

June 9

SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

MACKEREL FISHERMEN WONDER IF RADIO BROADCAST IS AID OR DETRIMENT.

The seining fleet in the Fort section came "home to roost" again last night and intend to tie up here for a while until another session when more difficulties will be straightened out. Mackerel in Boston, except for the first day, have remained in the holds for want of buyers and it looks as if new agreements will have to be made, so think the Italian fleet.

Squibs has just heard from George Enso of this city who has just been to Africa aboard a steamer and is bound home again. He says "Best regards from the equator." Now isn't that a great way to greet a poor fellow already sweltering from the heat in the Times sanctum, and then to remind him of the hottest place this side of the future world. George admits that he has a good story to tell this column, and Squibs will be eagerly awaiting his return, for take it from this struggling columnist, good stories are few and far between these days, especially squibs from the waterfront.

The harbor is fast showing more and more water as the swordfishermen have left for the grounds, and leaving the docks as clear as can be.

Skipper Peter Tysver again headed the gill netters yesterday when he brought the Enterprise into port with 2000 pounds of cod, which believe it or not, is a very good trip these days when the landings in this port can be counted on the fingers of the right or the left hand.

It seems as if one of the evils to the mackerel fleet is that most modern of inventions, the radio, which in its broadcasts, tells too much, and helps materially in causing a glut on the market, if one is to judge from the comments of the fishermen. As one old-timer remarked, the situation was never so bad in the pre-radio days.

Between the radio, the port of Cape May which is so handy to the schools at the opening of the season and too distant to the market, and leaks along the way to Boston, the fishermen have very serious problems to meet, to solve the situation.

Oh where, oh where, is the 16-foot yellow dory which belongs to the small fishing boat, 600-E that docks at the Fort? Somehow, it has wandered from its berth and the owner is patiently awaiting its return. Capt. Peter Favazza, who runs the provision store on Commercial street, will certainly appreciate any information as to its whereabouts.

As for this column today, it, too, shows the marks of depression, but by tomorrow hopes to regain its original strength, and say "adieu" at the bottom of the column instead of half-way.

FISH RECEIPTS AGAIN LIGHT

FEW MACKEREL LANDED—COD-FISH REPORTED QUITE SCARCE.

Less than 10,000 pounds were landed here since yesterday, when one trawler had 700 pounds of cod, a netter had 700 pounds mackerel, and six gill netters had 7400 pounds of cod.

Scarcity of cod for which there is a market and an over-abundance of mackerel for which there is no market are the chief reasons why both trawlers and small netters alike are resting idly at the docks. Even the seiners have returned to port from the south'ard, and have about decided to call it a day.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
 Helena, trawling, 700 lbs. cod.
 Lindy, netting, 700 lbs. mackerel.
 Leretha, seining, via Cape Shore.
 Angie and Vence, seining.
 Antonina, seining.
 Bethulia, seining.
 Capt. Drum, seining.
 Carlo and Vence, seining.
 Natale II., seining.
 Rose and Lucy, seining.
 Rose Marie, seining.
 St. Rosalie, seining.
 Saint Theresa, seining.
 Antonino, seining.
 Grace F., seining.
 Angie and Florence, seining.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Enterprise, 2000 lbs. cod.
 Virginia and Joan, 1500 lbs. cod.
 Nashawena, 1000 lbs. cod.
 Phyllis A., 1000 lbs. cod.
 Edna Fae, 1000 lbs. cod.
 Naomi Bruce II., 900 lbs. cod.

TIMES FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.
 Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1.
 Hake, \$1.
 Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

Splitting Prices.

Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.
 Queensport—Fresh bait scarce. No vessels in port.
 Shelburne—Forty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
 Yarmouth—Plenty fresh and frozen bait and ice available.
 Grindstone—Plenty herring and ice at Gull Island, Hospital Cape, Grindstone and Point Basse.

Escaped Serious Damage.

The Provincetown dragger Francis J. Manta, aground off Cape Cod in the fog Wednesday, arrived at Boston yesterday and hauled out for examination. Some of the bottom planking was chafed, but otherwise no damage was sustained, and after recaulking, the vessels put to sea again.

Lobster Notes.

Lobster season closed at Shag Harbor Wednesday. The catch and price held up till nearly the end. The season will go down in history as the worst ever experienced by the fishermen there. Very few traps were damaged during the season.

Codfish appears to be plentiful and the fishermen will, in the near future, be turning to that branch of the industry.

Lobsters for canning advanced half a cent a pound, to four cents from three and a half cents in Antigonish county Tuesday.

FEW SWORDFISH AT BOSTON PIER

SMALL LOT OVERLAND FROM NEW BEDFORD BRINGS 35 CENTS PER POUND

Fourteen vessels arrived at the Boston fish pier this morning, and all except one had groundfish and flat fish. The Annie, II, had 2000 pounds of fresh mackerel. Total receipts were 420,000 pounds of groundfish 111,000 pounds of mixed fish and 15 swordfish overland from New Bedford. The swordfish were landed by sch. Liberty, and brought 35 cents per pound this morning. It was the first of this variety to be received this season. Mackerel brought two to three cents per pound. One fare, that of the Alice and Mildred, held over from yesterday.

Groundfish prices were a little lower than yesterday, with haddock \$2 to \$3.50; large cod, \$4, and mackerels, \$2.75 to \$3.

The St. John steamer had a large shipment of live lobsters yesterday, 847 crates from New Brunswick.

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 Str. Newton, 60,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.
 Str. Fabia, 65,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
 Str. Flow, 80,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 24,000 mixed fish.
 Marisstella, 34,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
 Julia, 28,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 16,000 mixed fish.
 Mao IV., 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 5500 mixed fish.
 Helen M., 25,000 haddock, 500 cod, 7700 mixed fish.
 Josie M., 4200 mixed fish.
 Maria D. S., 4700 mixed fish.
 Mary G., 4800 mixed fish.
 St. Theresa, 500 mixed fish.
 St. Mary, 1200 mixed fish.
 Josephine S., 1300 mixed fish.
 Annie II., 2000 mackerel.
 Overland, 15 swordfish.

Arrived Yesterday.

Alice and Mildred, 14,500 mackerel. Haddock, \$2 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$1.75; mackerel, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.

Portland, Me., News.

Setting out for the swordfishing grounds Wednesday night sch. New Dawn, Capt. Levi Eastman, proceeded nearly 30 miles beyond the lightship when two bearings in her engine burned out and the vessel was forced to return to Central wharf, Portland, Me., for repairs. Capt. Eastman hopes to be ready for a second start today.

Capt. Fred Bickford took sch. Richard J. Nunan for a trial run about Portland, Me., harbor, Thursday afternoon but soon returned to Central wharf for further adjustments to the new engine.

R and R. Chicken, special price
 Rinsos, large size package for
 Large Size Jelly Rolls
 2 pounds New Turnips
 1 bunch New Carrots
 4 lbs. New Cabbage