, $1.75 to $2; hake, $2.50 to $5; pollock, $1.50; cusk, $1.50.

Another Good One.

Sch. Oriole, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked $3100 and the crew shared $74 each as a result of their halibuting trip landed yesterday.

Port au Basques Weather Report.

Port aux Basque, N. F., weather report today: Temperature, 24 degrees, wind, west, about 14 miles an hour; cloudy. No precipitation.

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THINK OUR MEN LOSING MONEY

Halifax, N. S. Fish People Say We Sell Porto Rico Too Cheap.

Says the Halifax Maritime Merchant:

What stocks of Lunenburg fish remain unsold are in second hands and the fishermen who sold at $6.85 are today congratulating themselves on having got out at the right time. Not that there is any great drop in values in prospect; there are few fish left, but the market is draggy. Porto Rico, our best customer, seems to be filled up with some sort of a substitute which she is getting from Gloucester at about $2 per quintal below our price, and consequently the expectation we had that there would be such a scramble for what few supplies we had as was never known before seems doomed to disappointment. No doubt we shall sell what we have and at good prices. There are still other markets than Porto Rico, but there is now apparently no chance of any new price records such as would have been quite possible had it not been for our neighbor Gloucester.

The trade here think that Gloucester is losing money. They think the fish she is shipping to Porto Rico is the remnant of Newfoundland, Gaspe and Nova Scotia fish, which she imported for her cut fish trade; and it passes their understanding how her exporters can sell it profitably at $2 per quintal below the price of Lunenburg bank fish. There is one thing about Porto Rico; she won't refuse a thing just because it is cheap. Cheapness is the most compelling argument one can offer the buyer there. And he isn't to blame. He buys what he can sell most easily, and in Porto Rico there is a large colored population which doesn't take much stock in what we call flavour or even in what might properly be described as odor; so long as it is filling at a reasonable cost the colored folk of Porto Rico raise no special objection.

Now in Havana there is quite a large trade in very high class codfish. Large quantities are imported from Norway, but Porto Rico's most particular trade seems to be satisfied with our bank fish, which as our readers know is considerably cheaper than the best Norwegian. In the other West India Islands there seems to be about the usual consumption of bank fish and markets speaking generally are in a satisfactory condition at the present time.

The most important item of news of the week is the advice from Norway that after careful investigation the fishermen and fish merchants of that country have reached the conclusion that fish prices throughout the world are likely to rule high during the present year. One of the causes to which the "Merchant' has already made reference is the withdrawal of the French fishing fleet; the other that the large number of English trawlers engaged by the British Government as mine sweepers, etc., and therefore withdrawn from fishing, is going to create a large market for Norwegian fresh and cured fish in England, and that the combination mentioned is sure to make for higher prices. It is hoped that this prediction will prove an incentive to our own and Newfoundland fishermen to push their industry for every ounce they are worth during the present year.

The news from Northern Brazil is that the market is very strong and is willing to take every thing suitable that offers. Southern Brazil too is very good now, but as no suitable stock is obtainable there are no transactions to note. European markets are steady, but suitable supplies as usual are scarce on this side of the water at the present time. We are sorry to say that the United States market is very slack. There is no demand over there at present for either dried or pickled fish.

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PRICES TUMBLE ON FANCY FISH

There was a great deal of fish in the salt water fish market last week, and while prices were attractive buying was not heavy on many lines and much stock is being carried over. This is true of nearly all varieties of fancy fish, including shad, which took a tumble in prices, the most desirable kinds selling at prices that surprised even dealers. The people did not seem to want fish, even if it was next to the last week of Lent, and the chances are that prices will not be any higher during this coming week, when there are three fish days.

Bluefish were also low priced, small fish during the entire week selling at eight cents per pound. Medium fish brought 8 to 9 cents and large 12 cents with the exception of Saturday last, when 14 to 15 cents was the quotation. The largest bluefish did not weigh over two and half to three pounds each.

All kinds of groundfish were cheap, market cod during the week ranging from 2 1-2 to 4 cents with the latter quotation named only on Monday and Tuesday for very choice stock. Steak cod brought 4 to 8 cents. On Thursday and Friday the figures were 4 to 6 cents, and some very fancy fish were sold at those prices. There was practically no cusk in the market. Haddock sold at 4 to 6 cents with the exception of Friday, when prices were about half of those figures. There was a lot of scrod haddock in the market, which sold at very low prices.

Smoke hake in the market on Tuesday brought 6 cents a pound. During the first half of the week pollock was quoted at 5 to 6 cents. On Thursday the quotation was 4 to 5 cents, while on Friday sales were made at the same figures.

Western white halibut was one of the varieties that were scarce and the price was high, the selling figure for the week being 15 cents a pound. There was practically no Eastern white halibut in the market. Had there been any it would have been hard to move because of the high price that would have to be asked for it.

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NEW FISH PIER HAD BIRTHD

As a fish mart the Boston Fis South Boston was one year old terday. Just 12 months ago the sale fish dealers for 30 years at T Wharf, packed up their and went to the large new pier on the Commonwealth's land. A time it was thought that T Wh a fish mart was a fish mart of th but it is still the site of a whe fish business.

A review of the first year of t fish pier shows very few chan the men or their methods; bu fleet is, if anything, slightly s and business greater. In the pa the wholesale fish trade did a business than the year previou there have been times when groundfish was selling at rock-prices.

A year ago yesterday there score of vessels with more than 000 pounds of fresh mixed gro at the new pier. Yesterday th a dozen with some 600,000 p

The report of the United Sta reau of Fisheries for 1914, out day, shows that 92,344,192 pou fish were landed at Boston la while last month there were pounds. Gloucester had 7 pounds last year, most of wh salt fish.

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WENT ASHORE IN A BLIZZ

The fishing steamers Georg gan and Edward H. Smeed on Block Island during a blizz terday and were floated la The Hagan was rescued by t guard cutter Acushnet. The crew worked the craft off unassisted. Except for da the keel of the Hagan, the ve fered little harm.

Nova Scotia Bait Ne

Queensport, March 27.—N taken here. Few ice cake about bay prevents nets Fishermen report good indi herring being in bay and ex soon as nets can be set. N to stop navigation.

Amherst Harbor, M. I., M Conditions of ice around same. Pleasant Bay still un bait.

Souris, P. E. I., March close, packed ice along nort coast.

Will Fit New Craf

The new sch. Ruth and will now be fitted for had Capt. Val O'Neil and sch. T Gorton will go on the ways ting for Cape North.