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# FISH INTERESTS WILL FIGHT NEW TARIFF RULES

## Steps for United Action Against Inadequate Schedule That Would Menace Our Industry Taken Last Evening

Definite steps to combat the menace to the fish industry, not only in Gloucester and Boston, but throughout New England, was taken last night at the Master Mariners' rooms, at a meeting of the vessel owners, fishing masters, producers, manufacturers and representatives of the many allied industries, called for the purpose of taking steps to secure an adequate protective tariff on fresh fish.

The industry as a whole is unanimous in the stand on this question. There is no division of opinion here as there was over the tariff on salt fish, and all New England is a unit on the issue, with the exception of a single company, the Atlantic Coast Fisheries Company of New York and Groton, Conn.

### Will Hit Market Hard.

In the new tariff schedule, there has been inserted at the instigation, apparently of the Atlantic Coast Company, a seasonal tariff on groundfish which will raise havoc with the market from October to May when the boats usually make their money.

Paragraph 717 A of the new schedule now reads: "Fish fresh or frozen, whether or not packed in ice, whether beheaded or eviscerated, or both, but not further advanced, (except that the

fins may be removed), halibut, salmon, mackerel and swordfish, 2 cents per pound; other fish not especially provided for, one cent per pound, except that from October 1 to May 1, both dates inclusive, the duty shall be one-half cent per pound. The last named exception has been recently added and creates a seasonal tariff to which the fishing industry and all its allied trades throughout New England are unalterably opposed.

### Urgent Action Necessary.

Last night's gathering was a representative one and during more than an hour's discussion, the need of urgent action to combat the peril was clearly pointed out. Edward H. Cooley, secretary of the Massachusetts Fisheries Association, was present and outlined the situation. He pointed out that not one producer of fish in the United States can see other than disaster to the United States fishing industry, if this company (the Atlantic Coast) with their Canadian connections are allowed to enter their fish at a duty which is not compensatory. He also said that he was confident that the statistics of the Tariff Commission, whose duty it is to obtain facts, would support the position of the fishermen in requesting that the duty on these fish be not less than one cent per pound; and that the duty on filets,

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# SEINERS LANDED FEW MACKEREL

## FLEET STILL CATCHING FISH CLOSE IN SHORE AT LONG BEACH.

Seiners still continue to strike small schools of blink mackerel close to the Bass Rocks shore, and yesterday a fleet of some 15 boats could be seen working close to the rocks until long after dark. Not all of the fleet took fish, however, and the larger boats were forced to return, it being a little too rough in the bay for work. Sch. Beauty St. Joseph with 50,000 pounds of mackerel arrived from the Maine coast during the night, this being the largest fare this morning. Sch. Catherine Burke, making her first trip since Capt. Parsons sailed in the schooner races, arrived this morning with her catch salted, having about 100 barrels which were sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company at \$15 a barrel. The only other receipts was the fare landed by sch. Natalie Hammond from Boston to refit for halibuting.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Sch. Beauty St. Joseph, seining, 50,000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Boat Antonio, seining, 4000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Boat Hoop-la, seining, 18,000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Boat Governor Prence, seining, 20,000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. St. Providenza II., seining, 25,000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. St. Peter, seining, 5000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Josephine and Mary, seining, 5000 lbs. fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Natalie Hammond, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish, 15,000 lbs. salt fish.  
Boat Col. Lindbergh, via Boston.  
Boat Elizabeth and James, via Boston.  
Boat Little Joe, via Boston.  
Sch. J. M. Marshall, via Boston.  
Boat Edna Fae, via Boston.  
Sch. Old Glory, via Boston.

### Yesterday's Gill Netting Receipts.

Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Enterprise, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Naomi Bruce II., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Lucretia, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat C. A. Meister, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Joanna, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Myrtle and Gladys, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Boat Mary J. Landry, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed.

Sch. Laura Goulart, haddocking.

### On the Railways.

Sch. J. M. Marshall is on Burnham's railways.  
Boats Hoop-la, Clarence B. Mitchell and Naomi Bruce II., are on Rocky Neck railways.

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fresh or frozen, be at least two and one-half cents per pound. If, during the winter period, Canadian fish are allowed to enter an unfair duty, it will serve to stop practically the entire United States fishing fleet.

### Will Notify Our Congressmen.

The meeting unanimously voted to notify the Senators and members of Congress of the united stand of the fishing industry and all of its allied trades in regard to this situation. This morning, letters and telegrams were dispatched to Senators Gillette and Walsh, to Congressman Andrew and to all of the Massachusetts members of the lower branch of Congress at Washington.

# BOSTON FLEET IS SMALL TODAY

## LESS THAN 300,000 POUNDS OF GROUND FISH—FEW BLINKS LANDED.

A fleet of 11 craft landed fares at the Boston fish pier this morning. Receipts were small and totalled only 264,000 pounds of groundfish. Three seiners brought 75,000 pounds of blink mackerel. Mixed fish totalled 31,700 pounds.

Boat Sebastiano, 2500 haddock, 7000 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$2; gray sole, 9 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 7 cents; black backs, 4 cents; yellow tails, 3 cents; dabs, 2 1-2 cents; large mackerel, 16 cents; blinks, 2 1-4 cents to 2 1-2 cents; swordfish, 30 cents; catfish, 5 cents.

### Buoy Light Out.

Capt. W. W. Crowell, the coast pilot who navigated the Dutch steamer Kragatau from Boston over the shoals, reported to the Maritime Association that the No. 3 white flashing gas buoy in Pollock Rip Slue channel, Nantucket Shoals, was extinguished when he passed that point at 7.30 p. m. Thursday.