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SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

GILL NETTERS INTEND TO PROTECT PROPERTY AGAINST FURTHER SLASHING.

War has been declared by the gill netters on the vandals who have been getting away with cutting their nets for the past few months, for the local fishermen are sick and tired of losing their property and intend to fight their own battles against the wrong-doers. Both the Mary A., Capt. Edward Wiederman, and the Liboria C., sailed yesterday afternoon for the grounds to set their nets and stand by them through the night to protect them. In the past, the gill netters have made their sets in the morning and hauled them the next morning in the early hours. Leaving them through the day, without a guard, has resulted in finding slashed nets. But if these fellows ever catch the ones who are doing it, may the Fates take care of them, or the gill netters are apt to finish him. And who can blame them!

Skipper Stephen Post brought plenty of mackerel down from Boston yesterday afternoon in the Jackie B. and at the Davis Brothers wharf, found many who as soon as they heard that fish were being given away at the pier, were eager to take them away. The kiddoes brought pails, bags and boxes to get their share, while others took a piece of

ed 15 cents and 11 cents per pound. Capt. Jack Brown also sold 10,000 pounds of haddock and 10,000 pounds of large cod in Boston, and then came here with 19,000 pounds of haddock which were taken out at the Gloucester Cold Storage wharf for filleting, and afterward took 60,000 pounds of large cod, the remainder of her fare, to the Pew branch of Gorton-Pew Fisheries for splitting. That ought to bring him a good stock considering.

By the way, Capt. Jack's first name is really Joaquim, so Squibs is told, but they call him Jack for short.

The Grand Marshal, another halibuter, arrived yesterday afternoon from Boston with Skipper Chris Gibbs at the wheel, and went to the Pew wharf with 3000 pounds of large cod. She sold her halibut in Boston. The Grand Marshal has been fishing on Quero bank. In her crew was "Kite" Snow, an old-time fisherman of this port.

"Base 7 regrets that it cannot tow its friend into a safe financial harbor!" is the greeting on a card sent by Lieut.-Commander Fletcher W. Brown, commandant of the local Coast Guard station, with a beautiful marine oil painting reprint of the famous old Coast Guard cutter "Bear" well-known to the fishermen for its many good deeds in the fishermen's interests. That sentence so well expressed, Squibs felt was appropriate in this column as showing the feeling of comradeship between the Coast Guardsmen and fishermen.

Ralph Pearson who operates the ancient lighter Herbert at Rocky Neck as a school will find his quaint classroom in A1 condition when he returns for workmen are already busy, putting things to order.

Some vessels carry "highs" in the form of brilliantly colored pennons to give them the direction of the wind, but the lumber freighter Irene Myrtle, built in Nova Scotia, is original, and boasts an arrow atop the mainmast, which is subject to the windy moods.

LOTS COD HERE FOR SPLITTERS

OVER 200,000 POUNDS LANDED SINCE YESTERDAY - SIX MACKEREL TRIPS HERE.

Over 200,000 pounds of fresh fish arrived in port since yesterday, most of which was cod. The Imperator had 19,000 pounds of haddock for filleting at Gloucester Cold Storage, and 60,000 pounds of large cod which were taken out at the Pew branch of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries where 3000 more pounds for splitting were taken from the holds of the halibuter Grand Marshal that came down from Boston, yesterday.

The lobster smack Ile Madame from Boston had 310 crates of live lobsters from the Consolidated Lobster Company of Bay View which were obtained at Port Felix, N. S.

The gill netters, 13 of them, had 27,800 pounds, while 15 trawlers had 31,300 pounds, all of which was cod. Besides that, the mackerel seiners came from Boston with the balance of their fares, six of them having over 70,000 pounds.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Grand Marshal, via Boston, 3000 lbs. large cod. Imperator, via Boston, 19,000 lbs. haddock, 60,000 lbs. large cod. Beauty, trawling, 2400 lbs. cod. Ripple, trawling, 1400 lbs. cod. Blanche, trawling, 2200 lbs. cod.

on Burnham's railways for general overhauling.

THOUSANDS FLOCK TO SEE BLUENOSE

Thousands from Brockville and outlying parts of Eastern Ontario and as far east as Ottawa, Sunday seized the opportunity to inspect the schooner "Bluenose," at Brockville, in the course of her voyage to the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago. Capt. Angus Walters and his officers were entertained at luncheon by the municipality.

Lots of Lobsters

One of the season's biggest lots of live lobsters came into Boston yesterday on the Canadian smack Ile Madame, arriving at Pier 4, South Boston, from Port Felix, N. S. She unloaded 197 crates at Boston, and then left for Gloucester with the balance. The smack Radio, from Queensport, brought 178 crates for Boston firms, and today the Dominion Halayd returns with a consignment of 526 crates. More than 2000 crates of lobster will have been received from the Maritime Provinces by the end of the week.

Commerce	2
New Bedford	6
Arlestown	8
Everett	2
Swampscott	0
Hale Park	3
Woodbury	6
Brewster	4
Yarmouth	3
South Boston	5

DULL MUSIC FOR SEINING FLEET

BOATS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN SELLING THEIR CATCHES—GROUND FISH MARKET FAIR.

At Boston today were 15 mackerel seiners with 350,000 pounds caught between 15 and 25 miles southeast of No Man's Land. None of the catches exceeded the 25,000-pound limit set by agreement last week in the effort to stabilize the industry but because of the light demand and heavy supply only a portion of yesterday's receipts were sold and those holding over will be given preference over the new arrivals.

There were 15 other arrivals with groundfish and flat fish. Total receipts were 430,000 pounds of groundfish and 245,000 pounds of mixed fish. Prices continued a little better. Haddock sold at \$2.50 to \$3; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3 and markets, \$1.50 to \$2.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Str. Fordham, 35,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 30,000 mixed fish. Str. Saturn, 43,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 27,000 mixed fish. Str. Dartmouth, 65,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish. Str. Boston, 57,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 29,000 mixed fish. Gov. Al Smith, 30,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish. Mary DeCosta, 20,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 1600 mixed fish. Cape Ann, 8000 haddock, 70,000 cod,

apparently about over. Plenty of ice.

Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.

Queensport.—Fresh bait scarce. Schs. Beatrice Beck and Pasadena II, arrived in port. Sch. Beatrice Beck sailed later.

St. Anns.—Bait scarce. Four vessels in port.

Shelburne.—Seventy thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Gridstone—Plenty herring and ice at Amherst. Etang du Nord, Grindstone and Point Basse.

Portland, Me., News.

The beam trawler Notre Dame of the O'Hara fleet, arrived at Portland, Me., from the Western bank, Tuesday morning and was taken to the Burnham & Morrill plant at East Deering to discharge a 90,000-pound groundfish fare. In the afternoon she was taken to Central wharf to ice up for another trip.

Returning from off Cape Cod with the first seined mackerel fare of the season, the Elva, Capt. Dennis McLain, arrived in Portland at 9 p. m., Tuesday, with 15,000 pounds of big mackerel. Capt. McLain reported that large schools of the fish are coming this way and had reached Boston Tuesday afternoon.

Fish Catch Small

Lobster fishermen report very small catches from all fishing centres on Prince Edward Island. Unfavorable weather to some extent has interfered with operations, but even on favorable days the take has been disappointing. Prices are fair.

MACKEREL WENT "BEGGING" AT THE BOSTON FISH PIER TODAY

MACKEREL WENT BEGGING AT HUB FISH PIER

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The amount of mackerel at the pier right now is evidently a great deal more than the buyers want at the price set, which is two cents per pound, and it is apparent that they can only use what is in port now, if they can use them at all. Much of the fish will have to go overboard or with two days of uncovered hatches, the fish will spoil or have spoiled in some cases.

Something Wrong.

The solution of the problem is an enigma that no one has as yet attempted to offer, for there are several ways of looking at it. But it is strange that if mackerel can demand not even two cents a pound at the wharves in Boston, that in Vermont, the consumer should have to pay 15 cents per pound for the same fish that last week only brought a half-cent a pound in Boston, fishermen point out. Henry F. Brown, manager of the Booth Fisheries Company is in receipt of a letter from a gentleman of North Tunbridge, Vt., in which he wants to know why he has to pay 15 cents a pound for that half-cent mackerel, as he was charged by a salesman of the weekly fish cart in the Vermont village. He is not the only one who would like to know according to the fishermen. Incidentally he declares that the Vermonters to Portland, Me., where this morning they sold the entire trip at two cents per pound. The Progressive Fish Company took the 4000 pounds balance of the trip of the *Natale II.*, and the boat is tying up here until Saturday as is the *Jackie B.*, *Joanna* and *Nova Julia*, the latter being fortunate enough in selling her 25,000 pounds in Boston. John Chianciola's firm took the 25,000 pound fare of the *Serafina II.* yesterday. The Producers Fish Company is handling the 8000 pounds left in the holds of the *Bethulia*, one of their fleet. Capt. Charles Nelson is expected today from Boston in the *Sebastiano C.*, and will go to the Chianciola concern which owns the boat, and that firm is expected to take the fish.

May Have to Cut Price.

It looks as if more drastic action will have to be taken by the skippers and owners, and it may possibly be that the price will have to be cut in halves or that the boats will simply tie up, and stop the season before it stops them. There is no sense in piling up expense, they say, and then return to the market to find there is no market and the fish must be kept in the holds until they are beyond sale. Saturday afternoon's meeting will probably settle the entire matter.

Several Craft With 25,000 lbs. Limit in Their Pens Were Unable To Move Them Dealers Took What They Wanted, Left Rest---Another Meeting of Skippers Called for Saturday Afternoon

With 20 local mackerel seiners at the fish pier at Boston with nearly a half millions pounds of mackerel in their holds waiting for buyers that do not buy, the situation has again become so acute that another meeting of captains and owners of the boats, will be held Saturday afternoon at the Master Mariners association, at 2 o'clock. Every seiner has been notified by radio not to bring in any more mackerel after Friday and to return here before Saturday for the meeting.

Fleet Discouraged.

Conditions were discouraging at the Fish Pier this morning when 13 new arrivals appeared with 315,000 pounds more of mackerel for the buyers. According to an agreement reached after a meeting of the Fishing Masters' association yesterday afternoon at their quarters, on the pier, the buyers began taking what they wanted from the seiners who arrived yesterday morning, and still had fish in their

holds. Up to noon, the boats that were left with most of their fare unsold included the *Serafina N.*, *Antonio*, *St. Rosalie*, *Rose* and *Lucy*, *Carlo* and *Vence*, *Angie* and *Vence*, *Fannie*, *F. Hickey*, *Hoop-la*, and *Capt. Drum*. Besides these there were the 11 new arrivals of today which had to stand by and hope for luck that has evidently deserted the fishermen.

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