

FIRST SWORDFISH LANDED HERE

**THE EVELYN SEARS OBLIGED TO
CUT SHORT TRIP—HAD
SIX FISH.**

The first swordfish to be landed here this season went to the Cape Ann Cold Storage company at the Fort, when the swordfisherman Evelyn G. Sears was forced to return to port with her fare of six fish after part of her shoe had gone on Georges, and the craft had had trouble with the exhaust. Capt. Anthony Sears upon realizing the trouble, set his course for home, under the boat's own power. The craft went on the ways this morning.

Total fresh fish receipts since yesterday amounted to 56,000 pounds of which 23,000 pounds was mackerel, 24,000 pounds taken from three traps outside the breakwater, 6800 pounds of cod from seven gill netters, and 1600 pounds of cod from two small trawlers.

Earl Hannon's trap yielded him 70 barrels of whiting or old England hake; Louis Carr's trap had 15 barrels of whiting and 10 barrels of mackerel; both of which trips were taken by the Cape Ann Cold Storage; while Henry Mayo's traps had 7000 pounds of whiting which were taken by the Murray & Tarr company at the Fort. Three small seiners, the Marianna, Grace A., and Little Paolina, had a total of 20,000 pounds of mackerel which were caught near Half-way rock last night.

The seiners of the first group are beginning to return home to tie up for a week. Last night the Orion, Alice and Mildred, Three Sisters and Natale II, were among the vanguard of the returned fleet.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Marianna, seining, 12,000 lbs. mackerel.
Grace A., seining, 4000 lbs. mackerel.
Little Paolina, seining, 3500 lbs. mackerel.
Mayo's traps, 7000 lbs. whiting.
Three sisters, via Boston, 2100 lbs. mackerel.
Theresa, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
Mary A., trawling, 600 lbs. cod.
Orion, via Boston.
Cape Ann, via Boston.
Alice and Mildred, via Boston.
Natale II, via Boston.
Evelyn G. Sears, 6 swordfish.
Hannon's traps, 14,000 lbs. whiting.
Carr's traps, 3000 lbs. whiting, 2000 lbs. mackerel.
Reeves, netting, 600 lbs. mackerel.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Phyllis A., 2000 lbs. cod.
Edna Fae, 1200 lbs. cod.
C. A. Meister, 1000 lbs. cod.
Naomi Bruce II., 1000 lbs. cod.
Enterprise, 600 lbs. cod.
Nashawena, 500 lbs. cod.
Liboria C., 500 lbs. cod.

Sailed.

Klondike, swordfishing.
Shirley M. Clattenberg, swordfishing.
Imperator, haddocking.
Ramah, Boston.

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.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents.
Haddock, 50 cents.
Hake, 60 cents.
Pollock, 50 cents.
Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

FOURTEEN BOATS AT HUB TODAY

**FIVE OF THE ARRIVALS HAVE
MACKEREL—ALL PRICES
ARE LOWER.**

A fleet of 14 craft brought fares to the Boston fish pier this morning. Total receipts were 200,000 pounds of groundfish, 73,000 pounds of mixed fish and 92,000 pounds of fresh mackerel. Prices on all varieties were down at the opening and fish were moving slowly. Mackerel was back to the minimum prices, 2 to 3 cents. The St. John steamer brought 484 crates of live lobsters and also had 142 boxes of salmon yesterday.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Grace F., 15,000 mackerel.
Old Glory, 19,000 mackerel.
Leretha, 20,000 mackerel.
St. Peter, 18,000 mackerel.
Salvatore and Rosalie, 20,000 mackerel.
Str. Shawmut, 40,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Str. Cambridge, 35,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 25,000 mixed fish.
Vandal, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Marisstellia, 43,000 haddock, 1600 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.
Teazer, 25,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Princess, 2700 haddock, 1500 cod, 900 mixed fish.
Annie, 600 haddock, 2800 cod, 1000 mixed fish.
Eva II., 5000 mixed fish.
Mary and Grace, 1000 mixed fish.
Haddock, \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1; pollock, \$1; cusk, \$1; gray sole, 1 cent per lb.; lemon sole, 4 cents; black backs, 1 1-2 cents; yellow tails, 2 cents; mackerel, 2 cents to 3 cents; catfish, 1 cent.

NEWS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

Roseway Fishing.

The lobster season just closed will go down in history as the poorest on record on account of not being able to save the small ones and the low price of the large.

Things are looking good for cod fishing as there is a market this year for all that can be caught.

Rose Blanche.

A fair sign of codfish yesterday. Herring are very scarce, only 20 to 30 per net being taken. About 60 salmon were taken recently, and a few lobsters. A new schooner built at North Bay La Poile, for Horwood and Rolls, and purchased by John J. McNeil of Trepassey, has sailed for Francois with a load of codfish for local delivery. Schooner Hermanda, Capt. J. White, is now loading dry codfish at Petites for Oporto, the shippers being Newman Bros.

Bankers Arrive.

Burin—Sch. Irene Corkum arrived in port to dock from the fishing grounds, with 700 quintals of codfish.
Grand Bank—Sch. Partanna with 400 quintals of codfish. Helen Forsey with 400 arrived from Grand Banks.

Otters Point—Boats fishing report codfish fair, and herring scarce. A good many salmon have been taken.

Nova Scotia Notes.

There is the best of fishing at Shelburne.

Over 50 boats are now selling their fares to either Shelburne Fisheries or Lunenburg Sea Products. On Tuesday of this week there were particularly good catches, many of the boats getting good lots of haddock, one hailing for 900 pounds.

Some of Tuesday's stocks were as follows as reported by Shelburne Fisheries Limited: John Thorburn, \$14; Harry Firth, \$20; Elmer Holmes \$17; Howard Nickerson, \$20; Joseph Goodick, \$20.

Motor Vessel Mashaka left Tuesday for Lunenburg with 60,000 pounds of fish.

Last week Lunenburg Sea Products Ltd., bought from boats in this harbor 87,000 pounds of fish.

Lockeport.

Sch. Bossemer, Capt. Himmelman, landed 40,000 pounds of halibut at Lockeport, sold to the Lockeport Co., Ltd.

Small boats are getting fair catches.

Mackerel in Traps.

Traps at Pembroke and Sanford had a catch of about 100 barrels each, Monday, most of which went into Cold Storage pending better prices.

Preparing for Swordfishing.

The schooner Seretha, Capt. Frank D'Eon, of Pubnico, is at present lying at the head of the Parker-Eakins pier, where she is completing preparations for the swordfishing season now approaching. Capt. D'Eon last season established an enviable reputation as a fish killer.

Makes Record in Fish Plant.

What proved to be a record for throating fish was made by Willie Amirault, 25, who is an employe in the fish house of Frank E. Davis plant at New Edinburgh. Mr. Amirault, who has only worked in the plant a few years and is not as experienced as some of his fellow workers, has throated 27,300 pounds of fresh fish, mostly small ones, in 10 1-2 hours, which is the best ever made in that plant during its many years of operations. Besides doing the above work, Mr. Amirault had to get his own fish near his working stand.

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—No bait. No vessels in port. Ice available.
Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
Liverpool—Plenty of ice available. Bait for local use only.
Lockeport—Limited quantity of bait only.
Lunenburg—No bait. Ice available.
North Sydney—No bait. Ice available.
Shelburne—Forty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
Queensport—Fresh bait scarce. No vessels in port.
Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.
Yarmouth—Plenty fresh and frozen bait and ice available.
Grindstone—Plenty herring and ice at Gull Island. Scarce elsewhere. Mackerel catch yesterday fair.

Shag Harbor, N. S.

As "all things come to an end," the lobster fishing season is no exception to the rule, so on Wednesday the 31st, saw the end of this season's fishing and the men are bringing in their traps. The lobsters and the price held up to the last when there came a drop in the price, which, had it happened earlier in the season, would have seriously affected the earnings of the fishermen which were small enough at the best.

There has not been any rough weather in this district to destroy the traps and most all will be landed in good shape.

Codfish seem quite plenty and the men will be turning to that branch of industry next.

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SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

Although nearly 250,000 pounds of mackerel were landed in Boston yesterday by local seiners of the first squadron that sailed from here last Sunday night, the trips were all sold and the price obtained was \$3.10 per hundred pounds for large, and \$2.50 for small. That's even better than the minimum price demanded by the fishermen. It looks as if that is a vindication of the solid front presented by these Gloucestermen who have at last decided to stick together.

Incidentally, today is the last day that the first squadron's 29 boats may land mackerel until another week has elapsed, and every boat of that first group must return to port by tonight and tie up. Sunday coming, the second fleet of 29 seiners will leave the dock and begin operations. All this week's stocks will be shared by those who caught fish in the common pool.

Meanwhile the ground fishermen are having their troubles and arguments. Very interesting and up-to-the-minute meetings are being held on the Boston Fish pier, where the organization is underway, to bring in all fishing under the protection of the National Recovery act, proposed by this administration.

See by the dock at Capt. Ben Pine's that the swordfisherman Cape Ann, Capt. Mike Clark, is in port, having come in from Boston last night. He won't be here long.

The customary marine farewell blasts were accorded the yacht Ramah as she slipped away from Rocky Neck yesterday noon bound for Boston where she will have a new refrigerator installed, and thence on the 20th of this month, will skim across the Atlantic and into the Mediterranean, centering her summer cruise around Greece. Her owner-skipper is Dr. Alexander Forbes of Milton, an ardent yachtsman.

Business may not be very brisk in some parts of the city, but aboard the ancient lighter Herbert at Rocky Neck, where Prof. Pearson wields the wand of education as he paces the quarter-deck, the ship's list is well-nigh filled, is the report, proving that there are as yet a few who crave knowledge even if they have to go to the end of the world for it.

The little swordfisherman Klondike with Capt. Lawrence Daley and a crew of but five men, ventured forth yesterday morning, intent to try their luck with the rest of the fleet, but hardly had they reached the breakwater when the engine balked and back they came, only to attempt the trip once more last night—and evidently won, for the boat is not in port this morning. Those in the know will be interested to hear that in the crew is none other than the boy they call "Razzle" of the Razzle and Dazzle comedy team of ward two.

That's what Squibs calls a smart idea, carrying along a comedian these days, for if the luck goes against the fishermen they can always be cheered by a little good humor, or even a song and dance skit in the pulpit, that might even attract the fish to the vicinity, and thus increase the catch. And then again

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They're wearing ear-muffs on the waterfront these snappy, brisk wintry days in the good old summer-time, and wondering when the weatherman is going to wake up and discover his mistake. No ice has yet formed on the rigging, but it wouldn't surprise the halibuters or the seiners any, if they did greet the sun some morning soon and find themselves ice-bound in the harbor.

A goodly quantity of old English hake, 7000 pounds of 'em, were found in his traps by Henry Mayo, who brought them into Murray & Tarr's establishment at the Fort today. The traps are just outside the breakwater.

Skipper Eric Carlson is expected to get underway some time today bound on another halibuting excursion and hopes to fare as fortunately as the last trip when his crew shared almost \$90.

Another halibuter that will soon be leaving port is the Pilgrim, Capt. Cecil Moulton's craft now docking at Capt. Ben Pine's wharf. The Pilgrim is not going to Grand Bank this time, so they tell Squibs, but is headed for the Peak of Brown's which is between Brown's bank and Georges. The big reason that 'tis a thousand miles to Grand Bank and hardly more than 250 miles to the other region, which means a saving of half the time taken for the trip.

Just in case, Skipper Moulton spots any swordfish during his hunt for halibut, he has had a pulpit extended from his bowsprit, and will spear any swordfish that gets in his way, so as to cut down the overhead.

The swordfisherman Evelyn G. Sears came back to port last night and docked alongside Parkhurst's Marine railways, having sprung aleak near the grounds. Capt. Anthony Sears came in under his own power, however.

Old friends, and there were many, of Capt. Jimmy Gannon, greeted him again at the Master Mariners club-rooms yesterday. The retired skipper who sailed out of Gloucester for many years, spends his winters in Seattle, Washington, from which he recently arrived to visit his old cronies here.

The small seiners are snaring the mackerel off Halfway Rock these days, three trips totaling 20,000 pounds being brought into port this morning, with 12,000 pounds going to the Cape Ann Cold Storage Company, and 7500 pounds to the Producers Fish Company both at the Fort.

Skipper Jack Brown took the had-docker Imperator on her way again last night, leaving Pew's wharf for Boothbay, Me., where the craft will get ice and bait, and then proceed to the banks. SQUIBS.

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WYOMING COMING HERE FOR THE FOURTH WITH 500 MIDDIES.

All but two of the first group of mackerel seiners returned to port last night, either coming from Boston or direct from No Man's Land, where some of them have had but little fortune in getting a trip. However, those who caught any fish at all will realize something from the pool which will be arranged as soon as all stocks are in the hands of those who have to worry over the calculations.

The Fort district is certainly a network of short spars this morning when all the fleet are closely clustered about the docks, and in fact, the whole waterfront presents a beautiful picture that should give the artists a week-end orgy of marine subject matter.

The seiner Dacia is one of the boats that failed to make her appearance this morning, and the reason was that again, the local craft had engine trouble, this time being disabled off Nantucket Lightship, forcing her to have to accept a tow from the Coast Guard cutter Acushnet, into Wood's Hole. Tough luck, Capt. Peter! While her regular skipper, Capt. Strescino is ashore having his eye doctored, Capt. Asa Baker, formerly master of the seiner Catherine Grafféo, is commanding the vessel which by the way has twin 45-horse-power engines.

The other truant is the St. Providence I., which is on its way into port with Skipper Tony Orlando at the wheel.

That meeting tonight at the Master Mariners' rooms should be illuminating to the skippers and owners when their committee which has attended all the fiery Boston Fish pier get-togethers on the subject of banding in to one unit to prevent submersion of their investments, begin to tell what has been learned and what can be done in the controlling of the supply, and fixing a minimum price which will be taken by all boats. It really is an outgrowth of the mackerel seiners' plan, and is an effort to cooperate with the dealers, providing that the fishermen are given somewhat of a chance to keep the finances above water.

However, all this plan of control and price-fixing has led some students of the problem to feel that the large fish concerns are going to look toward Nova Scotia for their supply of salt fish if they cannot buy the fish here at the very low price to which they have accustomed.

Gloucester harbor is evidently going to have some real honest-to-goodness battleships anchored here this summer. On the Glorious Fourth, the U. S. S. Wyoming will spend the day, when 500 midshipmen from the United States Naval academy at Annapolis will have a chance to see an old-time fishing port. Later on, a few English battleships or cruisers are expected to drop anchor here, and the Cape Ann Rifle club intends to challenge the sharpshooters of His Majesty's ships to a little target competition.

Since Flag Day, over 120,000 pounds of live lobsters have come to Gloucester for the Consolidated Lobster company of Bay View, all from Nova Scotia ports. That's a lot of salad for any lobster lover.