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# RECEIPTS LIGHT OVER WEEK-END

ONLY SEVEN FARES OF FISH LANDED HERE SINCE SATURDAY.

Only seven fares of fresh fish have been landed here since Saturday, all of them being small shore boats with fares not larger than 3000 pounds. Mackerel netters have about finished for the season, and none of the boats have been out for a couple of days. Gill netters failed to haul Saturday and only 12 boats were out for their gear yesterday, bringing in a total of 70,000 pounds.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

- Sch. St. Rosalie, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Angie and Mary, dragging 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Maria Concetta, trawling, 900 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Rose Marie, trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Anna Guarino, trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Pauline S., dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat 703 E., trawling, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Raymonde, via Boston.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

- Boat Enterprise, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Inca, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Mary A., 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Evelyn H., 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Phyllis A., 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Liboria C., 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Alicia, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Edna Fae, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Elizabeth and James, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Virginia and Joan, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Ramona, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed.

- Sch. Edith L. Budreau, dragging.

### Sardines Scarce.

Sardine herring are reported scarce at Eastport and Lubec, Me., and all the factories have closed down for the season.

### SPEEDS HOME TO

#### LAND SICK MAN

Under forced draft, the beam trawler P. J. O'Hara sped across Boston bay yesterday from the Georges Banks to land her third engineer, Clarence Gardner, of 103 Bryant street, Malden, who was stricken with appendicitis early yesterday.

The craft had sent a radio message and an ambulance was waiting at the fish pier to hurry the man to the Chelsea hospital.

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# PIER LANDINGS SHORT OF THREE MILLION POUNDS

Receipts at the Boston fish pier for the week ending December 11 were light. Haddock were only in moderate supply and strong northeast winds hampered fishing operations. In consequence of light receipts prices ruled good, selling at six to 10 cents per pound. In the corresponding week of 1920, haddock sold at six to seven cents and in 1928, three and one-half to eight cents.

There were 126 arrivals during the week with 2,997,400 pounds of fresh fish. In the same week of 1929, there were 143 arrivals and receipts of 4,211,900 pounds.

From January 1 to date there have been 6110 arrivals and receipts of 255,015,350 pounds as compared with 5572 arrivals and receipts of 244,792,062 pounds in the same period of 1929.

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# LOCAL MARKET BARE OF FISH

NO ARRIVALS OF ANY KIND TO BE FOUND IN PORT TODAY.

The local market was bare of fresh fish today, for since yesterday, the only arrivals reported have been two gill netters, one having 4000 pounds and the other 5000 pounds. This morning found things pretty dry along the waterfront, with all netters and shore boats tied up at their wharves waiting a chance to go outside.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

- Boat Liboria C., 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Edna Fae, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed.

- Sch. Henrietta, shore.
- Sch. Raymonde, dragging.

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# TWENTY-NINE IN TODAY'S FLEET

RECEIPTS OVER 800,000 POUNDS —MARKET AT ABOUT YESTERDAY'S LEVEL.

Dealers at the Boston fish pier had a fair supply of fresh fish again this morning. There were 29 arrivals and they brought in 655,000 pounds of groundfish and 162,000 pounds of mixed fish. All varieties were in good demand. Haddock opened at \$7; large cod, \$8 to \$10 and markets, \$5 to \$6, while pollock which were going begging in the market 10 days ago at 65 cents were quoted today at \$3.

By rail yesterday 2254 gallons of Virginia oysters and 192 boxes of halibut and salmon from British Columbia, were received.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

- Str. Princeton, 27,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 mixed fish.
- Str. Amherst, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.
- Str. Holy Cross, 46,000 haddock, 1700 cod, 3000 mixed fish.
- Str. Widgeon, 36,000 haddock, 6600 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
- Str. Mist, 43,000 haddock, 38,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
- Str. Breaker, 17,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 30,000 mixed fish.
- Str. Tide, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
- Str. Cormorant, 40,000 haddock, 3,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
- Str. Quincy, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
- Sch. Magellan, 23,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1300 mixed fish.
- Boat Vagabond, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 mixed fish.
- Boat Vandal, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6700 mixed fish.
- Boat Amelia M. Pereira, 15,000 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 mixed fish.
- Sch. Catherine F. Saunders, 14,000 haddock, 1000 mixed fish.
- Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, 21,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1200 mixed fish.
- Sch. Rita B., 12,000 haddock, 3000 mixed fish.
- Sch. Irene and Helen, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7300 mixed fish.
- Sch. R. Eugene Ashley, 33,000 haddock, 500 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
- Sch. Albatross, 15,000 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 mixed fish.
- Sch. Babe Sears, 18,000 haddock, 2000 mixed fish.
- Sch. Louise B. Marshall, 35,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1500 cusk.
- Sch. Elk, 16,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 cusk.
- Sch. Wanderer, (fare not reported).
- Sch. J. M. Marshall, (fare not reported).
- Boat Famiglia, 700 haddock, 200 cod, 400 mixed fish.
- Boat Princess, 200 haddock, 500 cod, 3600 mixed fish.
- Boat Sebastiano, 4200 mixed fish.
- Boat Automatic, 3500 mixed fish.
- Boat Mayflower, 3100 mixed fish.
- Haddock, \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$8 to \$10; market cod, \$5 to \$6; hake, \$6; pollock, \$3 to \$3.50; cusk, \$4; gray sole, 8 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 10 cents; black backs, 6 cents; yellow tails, 3½ cents to 4 cents; dabs, 2½ cents; shark, 6½ cents; catfish, 5 cents.

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# GOOD NEWS FOR THE CLAMMERS

## State Health Department Removes Restrictions from Digging in Wheeler's Point Vicinity Until May 15 Next

Mayor John E. Parker was today informed by Edward Wright, sanitary engineer of the State Department of Public Health that restrictions on the taking of shellfish from the areas in the vicinity of Thurston's and Wheeler's Points have been suspended until May 15, 1931. This will enable clammers to dig those flats during the winter months.

This action comes as a result of a petition of local clammers to the municipal council to have the ban lifted during the cold weather. The matter was taken up by the council through Mayor Parker with the state department of public health and samples of shellfish and sea water were collected from the prohibited areas. Subsequent analysis showed that the area was free from dangerous contamination.

On December 9, Dr. George H. Bigelow, commissioner of public health, notified the Division of Fisheries and Game of the State Department of Conservation of the removal of restrictions on portion of the area which has been closed since December 8, 1925.

### Letter to Mayor.

This morning, Mayor Parker received a copy of the letter, as follows:

December 9, 1930.

To the Division of Fisheries and Game Department of Conservation:

State House, Boston, Mass.  
Gentlemen:—In response to a petition for the removal of the restrictions on the taking of shellfish from certain portions of the waters and flats about the city of Gloucester, particularly portions of the Annisquam river, the Department of Public Health has caused the locality to be examined and samples of shellfish and sea water to be analyzed.

Under date of December 8, 1925, the department determined that the waters and flats of Gloucester harbor and all estuaries tributary thereto,

inside or north of a line drawn from Tablet Rock on the westerly coast of Gloucester harbor easterly to the light on Ten Pond Island and continued in a straight line easterly to East Gloucester, and the Annisquam river and the estuaries tributary thereto, northerly to a line across the Annisquam river between the westerly point of Wolf Hill and the northeasterly point of Winiahdin, and also the water and flats of the Annisquam river along the westerly and northerly shores of Thurston's and Wheeler's Points, northerly from a point opposite the northerly extremity of Pearce's island, and also the waters and flats of Mill river and Lobster Cove were so contaminated that shellfish obtained therefrom were unfit for food and dangerous to the public health.

### No Pollution.

A recent examination shows that the houses on Thurston's and Wheeler's Points are not occupied during this season of the year, and the results of the analysis of samples of shellfish and sea water recently collected from this portion of the Annisquam river show no material evidence of pollution. In the opinion of the department, shellfish taken from the area previously determined as contaminated in the vicinity of Thurston's and Wheeler's Points are now free from dangerous contamination.

Accordingly as a result of this examination the determination of the department dated December 8, 1925, so far as it relates to that portion of the Annisquam river along the westerly and northerly shores of Thurston's and Wheeler's Points northerly from a point opposite the northerly extremity of Pearce's Island is hereby suspended until May 15, 1931, unless sooner revoked as a result of subsequent inspection.

This section of the department in no way affects the findings on the other portions of Gloucester harbor or the Annisquam river.

Respectfully,

George H. Bigelow, M. D.  
Commissioner of Public Health.

### N. S. Dried Fish Markets.

It would seem that the price of the summer catch of the Lunenburg fleet has been finally set at \$6 per quintal for large and \$5 for small fish. A few cargoes were taken over at \$6.25 and \$5.00, but later purchases were at the rates first mentioned. This, needless to say, is not good business for the fishermen, for not only is it a much lower price than last year, but also the catch was of much smaller proportions. Incidentally, last year's price of Lunenburg summer catch was \$8.50 for large and \$8 for small. It may be said, too, that even with the lower price paid by exporters this year it is doubtful if sales prospects in West India markets warrant the expectation that on the transaction they will get a new dollar for an old one. The trouble is that West India markets are being cruelly overloaded by consignments from Newfoundland; the latter had quite a heavy stock of fish this year which was unsuitable for her regular market, so she is doing the best she can to get rid of it in the West Indies. But there is even more than Newfoundland's competition to be met in the West India markets at the present time: Norway is quoting some very low prices in Cuba and even England is offering dried fish, the by-product of her fresh fish supply, at very low prices. It is hard to tell then, even with the small quantity, as compared with previous years, there is of Lunenburg fish today, whether it will all be wanted in the West India market. Exporters are hoping that it will, but they are not anticipating any profit on their sales even with the low prices paid; in fact we think many of them would have postponed purchases for some time to come were it not for the fact that they do not wish the Lunenburg fishermen to become so discouraged as to lose interest in the industry and turn their attention for the future to something else.

The news from other world markets generally is that supplies of dried fish are heavy and demand dull. It looks very much as though Iceland would have to take a heavy loss on her operation this year and the news from London is that because of these losses, those who were financing the Iceland industry this year are likely to restrict advances of money for next year. This, however, is not positive, so we shall have to wait for a few months to see what happens. Iceland, as we have frequently said, is the fly in the ointment, the thorn in the flesh of other countries engaged in the dried fish industry, and if through any cause her output next year should be reduced, it will be a most excellent thing for other countries and incidentally, perhaps, not a bad thing for Iceland herself.—Maritime Merchant.