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TWO SWORDERS COME TOGETHER RACING FOR FISH

Sch. Amelia M. Pereira Shorn of Head- gear When Struck on Georges by Boston Fisherman Last Friday

Chasing a swordfish is good pictorial photography for an amateur fisherman, but when two schooners each chase the same fish, and neither one gives way, something develops if they come together. Such was the incident reported here this morning when the local swordsman Amelia M. Pereira, Capt. Albert Freitas came down from Boston with her headgear shorn and had to be put on the Rocky Neck railways for repairs.

The Pereira was fishing on Georges last Friday morning and near at hand was the Boston swordsman Irene and Helen. The Pereira was ready to come home, having 102 fish on board, when the watch sighted a huge fellow swimming lazily along the banks, fins rippling the water and bony sword poking upward as though the

swordfish was taking in the sights. The lookout on the Irene and Helen also sighted the fish about the same time, and both craft headed for him, with strikers far out on the bowsprit, lily irons ready for the thrust which would send the brass dart deep into the tough hide of the fish.

Vessels Collide.

When almost in striking distance, the two vessels came together, the Pereira being struck on her port side, and bowsprit, and rigging carried away. Fortunately, the striker saw that the Pereira was going to be hit, and he made the deck before the crash came. The Irene and Helen was not damaged and continued fishing, but the Pereira was forced to come home, and the crew, looking back over the rail, saw the fish stand up on its tail, wave its head from side to side in derision, and sink beneath the waters, safe for a while from harpoons or bumping vessels.

N. F. Fishery Outlook.

As far as we can ascertain the reports from various parts of the Dominion are very favorable as regards the fishery. The weather of late has been ideal and there is every indication that the catch will be equal to, if not greater than last year's. Trappers, hook and liners and trawlers all appear to be doing well. Winds, tide and atmospheric conditions are all favorable on the Newfoundland coast, and the result is fish is very plentiful. How long it will remain on shore is of course problematical, but the indications at present point to an average voyage.

The total to be salted and dried this year, however, will be less than usual, as their cold storage plants will handle a much larger quantity than formerly. The fresh fish trade is becoming increasingly important and will materially decrease the quantity to be handled by the old-fashioned salt method. This is of

business bad. This is not because there are abnormal stocks, but because everyone seems to be poorer. Not only are the Newfoundland exporters up against it, but fish handlers abroad also have their worries and it is not an easy matter at the present time to predict when there will be an improvement, but all agree that low prices are likely to continue for some time. A much larger world consumption is needed, and because of the money stringency this is not likely to occur. The cause is in no small degree due to the fact that Iceland has doubled her catch during the last few years, and it is not unlikely that she may double the present catch in the near future. Indications are that there will be no scarcity this year, as during the week reports have been received from the various fishing centres that codfish is plentiful, and the fish are of a large size.—Maritime Merchant.

ONLY TWO FARES OF FISH TODAY

RECEIPTS FELL OFF CONSIDER- ABLY SINCE YES- TERDAY.

Only two arrivals of fresh fish were reported in port this morning, one seiner having 30,000 pounds of fresh mackerel and an off-shore dragger, 45,000 pounds of haddock. Two of the halibutners came down from Boston to refit, one bringing 14,000 pounds of salt fish for the Davis Fisheries Company. Three gill netters lifted around 6500 pounds yesterday.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging,
45,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mayflower, seining, 30,000 lbs.
Sailed.

- Sch. Minerva, swordfishing.
- Sch. Mary M., swordfishing.
- Sch. Natalie S., swordfishing.
- Sch. Elizabeth A., swordfishing.
- Boat Capt. Drum, seining.
- Boat Jackie B., seining.
- Boat St. Provdienza, seining.
- Boat Helena, seining.
- Boat Old Glory, seining.
- Boat Angie and Vence, seining.
- Boat Nova Julia, seining.
- Boat Ramona, seining.
- Sch. Paolina, seining.
- Sch. Josephine and Margaret, seining.
- Sch. Herbert Parker, dragging.
- Str. William J. O'Brien, Boston.

On the Railways.

Schs. St. John and Amelia M. Pereira are on Rocky Neck railways.

HUB RECEIPTS ARE MODERATE

FLEET OF 29 ON HAND TODAY— MARKET IS LITTLE STRONGER.

Fresh in all varieties, except halibut, were in good supply at the Boston Fish Pier this morning and the market was up some from yesterday. There were 29 arrivals and they brought in 662,000 pounds of groundfish, 509 swordfish, 275,000 pounds of fresh mackerel, 3000 pounds of salt mackerel and 106,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Haddock sold at \$3.50 to \$4; large cod, \$5 to \$6; markets, \$2.50 and mackerel 2.55 to 3.4 cents per pound.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail:
- Str. Spray, 43,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.
 - Str. White Cap, 50,000 haddock, 34,000 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.
 - Str. Fordham, 82,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
 - Str. Quincy, 52,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Vagabond, 45,000 haddock, 8,000 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Catherine Graffeo, 22,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Sea Rover, 12,000 haddock, 5,000 cod, 6500 hake.
 - Sch. Eleanor Nickerson, 32,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 1800 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Catherine Burke, 17,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
 - Sch. Louise B. Marshall, 30,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Ellen T. Marshall, 21,000 haddock, 33,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
 - Sch. Viola, 17,000 cod.
 - Sch. Laura Goulart, 30,000 haddock, 6900 cod, 1000 hake.
 - Boat Charles Fauci, 6300 mixed fish.
 - Boat Automatic, 5900 mixed fish.
 - Boat Robert and Edwin, 6700 mixed fish.
 - Boat Mao II., 10,000 mixed fish.
 - Boat Nova Julia, 24,000 mackerel.
 - Boat Angie and Mary, 38,000 mackerel.
 - Boat Angie and Florence, 70,000 mackerel.
 - Sch. Dorcas, 25,000 mackerel, 3000 salt mackerel.
 - Boat Clarence B. Mitchell, 27,000 mackerel.
 - Boat Antonio, 35,000 mackerel.
 - Boat North Star, 55,000 mackerel.
 - Sch. Mystic, 117 swordfish.
 - Sch. Olivia Brown, 143 swordfish.
 - Sch. Babe Sears, 103 swordfish.
 - Sch. Shirley M. Clattenburg, 86 swordfish.
 - Boat Marise, 50 swordfish.
 - Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, \$4 to \$5; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 3½ cents per pound; lemon sole, 6 cents; black backs, 3 cents; yellow tails, 2½ to 3 cents; dabs, 1½ cents; mackerel 2.55 to 3.40 cents; catfish, 2 cents; swordfish, 15 to 19 cents.

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