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MACKEREL FLEET HAD GOOD FISHING

Landed Nearly 12,000 Barrels, Mostly Blinks, Last Week—Catch Nearly 12,000 More Than Year Ago

The mackerel fleet landed 11,977 barrels of fresh mackerel last week, mostly blinks or tinkers, which were caught on Jeffrey's bank. Some were taken off Chatham, and some off Cape Cod. They sold to wholesale dealers from 1 1-2 to 10 cents per pound for blinks and 15 to 17 cents per pound for large mackerel.

In the corresponding week last year, the mackerel fleet landed 1703 barrels of fresh mackerel, which were also mostly blinks or tinkers from off Chatham. A few large mackerel were landed from Georges where the mackerel were reported scattered and wild. The price a year ago was 14 to 18 1-2 cents for large and 12 to 16 cents for blinks.

Comparison of Catches.

The total catch of mackerel to date has been 191,032 barrels of fresh and 639 barrels of salt mackerel; in 1928, it was 179,893 barrels of fresh and 352 barrels of salt mackerel; 1927, 239,470 barrels of fresh and 996 barrels of salt mackerel; 1926, 256,686 barrels of fresh and 5169 barrels of salt mackerel; 1925, 148,753 barrels of fresh and 9485 barrels of salt mackerel.

According to official statistics received the catch of mackerel on the coasts or Ireland for the month ending July 31, 1929, amounted to 2460 cwts. as compared with 2977 cwts. in the corresponding month of 1928. For seven months ending July 31, 1929, the catch was 27,123 cwts. and in the same period of 1928, 24,806 cwts.

TWO DRAGGERS BROUGHT BULK OF FRESH RECEIPTS TODAY.

Receipts of fresh fish fell off somewhat again today, there being but two arrivals with fresh fish, one fare of salt fish, and a small trip of large mackerel. The draggers, Gov. Al Smith direct, and Carrie S. Roderick from Boston, brought fares of haddock to the General Seafoods for filleting purposes. From Maine ports, the freighter Mattie arrived with 1800 quintals of salt fish for C. F. Mattridge & Sons Company. The halibuter Grand Marshal with a mixed trip of salt and fresh fish, took out at the Pew wharf this morning. Overland receipts by all firms yesterday amounted to 150,000 pounds. Gill netters landed around 22,000 pounds of fish, about half pollock and cod.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Governor Al. Smith, dragging, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Carrie S. Roderick, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mattie, Maine ports, 1800 qtls. salt fish.
Sch. Grand Marshal, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. salt fish, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Overland receipts, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish:
Sch. St. Peter, seining, 600 lbs. fresh mackerel.
Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Desire, via Boston.
Sch. Doris M. Hawes, via Boston.
Boat Jackie B., via Boston.
Boat Florence K., via Boston.
Boat Thelma, via Boston.

Sailed.

Sch. Elizabeth and Ruth, dragging.

Yesterday's Gill Netting Receipts.

Boat Mary J. Landry, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Enterprise, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Lucretia, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Nashawena, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat C. A. Meister, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Robert and Edwin, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

OVER 900,000 POUNDS BROUGHT IN TODAY—MARKET CON- TINUES FIRM.

A fleet of 16 vessels was at the Boston fish pier this morning with 813,000 pounds of groundfish and 100,000 pounds of mixed fish. No swordfish, mackerel or halibut were offered. One fare, that of the Carrie S. Roderick, was not reported.

Fish was in good demand at the opening and prices remained at yesterday's levels. Haddock started at \$3.50; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; markets, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Tide, 80,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.
Str. White Cap, 105,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 16,000 mixed fish.
Str. Ripple, 65,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Str. Fish Hawk, 5000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3500 mixed fish.
Str. Holy Cross, 90,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Delia C. Smith, 14,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.
Sch. Shamrock, 85,000 haddock, 34,000 cod, 4000 pollock, 3800 mixed fish.
Sch. Louise B. Marshall, 30,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Hesperus, 40,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Lark, 70,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Mary A., 9000 haddock, 400 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Boat Fannie Parnell, 5500 mixed fish.
Boat Victory, 6100 mixed fish.
Boat Leonardo, 4300 mixed fish.
Boat Robert E., 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Sch. Carrie S. Roderick, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; hake, \$2; pollock, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$2; black backs, 5 1-2 cents per pound; yellow tails, 5 1-2 cents; dabs, 5 1-2 cents; blink mackerel, 7 to 9 cents; shark, 7 cents; catfish, 5 cents; swordfish, 20 to 26 cents.

N. F. Codfish News.

Reports of fishery operations during the past week show a decided improvement due to the plentiful supply of squid. Hook and liners, trawls and in a few places traps are averaging good catches that will help to make up for the time lost earlier in the season. It has been well said that Newfoundland has never had a year when her fishery was unable to supply her markets. Perhaps our fishermen know this too well and it may account for the "jack-easy" manner in which they ply their calling. The outlook at the present time is for an average fishery and the total catch on the Labrador will be much larger than was anticipated earlier in the season. No means are available to obtain correct figures on the total catch to date and we must wait until the season is practically over to make averages possible. Thousands of quintals are not included in the general reports received, as for instance for check on reports on all sections including the Labrador totals only 248,516 quintals up to August 17, when over 500,000 quintals would be nearer correct. Our Bankers are doing better on the Grand Banks and in view of the fact that a larger fleet is operating this year this fishery is estimated to equal if not exceed last year. Price jockeying is reported amongst fish buyers which may or may not have the effect of stabilizing markets. Beyond a certain figure fish is valueless, for here the law of supply and demand steps in. If \$9.50 is given when markets will stand for not more than \$8.50 it is but simple subtraction to find whose fingers will be burnt. News from the foreign markets continue encouraging for Newfoundland cure. Deliveries in Oporto continue satisfactory with Icelandic fish selling at the equivalent of 20 shillings per quintal less than Newfoundland cure, but prices in both Norwegian and Icelandic fish are firming up and with the anticipated lull in arrivals should strengthen our position considerably. Italy and Spain continue good but the former is not prepared to pay high prices. The proposed duty of \$1.00 per quintal on all fish going into Spain has not as yet been effected and some are of the opinion that it will not materialize.—St. John's Trade Review.

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NOVA SCOTIA TO HAVE RACE

The Fishermen Picnic committee of Lunenburg has functioned for a number of years putting on the annual fishermen's picnic. Now the name has been changed to fisheries exhibition and annual fishermen's reunion. It will extend over three days and should provide a good holiday for our men who are just returning from the Banks, besides performing the function of interesting people generally in the fisheries.

In connection with the reunion this year it is intended to hold a fishing schooner race. W. C. Smith & Co., Acadian Supplies and others have signified their desire to enter vessels and the prizes will be \$400, \$200 and \$100. There will be no expense for preparation, as the vessels will sail in their fishing rig.

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RECEIPTS STILL CONTINUE LIGHT

BRITISH CRAFT BROUGHT LARGE FARE OF SALT FISH FROM PROVINCES.

Receipts of fish continued rather light today as far as fresh fish was concerned, the only arrivals being a couple of shore trawlers with small receipts. A seiner with a mixed fare of blink and large mackerel was the only one of the fleet to land fish today. From the Provinces, the Canadian schooner National IV., with 300,000 pounds of salt fish arrived today for the Frank C. Pearce Company.

Gill netters made fairly good hauls again yesterday.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
 British sch. National IV., Nova Scotian ports, 300,000 lbs. salt fish.
 Boat St. Providenza, seining, 565 lbs. blink mackerel, 940 lbs. large mackerel.
 Boat Grace A., trawling, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
 Boat D.107, trawling, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
 Boat Josephine F., seining, 100 bbls. bluebacks.

Yesterday's Gill Netting Receipts.

Boat Robert and Edwin, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 Boat Enterprise, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.
 Boat Lucretia, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Boat Nashawena, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Boat C. A. Meister, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
 Boat Mary J. Landry, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Sch. Evalina M. Goulart, dragging.
 Sch. Carrie S. Roderick, dragging.
 Sch. Beauty St. Joseph, dragging.
 Sch. Governor Al. Smith, dragging.
 Boat Jackie B., seining.
 Boat Florence K., seining.
 Boat Thelma, seining.
 Boat Leretha, seining.
 Sch. St. Peter, seining.

On the Railways.

Boat Evelyn H., is on Rocky Neck railways.
 Sch. Alice and Wilson is on Parkhurst's railways.

Alaska's Salmon Pack.

Estimates compiled by the Bureau of Fisheries in cooperation with the Association of Pacific Fisheries indicates that the Alaska salmon pack for 1929 is considered satisfactory, and when returns are complete will unquestionably show an increase over the average pack of 5,212,753 cases for the previous 5-year period. Through August 31, 1929, the pack aggregated 5,200,800 cases, upon the basis of 48 one-pound cans per case.

This is a decrease of about 14 per cent. from the entire pack for the previous season, when 6,083,000 cases were packed. The figures given for 1929, however, are not complete and when the fall pack is added to the summer pack the total will more closely approach the pack of last season.

PRICES HIGHER AT BOSTON PIER

HADDOCK SELLS FOR \$4.60. SEVENTEEN ARRIVALS TODAY HAVE MOSTLY GROUND FISH.

The Boston fleet numbered 17 this morning. Receipts were moderate and mostly groundfish, aggregating 565,000 pounds of groundfish, 44 swordfish and 56,000 pounds of mixed fish.

The market moved higher. Haddock sold at \$4.60; large cod, \$7.50 to \$8; markets, \$3.50 to \$4. Swordfish brought 20 and 26 cents.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
 Str. Spray, 105,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
 Str. Billow, 38,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
 Str. Colleen, 46,000 haddock, 6000 cod 500 mixed fish.
 Sch. Nina B., 66,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5500 mixed fish.
 Sch. Helen M., 45,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3700 mixed fish.
 Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
 Sch. Ellen T. Marshall, 46,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
 Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, 6000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 5 swordfish.
 Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 4 swordfish.
 Sch. Azores, 5000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1500 pollock.
 Sch. Newcastle, 35 swordfish.
 Boat Atlanta, 3300 mixed fish.
 Boat Automatic II., 6800 mixed fish.
 Boat Mary G., 1100 mixed fish.
 Boat Princess, 5000 mixed fish.
 Boat Two Brothers, 3700 mixed fish.
 Boat Annie II., 4000 mixed fish.
 Haddock, \$4.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$7.50 to \$8; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$2; pollock, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$2.50; gray sole, 6 to 10 cents per pound; lemon sole, 8 1/2 cents; black backs, 5 cents; yellow tails, 5 cents; dabs, 5 cents; catfish, 5 cents; swordfish, 20 to 26 cents.

N. S. Dried Fish Markets.

There has been little or no change in the fish markets of Europe during the past fortnight with the exception of Oporto, and there prices have fallen to a level which does not justify the figures being paid in St. John's, N. F., at the present time. The Northern Brazil market is holding steady but in Southern Brazil the price of dried fish is dropping because of the intense competition from Europe. Turning now to the West Indies we find there is a fair volume of consumption in all the different islands with the exception of Porto Rico and with prices holding steady. Porto Rico, however, as we previously reported, is suffering from the destruction inflicted by the hurricane of a year ago and is going to take some time to regain her financial and industrial health. At this time of year in earlier days she would have been getting large returns in cash from her coffee crop. But not this year and perhaps not next year, although of the latter we are not quite so sure. At any rate she has no money from coffee as she used to have and the purchasing power of her agricultural people is reduced to that extent. The local price of Lunenburg fish is holding firm and it seems probable that stocks of the second spring trip now in exporters' hands will be quite cleaned up by the time that the summer catch arrives. We do not hear a word as to what the local trade are likely to pay for the summer catch this year, but it is probably safe to say it will be considerably less than it was last year when everybody lost money except the fishermen. Reports from the Newfoundland shore fishery are that the volume is smaller than last year, but whether this can be accepted as the final word it is impossible to say. There is no doubt, however, that the catch of the Baie Chaleur and the North St. Lawrence is very disappointing. —Maritime Merchant.

Portland Fishing News.

The last Portland vessel to arrive here this year with swordfish was the Rita A. Viator, Capt. Harry Green, which reached port Tuesday morning with 34 fish. Practically all the schooners have now returned to trawling.