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# ONLY TWO SMALL FARES REPORTED

### GILL NETTERS AND SMALL BOATS DID NOT FISH YESTERDAY.

Only two fares of fresh fish have been landed here since yesterday's report. One trawler sold late yesterday and the other held her fish until this morning. The Funchal weighed out 3000 pounds of groundfish at the Cape Ann Cold Storage wharf, and the trawler Minerva unloaded a 2000-pound catch at William McDonald's. There were several boats arrived from Boston to refit.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail:
- Minerva, trawling, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Funchal, trawling, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Edith L. Boudreau, via Boston.
- Elvira Gaspar, via Boston.
- Evelina M. Goulart, via Boston.
- Dacia, via Boston.
- Josephine and Mary, via Boston.
- Little Joe, dragging.

#### Sailed.

- Oretha F. Spinney, halibuting.

#### Will Shift Over.

Sch. Pilgrim, concluding the discharge of her herring cargo at the Frank C. Pearce wharf today, will be made ready for halibuting, and will start to fit next week with Capt. Cecil Moulton, master.

# BOSTON PRICES ARE LOWER TODAY

### RECEIPTS NEARLY A MILLION POUNDS—HADDOCK SELL AT \$3 TO \$4.50.

Fairly large receipts were recorded at the Boston fish pier this morning when 30 vessels came in with 801,000 pounds of groundfish and 145,000 pounds of mixed fish. Prices took a sharp drop from yesterday's figures. Haddock sold at \$3 to \$4.50; large cod at \$2.50 to \$3 and markets, \$2.50.

Business was again conducted yesterday on a check-payment basis with little actual cash figuring in the day's trading transactions. Skippers appeared to accept the situation philosophically and made the best of it.

The Yarmouth steamer brought a shipment of 25 crates of live lobsters yesterday, one of the smallest lots of the season, due to the recent stormy spell.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail:
- Str. Brookline, 50,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.
- Str. Ocean, 40,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 27,000 mixed fish.
- Str. Dartmouth, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.
- Str. Notre Dame, 29,000 haddock, 29,000 cod, 1200 mixed fish.
- Str. Cornell, 23,000 haddock, 9500 cod, 8600 mixed fish.
- Gertrude Parker, 19,000 haddock, 700 cod, 3500 mixed fish.
- Alvan T. Fuller, 22,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3700 mixed fish.
- Gov. Al Smith, 7500 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.
- Exeter, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7800 mixed fish.
- Frances C. Denehey, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2300 mixed fish.
- Marrisstella, 33,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
- Gertrude L. Thebaud, 24,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2000 mixed fish.
- J. M. Marshall, 17,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1000 mixed fish.
- Lark, 38,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
- Mary F. Curtis, 33,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
- William L. Putnam, 11,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 5500 mixed fish.
- Catherine Burke, 7000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
- Killarney, 37,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
- Ruth Lucille, 3000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 5200 mixed fish.
- Eva II., 1200 mixed fish.
- Frances, 6600 mixed fish.
- Mary DeCosta, 36,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
- Mary E. O'Hara, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 7500 mixed fish.
- Reliance, 3000 halibut, 1000 mixed fish.
- Rosie, 6200 mixed fish.
- Sarah M., 1000 mixed fish.
- Eddie and Lulu M., 2500 mixed fish.
- Roma, 2000 mixed fish.
- Sebastiano and Figli, 2800 mixed fish.

#### Two Pals, 2100 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$3 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$2.50 hake, \$3.75; pollock, \$2.50 to \$3; cusk, \$2; gray sole, 7 to 8 cents pound; black backs, 6 cents; yellow tails, 2 cents; dabs, 2 cents; spawn, 7 cents; catfish, 3 cents.

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# FIVE ARRIVALS SINCE YESTERDAY

### THREE OF THOSE WERE GILL NETTERS WITH SMALL FARES.

Including three gill netters, local arrivals of fresh fish reported yesterday afternoon numbered five. The three gill netters, the only ones to go out for gear, had about as poor a lift as they have experienced this season, the highest amount of fish taken by any one boat being 800 pounds. One small dragger reported late yesterday afternoon with 600 pounds of mixed fish, and the haddock, Mary F. Curtis, brought down 8000 pounds of fish to split at the Pew wharf, she having taken out the rest of her fare at the Fish Pier earlier in the day.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail:
- Mary F. Curtis, via Boston, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- St. Providenza, dragging, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Edna Fae, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Virginia and Joan, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Phyllis A., gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Alvan T. Fuller, via Boston.
- Governor Al Smith, via Boston.
- Catherine Burke, via Boston.
- William L. Putnam, via Boston.
- Ruth Lucille, via Boston.

#### On the Railways.

Sch. Catherine Burke and lobster smack Consolidated, are on Parkhurst's railways.

# HALF DOZEN AT HUB PIER TODAY

### RECEIPTS TOTAL 335,000 POUNDS —MARKET STRONGER AND PRICES HIGHER.

A half dozen vessels brought in 292,000 pounds of groundfish and 42,000 pounds of mixed fish to the Boston fish pier this morning. A half dozen held over until today. The market was stronger and prices moved up as the early sales were made today. Haddock brought \$4; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50 and markets, \$4.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail:
- Str. Maine, 38,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
- Str. Shawmut, 30,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 24,000 mixed fish.
- Olivia Brown, 5000 haddock, 57,000 cod.
- Laura Goulart, 9000 haddock, 29,000 cod, 500 pollock.
- San Antonio, 3200 mixed fish.
- Roma, 2000 mixed fish.
- Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$4; hake, \$3; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$2; lemon sole, 8 to 10 cents per pound; yellow tails, 3½ cents; catfish, 3 cents.

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## RESUME LOBSTER BATTLE TODAY

Defeated yesterday in the House in their attempt to change the present 10 3-4 inch law on lobsters, western Maine lobster interests will reopen the battle in the Senate today.

Plans were made last night to have the Senate amend the bill to provide for a double gauge limit. Originally the western Maine lobstermen asked to change the existing limit to nine inches. The House rejected the bill on a test of strength between lobstermen of the eastern and western counties.

Immediately the Cumberland and York lobstermen moved to gain reconsideration of the question by seeking to substitute the double gauge of 10 and 14 inches for the present limit. This would enable the taking of lobsters only between 10 and 14 inches. The eastern Maine interests, aware of the move, were working last night to defeat the plan.

The test will come in the Senate. If the western Maine men succeed in amending the bill there it would be returned to the House for consideration. If defeated in the Senate the easterners will have clinched their victory.

### REPORT POWER BOAT

#### IN DISTRESS

A 50-foot power boat, with a man's shirt flying on an oar as a distress signal, was being tossed about in giant seas somewhere off Cohasset, last night, with Coast Guardsmen frantically trying to sight it.

The boat, whose identity is a mystery, was sighted about 6 o'clock, flying her homemade distress signal, about a mile off Cohasset.

Henry E. Hatch, a Cohasset resident, reported the boat to Point Alerton Coast Guard station. Capt. George E. Josephs, with a crew of five men, immediately put to sea in a picket boat, and spent five hours in the bitter cold, in the face of a mounting wind, in a vain effort to track the boat.

### ABOLISH TRAWLERS.

#### Lunenburg Trade Board's Resolution Considered by Halifax Body.

Support for its resolution asking the Federal government to refuse further licenses for trawlers, was asked by the Lunenburg Board of Trade in a communication to the Halifax Board. The Council of the Halifax Board, meeting Tuesday, with R. J. R. Nelson presiding, referred the matter to the Fisheries Committee which will report to the next meeting of Council.

Although the Halifax Board is on record as approving trawlers, it was pointed out yesterday that in view of recent information the matter was one for careful consideration.

The Lunenburg resolution pointed out that trawler licenses expire March 31, and asked that existing ones be not renewed, and that no new ones be issued. The preamble pointed out that licenses had been granted on the understanding that fish companies could not obtain an adequate regular supply of fresh fish, and that it had been definitely established that hook and line fishermen were able to provide such a supply; that the Lunenburg fishing fleet was idle and that the trawler added to unemployment because it would require at least 80 hook and line fishermen to equal the production of one trawler; that trawlers were destroying immature fish in increasing numbers, and that under present conditions shore fishermen were unable to make a fair living and in some cases were even unable to provide themselves with the bare necessities of life.

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# MASTER MARINERS FEAR ATTEMPT TO LOWER THE TARIFF

## Revival of Fishing Privileges Seen As Wedge for Adoption of Reciprocity--- Make Appeal to Andrew

Reports from Canada that reciprocity of trade between Canada and the United States had received the stamp of approval from Liberal leaders in Nova Scotia has resulted in prompt action of the Gloucester Master Mariners' Association. The association which comprises in its membership captains of all fishing vessels out of Gloucester has gone on record as being absolutely opposed to any attempt that may be made to either lower or cancel tariff regulations that now exist between the United States and Canada relative to the importation of fish, fresh, salt or otherwise, into

### The Letter.

The letter follows:  
Honorable A. Platt Andrew, M. C.  
House Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Andrew:—This association which comprises in membership captains of all fishing vessels from the port of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and representing the crews of these vessels numbering over 2400 men, desires to record with you its absolute opposition against any attempts that may be made to either lower or to cancel tariff regulations that now exist between the United States and Canada relative to the importation of fish (fresh, salt or otherwise) into this country.

Years ago there existed between the United States and Canada a treaty, or an understanding known as the "Modus Vivendi" which agreement enabled Gloucester fishing vessels to purchase supplies, ship men and to have done any repair work necessary at Canadian ports. This was during a time when all the fishing fleet out of Gloucester was under sail and our vessels were engaged almost exclusively in salt fishing, these trips lasting from several weeks to two or three months. These vessels were then fishing in waters much nearer to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia coasts than to their home port of Gloucester, and there were many times when vessels would run out of supplies and would find it more convenient, and sometimes necessary, to call at these Canadian ports to replenish their food stocks, purchase bait, etc. At that time, the existing "Modus Vivendi" agreement was regarded of benefit to general fishing interests at Gloucester.

### Conditions Changed.

At present, all fishing vessels sailing from the port of Gloucester are under power. These vessels are engaged exclusively in fresh fishing, fish being caught on the various banks and then a run made to American markets. With the exception of

this "Modus Vivendi" privilege will result in a decided lowering of the tariff on fish between Canada and this country, if not complete removal of the existing tariff, whereby American vessels calling at Canadian ports can trans-ship their cargoes to the United States without any duty charge, which in turn would mean that any Canadian vessel engaged in fishing could do likewise. This would bring American fishermen in direct competition with Canadian fishermen and would result in the complete ruination of Gloucester so far as its fishing industry is concerned. Not only would the livelihood of our own fishermen and their families be affected but all business relating to the fishing industry. The various trades and businesses engaged in the outfitting of these vessels and those concerns furnishing gear and equipment would suffer a very material loss. Canadian vessels now operating in the fisheries or new vessels that could be built in Canada much less than in this country would gradually replace present vessels of the Gloucester fleet that are valued in round figures upwards to \$4,000,000.

This association wishes you to know that the captains and crews of vessels fishing from the port of Gloucester are absolutely opposed to any step that might be taken by the Canadian government or by any American interests toward lowering of the tariff on fish (fresh, salted or otherwise) now existing between this country and Canada. Rather than any thought of lowering present duties, an effort should be made to increase them in order to offset the difference that has resulted from depreciation in currency between Canada and this country.

We ask that you keep this situation in mind, oppose any such advances that might be made in this direction and notify us immediately that you learn of any attempt at lowering of the present tariff.

Very truly yours,  
George D. Morey, Secretary.