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The auxiliary yacht Indra, owned by William M. Pond of Cambridge, which winters at Rocky Neck, will get ready soon for an inspection, preparatory for sailing wherever her owner wishes.

The faithful horse is getting to be a rarity along the waterfront but there are still a couple left in the employ of the Gorton-Pew Company. Their names are Tom and Ben and they draw the last of the jiggers of this firm which in the old days had over a dozen fine horses and several jiggers with a stable at the old Cunningham & Thompson place at the Fort. Louis Landry is the driver of these 11-year old horses who haul fish from one wharf to another, and also to the railroad depot. They are another part of the vanishing romance of the fisheries.

Among the missing along the waterfront, is one, Capt. Rufus McKay, the man who is said to have taught the famous Ethel Barrymore, stage-land's undisputed ace of aces, the Yankee language. As the story goes, Miss Ethel was returning home from abroad as a passenger on an English liner when in some marine fashion, the liner came near ramming Skipper Rufe's vessel. Rufe straightforwardly bellowed his very frank opinion of the liner's doughty captain and almost blanched the skipper's gold braid with his expressive words. It was a real treat to the heroine of the drama.

OVER 9100 WERE ENGAGED IN THE FISHERIES IN 1931

(Special to the Times).
 Washington, May 4.—Bay Staters engaged in fishing as a means of livelihood totaled 9180 during 1931 when the number of fishing vessels numbered 418. The figures are from the Bureau of Fisheries.
 Of the total number of Bay State fishermen, 4403 were on vessels and 2945 regularly on boats and shore, with 1832 listed as having casual employment in the latter class. The total number of fishermen in New England was 17,888 and the number of fishing vessels 706.
 The total catch by Bay State fishermen aggregated 355,833,323 pounds valued at \$12,951,008 in 1931. The entire New England catch of 540,297,920 pounds that year was valued at \$20,140,288.
 A comparison of the 1931 catch and value thereof, with the years 1928, 1929 and 1930 reveals the year of the beginning of the depression as the gala year for the Massachusetts fishing industry. In 1929 the total catch aggregated 447,689,000 pounds valued at \$18,052,000, whereas in 1928 it amounted to 380,169,000 pounds worth \$15,649,000, and in 1930 dropped to 442,474,000 pounds valued at \$16,289,000.

SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

CAPT. JOE PALAZOLLA IS HIGH LINE OF MACKEREL FLEET— CREW SHARE \$320

The crew of the local mackerel seiner Jackie B., have shared \$95 each, while the total stock for the vessel since Capt. Stephen Post took her south, is \$3125.27, all made within 20 days. The Jackie B., left port on April 14, and arrived in this port last night about 5 o'clock, coming down from Boston, where they sold their 45,000 pounds of small mackerel which they caught 35 miles from Cape May.

That stock sounds good—and is good! But before you gather any false impressions and think that the fishermen must be prosperous, pause a moment and learn that Skipper Steve and his men are among the high-liners this season, the very few vessels which have broken a little better than even. And even the high-liners are making only \$5 each day, which is very good for this world today, but don't forget that those same men who earn every cent they make, also went through a mighty lean winter of much harder trips, with their only satisfaction of being in debt when they arrived in port.

Against that good stock, which is far below what it should have been for the amount of fish caught, there are the many seiners who have not paid for the expense of fitting out for the fuel their engines consume on the southern voyage. As the old wag used to say, " 'Tis a great life if you don't weaken."

Steve tells Squibs that the seiners are working between Five Fathoms bank off Cape May, where the small fish roam, as far as within 25 miles of Barnegat Lightship, which is about 60 miles from New York port, where the large mackerel are schooling. The fish are late in moving north this season, and the fleet has stayed nearer Cape May longer than usual.

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, Capt. Joseph Goulart, arrived from the south yesterday afternoon, where they have been dragging for scup and sea bass all winter. The dragger is docking at Frank F. Smith's wharf.

Skipper Joe Palazolla, who went to Boston to sell his mackerel, 17,000 pounds of them, dropped in this port yesterday afternoon in the seiner, Josephine and Mary, and paid his friends a visit. They say each member of his crew have shared \$320, which certainly makes them high line. They have made seven trips, catching over 200,000 pounds, since April 14, when they landed his first fare at Cape May. His last trip was caught 25 miles south of Five Fathom Lightship.

Lobster Season Opens.

The lobster season opened at Brule, N. S., on Monday, May 1. A number of men who have been unable to find other employment are engaged in lobstering. Although the price is low to suit the fishermen, perhaps quantity will make up the difference.

Roy Weatherby of Brule Point, who has charge of a lobster factory there formerly occupied by his father, the late R. S. Weatherby of Barasosis, has engaged a number from Brule. Walter Craig is again re-engaged as bookkeeper.

Lionel Gould of New Brunswick has recently arrived here where he will again be manager. Mrs. Neil McPherson of French River is engaged as cook.

MORE FISH SENT TO THE SPLITTERS

FIRST MACKEREL FARE OF SEASON LANDED TODAY AT THE FORT.

Over 300,000 pounds of fresh fish have been landed here since yesterday, with most of it going to the splitters and for filleting. From Boston came sch. Ellen T. Marshall with 95,000 pounds of haddock for filleting at the Gloucester Cold Storage, and 28,000 pounds of cod for splitting at the Pew wharf. Sch. Rhodora with 30,000 each of haddock and cod, the former for filleting at the Cold Storage, and the cod for splitting at the Pew wharf. Sch. Cape Ann, with 28,000 pounds of cod for Booth Fisheries, which firm also had 20,000 pounds of large cod sent down over the road from Boston.

The biggest news of the day was the arrival of the mackerel seiner Superior, Capt. John A. Dahmler, who surprised everybody by coming from the south early this morning, 6 o'clock to be exact, with 3000 pounds of large and 3000 pounds of small mackerel, which he sold to the Producers Fish Company at the Fort. Sam Curcurru, acting manager of the Producers, took charge of the mackerel and shipped them to Boston. Many flocked to the Producers wharf when the news of the arrival spread. Other seiners which came home last night for a brief stay before returning south, had a few mackerel aboard enough for their families, but none to sell.

The gill netters, 13 of them, had 63,700 pounds of haddock and cod, while three trawlers had 6000 pounds, and one dragger had 3000 pounds.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail: Superior, Cape May, New Jersey, 3000 lbs. large mackerel, 3000 lbs. small mackerel.
- Ellen T. Marshall via Boston, 95,000 lbs. haddock, 28,000 lbs. cod.
- Rhodora, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. haddock, 30,000 lbs. cod.
- Minerva, trawling, 4500 lbs. cod.
- Whiffen, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
- Al Stanton, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.
- Salvatore and Rosalie, Norfolk, to fit for seining.
- Inca, Norfolk, to refit for seining.
- Jackie B., via Boston.
- Josephine and Mary, via Boston.
- A. Piatt Andrew, via Norfolk.
- Mariner, dragging, 3000 lbs. mixed fish.
- Cape Ann, via Boston, 28,000 lbs. cod.
- Overland, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. cod.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

- Phyllis A., 9000 lbs. haddock and cod.
- Virginia and Joan, 6000 lbs. cod, 3000 lbs. haddock.
- Naomi Bruce II., 6300 lbs. cod.
- Edna Fae, 6000 lbs. cod.
- Elizabeth and James, 5000 lbs. haddock.
- Mary A., 6000 lbs. haddock.
- Enterprise, 5000 lbs. cod.
- Lucretia, 4000 lbs. cod.
- C. A. Meister, 3900 lbs. cod.
- Nashawena, 2500 lbs. cod.
- Liboria C., 2500 lbs. cod.
- Eliza C. Riggs, 2500 lbs. cod.
- Agnes and Myrnie, 2000 lbs. cod.

BOSTON PRICES STILL WAY DOWN

SUPPLY OF NEARLY 700,000 POUNDS TODAY—HADDOCK \$1.50 TO \$2.

Fourteen druggers and trawlers were on hand at the Boston fish pier this morning with 512,000 pounds of groundfish, 1000 pounds of halibut and 160,000 pounds of mixed fish. The market was dull and prices at the lowest point of the week, \$1.50 to \$2 for haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.50 for large cod and \$1 to \$1.25 for markets. There was no quotation on mackerel. Yesterday some 450 barrels of fresh mackerel arrived by rail from Cape May, N. J., and New York.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Dartmouth, 45,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 34,000 mixed fish.
Str. Heckla, 31,000 haddock, 44,000 cod, 25,000 mixed fish.
Str. Breeze, 61,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 52,000 mixed fish.
Helen M., 28,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Sadie M. Nunan, 18,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1000 mixed fish.
J. M. Marshall, 55,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Imperator, 20,000 haddock, 80,000 cod, 1000 halibut.
Lucy, 2100 mixed fish.
Carmella, 3000 mixed fish.
St. Provvidenza, 2500 mixed fish.
Antonina, 2400 mixed fish.
Josephine F., 1800 mixed fish.
Francesca, 700 mixed fish.
Mary Grace, 2100 mixed fish.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.25 to \$1.50; market cod, \$1 to \$1.25; hake, \$1; pollock, 40 cents; cusk, \$1; gray sole, 2 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 2 cents; black backs, 1 cent; catfish, 1 cent.

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—Few herring in nets. Ice available.
Halifax—Ten thousand pounds frozen herring available.
Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.
Lockeport—Two hundred fifty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
Lunenburg—No bait. Plenty ice available.
Port Hawkesbury—No bait.
Queensport—About 40 barrels herring taken. Schs. Beatrice Beck and Mabel Dorothy, baited and sailed for Banks. Sch. Progressive Second sailed. No vessels in port.
St. Anns—One hundred fifty barrels herring in traps. Ice available. No vessels in port.
Shelburne—Eighty thousand Sch. Bluenose, racing queen of the North Atlantic fishing fleet, which will be exhibited at the world's fair at Chicago this summer, has left her home port at Lunenburg, N. S., after being re-rigged and fitted out for the expedition. The Bluenose sailed from Lunenburg at 10.30 Tuesday morning and arrived at Halifax late the same afternoon.
The vessel will be on exhibition there daily from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m., for several days before preceding toward the St. Lawrence, en route to the Great Lakes and Chicago.

Portland Fish News.

Sch. Fannie Belle, Capt. Jay Murphy returned to Portland from Cashes' Bank Thursday with 5000 pounds of halibut and 2000 pounds of groundfish. This morning the Abernace, Capt. "Baish" Dexter, will leave for the grounds for her last trawling trip of the season.

ANOTHER GOOD FISH DAY HERE

MORE FISH SENT TO SPLIT AND FILLET—GILL NETTERS HAD 50,000.

Over 276,000 pounds of fresh fish have been landed here since yesterday with all but 70,000 pounds going to the splitters and filleting plant at the Gloucester Cold Storage branch of Gorton-Pew.

The Imperator came down from Boston yesterday afternoon with 90,000 pounds of cod for the Pew branch, and 25,000 pounds of haddock for the Cold Storage plant, while the Laura Goulart also arrived from Boston with 70,000 pounds of cod, and 20,000 pounds of haddock.

The gill netters, 14 in number, had an even 50,000 pounds of haddock and cod, while 19 trawlers had a total of 21,600 pounds. Two seiners, Leretha and Orion, arrived in port from the south where they have been catching mackerel.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Imperator, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. cod, 25,000 lbs. haddock.
Laura Goulart, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. large cod, 20,000 lbs. haddock.
Minerva, trawling, 5000 lbs. cod.
Helen L., trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
Elsie, trawling, 800 lbs. cod.
Helena, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.
Florence and John, trawling, 800 cod.
Sally and Joseph, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.
Theresa, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
Mayo, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.
Plymouth Rock, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.
Madruga, trawling, 800 lbs. cod.
Cora Jane, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
S2052, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
Ardella, trawling, 600 lbs. cod.
Fourth of July, trawling, 2600 lbs. cod.
C2301, trawling, 800 lbs. cod.
Whiffen, trawling, 2000 lbs. cod.
C6696, trawling, 1200 lbs. cod.
Klondike, trawling, 900 lbs. cod.
Gwendolyn, trawling, 700 lbs. cod.
Leretha, via Cape May.
Orion, via Cape May.
Capt. Drum, via Boston.

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Naomi Bruce II, 6500 lbs. haddock.
Virginia and Joan, 5500 lbs. cod.
Enterprise, 5000 lbs. haddock.
Edna Fae, 5000 lbs. haddock, 1000 lbs. cod.
C. A. Meister, 4500 lbs. haddock.
Phyllis A., 4000 lbs. cod.
Lucretia, 3000 lbs. haddock.
Elizabeth and James, 3000 lbs. haddock.
Agnes and Myrnie, 3000 lbs. cod.
Eliza C. Riggs, 2500 lbs. cod.
Mary A., 2500 lbs. cod.
Nashawena, 2000 lbs. cod.
Liboria C., 2000 lbs. cod.
Myrtle and Gladys, 500 lbs. cod.

On the Ways.

Lobster boats Grace M. Cribby and Satellite, on Parkhurst's marine railways for painting.
The Josephine and Mary on Rocky Neck marine railways for general overhauling.

SMALL SUPPLY AT FISH PIER

RECEIPTS OF 140,000 POUNDS, INCLUDING ONE FARE OF FRESH MACKEREL.

Another seiner put in an appearance at the Boston fish pier this morning. There were 10 arrivals all told with 90,000 pounds of groundfish, 35,000 pounds of mixed fish and 15,000 pounds of large and medium mackerel. The Sebastiano C. brought in the mackerel. Prices were still at the bottom. Mackerel brought four cents.

The gasoline boat O. K. Service 3rd, Capt. Seth Himmelman, arrived from Nova Scotian ports with a shipment of 213 crates of live lobsters.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Magellan, 29,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Mary and Jennie, 7200 mixed fish.
Gov. Al Smith, 36,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.
Ethel, 1700 mixed fish.
Isabella, 1100 mixed fish.
Josephine, 3000 mixed fish.
Antonina, 800 mixed fish.
Carmella Maria, 6000 mixed fish.
St. John, 2000 mixed fish.
Sebastiano C., 15,000 large and medium mackerel.
Haddock, \$1.35 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.50; market cod, \$1.25; hake, \$1; pollock, 75 cents; cusk, \$1; lemon sole, 2 cents per pound; black backs, 1 cent; yellow tails, 1½ cents; large mackerel, 4 cents; small mackerel, 2½ cents; catfish, 1 cent.

Light Change.

Capt. Byron McCandless, officer in charge of the branch navy hydrographic office at Boston, yesterday advised local shipping interests that on or about May 15, Sankaty head light, Nantucket Sound, will have its characteristic changed. It will show flashing white every 15 seconds, with a flash of .8 second, eclipse 14.2 seconds, of 720,000 candlepower, making it one of the most powerful on the coast.

Portland News.

Only three fishing vessels were reported at Portland, Friday. The Pofisco landed 6000 pounds of groundfish and the Onward II, and the Elizabeth B., 4000 pounds each.

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Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.
Lockeport—Two hundred fifty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
Lunenburg—No bait. Plenty ice available. Sch. Bluenose sailed for Halifax.
North Sydney—Three schooners sailed yesterday and three more arrived. About 300 barrels fresh bait available today. Plenty ice available.
Port Hawkesbury—No bait.
Queensport—Sixty barrels herring in traps and nets. Plenty ice available. No vessels in port.
St. Anns—Eighty barrels herring sold today. Ice available. One vessel waiting.
Shelburne—Eighty thousand pounds frozen herring and ice available.
Yarmouth—Plenty frozen bait and ice available.
Grindstone—Pleasant Bay all clear of drift ice. Plenty herring and ice available at Amherst. Grindstone and Pointe Basse.
St. John's—Plenty herring at Bay du Nord.