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RECEIVE SWORDFISH FROM CALIFORNIA

A car of swordfish was received at Boston last week from California, the first one to arrive this season.

The local season is about over. The total catch to date has been 17,769 fish as compared with 24,792 in 1929. Foreign receipts have been 2718 fish as compared with 2218 fish last year.

SELL TRAWLER TO SATISFY LIBEL

The steel motor fishing vessel Lexington was sold at United States marshal's sale at the Atlantic Works Saturday to satisfy a libel brought against the craft for supplies and reconditioning. While the appraised value of the craft was \$80,000, and the upset price was \$50,000, the highest bid received was \$35,000, by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation. Before the sale is confirmed it must be approved by the United States District Court.

Giant Lobster.

The granddaddy of all lobsters was brought to Boston yesterday by the auxiliary dragger Nina B. The crustacean, swept up from the ocean bed on the South Channel grounds by the schooner's trawl, was the largest ever seen here. It weighed 28 pounds, four ounces, and measured nearly four feet in length. It exceeded by three pounds the largest previously seen here.

Dr. D. L. Belding, marine biologist, said that the big fellow was undoubtedly between 40 and 50 years old and a rare specimen. Wallace Doucette, cook of the Nina B., present custodian of the lobster, plans to have it mounted and presented to some marine museum, for exhibition purposes.

N. S. Lobsters.

High winds retarded lobster fishing in the Northumberland Straits for a few days at the opening of the August season. Since then more favorable weather has been experienced and good catches obtained.

The low prices ruling for canned lobsters rendered figures offered by the canners to fishermen for small lobsters less than any which have prevailed during the last decade. This was a disappointment to the newly formed unions in New Brunswick. Fishermen, however, hoped to equalize their final returns by obtaining better prices than usual for their large lobsters.

So far, however, this expectation has not materialized. The Boston markets have been weak and the demand slow. The prices so far have been much below normal.

While there is yet time for a revival in the trade for lobsters-in-shell, the prospects for a profitable season for 1930 are not bright.

Buyers of canned lobsters show little eagerness for the purchase of more goods and there is still a large quantity from the spring pack lying unsold in packers' hands. Available statistics do not show the pack to the end of July more than four thousand cases greater than 1929. The Newfoundland pack is thought to be less than the totals for the entire pack of Canada and Newfoundland may be very little more than last year's.

Therefore, with prices ruling at an average of four or five dollars lower than formerly, there should be an improved consumption that will lessen the carryover from one year's pack into another that has been a deterrent to the markets for some time past.—Maritime Merchant.

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RECEIPTS TODAY ARE LIGHTER

TWO DRAGGERS REPORTED, BUT NO MACKEREL FARES RECEIVED.

Receipts of fresh fish here this forenoon were very much lighter than yesterday's landings, the arrivals consisting only of two of the off-shore dragging fleet, both going to the General Seafoods plant for filleting. No mackerel arrivals were reported, the entire fleet being out on the grounds in search of fish. Gill netters yesterday landed 38,000 pounds.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Beauty St. Joseph, dragging, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Emma Marie, via Bston.
Sch. Amelia M. Pereira, via Boston.
Boat Alice and Mildred, seining.
Boat Alden, Boston.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Enterprise, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat C. A. Meister, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Nashawena, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Liboria C., 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Evelyn H., 7500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Phyllis A., 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Naomi Bruce II., 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Sch. Mystic, dragging.
Sch. Babe Sears, dragging.
Sch. Marjorie Parker, shore.
Sch. Gertrude Parker, dragging.
Sch. Edith and Elinor, dragging.

On the Railways.

Sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud is on Burnham's railways.
Sch. L. A. Dunton is on Parkhurst's railways.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived.

State patrol steamer Siwash, cruising, for harbor.

BUSY DAY AT BOSTON MARKET

ONLY THREE SEINERS, HOWEVER, ARE REPORTED WITH FISH.

Today was a good day for business at the Boston Pier, there being some 20 craft in with fares of fresh fish and mackerel. The latter fish were brought by three of the Gloucester seining fleet, their catch amounting to only 40,000 pounds. Six of the larger beam trawlers were chalked up as arrivals when the pier opened, and there were several of the baby trawlers beside them. Other receipts were landed by the shore boats and small draggers.

Haddock brought \$3 a hundred weight, and large cod sold at \$3.50 and \$4.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Dartmouth, 52,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Str. Wave, 32,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Str. Comber, 40,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.
Str. Notre Dame, 55,000 haddock, 3800 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.
Str. Quincy, 65,000 haddock, 2100 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Str. Heron, 33,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Boat Gertrude M. Fauci, 60,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Elvira Gasper, 32,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Boat Vandal, 38,800 haddock, 21,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Boat Rainbow, 40,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.
Boat Exeter, 36,000 haddock, 4000 mixed fish.
Sch. Ellen T. Marshall, 50,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 13,000 hake.
Sch. Louisa B. Marshall, 55,000 haddock, 31,000 cod, 20,000 hake.
Sch. Edith C. Rose, 60,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 57,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Rhodora, 52,000 haddock, 26,000 cod.
Sch. Catherine Burke, 55,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. John J. Fallon, 50,000 haddock, 70,000 cod.
Sch. Wanderer, 70,000 haddock, 62,000 cod, 4000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Desire, 12,000 cod.
Boat Angie and Vence, 22,000 mackerel.
Boat Rose Marie, 3500 mackerel.
Sch. James M. Burke, 14,000 mackerel.
Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.50; cusk, \$2; gray sole, 7 cents to 9 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 4 cents; black backs, 2 cents; yellow tails, 4 cents; tinker mackerel, 7 to 8.60 cents; large and medium mackerel, 6 cents; catfish, 5 cents.

Strange Fish.

Included in the catch of the local seiner Old Glory, in at the Fish Pier at Boston yesterday with mackerel, were four fish, strangers in these waters, having wandered from their native habitat in the tropics. Two are file fish, one is a Sargassum, and the fourth a Unicorn, and they are rarely seen as far north. They were scooped in 95 miles southeast half south from Cape Cod, in 25 fathoms of water, and were kept alive until yesterday morning. They died, however, before the schooner made port and were then turned over to the United States Bureau of Fisheries for study.