

SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

The mackerel seiners' executive committee functioned for the first time yesterday morning, hardly 36 hours after their appointment by the fleet skippers. The agreement Saturday evening had been to restrict the total catch of each boat for its week to 2000 pounds per member of the crew, up to 14 men, which would make the maximum for any boat 28,000 pounds.

However, the evil of this scheme was soon apparent yesterday morning when in came a flock of them with good-sized catches, two being well over 20,000, and fear was expressed that with mackerel so easy to locate, another glut would be on the market.

The executive committee immediately went into heavy conference, and ruled that for the benefit of the fleet as a whole, they would order the maximum catch back to the 20,000 pound limit for all craft. They did, and so broadcast it over the radio. No one questioned the wisdom of their dictum, and the authority of the committee is assured, it would appear.

By the way, the sch. Catherine Burke has deserted the ranks of the mackerel seiners, and has joined the haddocking fleet. Capt. Albert Williams will command the vessel as usual, and intends to sail from the Pew wharf of Gorton-Pew Fisheries for Brown's bank sometime this week, so they tell Squibs.

'Tis Ben Hur III, which is Capt. Bill Wilkie's new ocean-going chariot, and it certainly is "oil" right, says Bill. He's chasing around the harbor these days selling oil for the Progressive Oil company to whatever fishing vessels or other craft which heed his siren call, "Any oil today!"

Skipper Fay D'Eon made harbor here last night in the swordfisherman Mary D'Eon, docking at Capt. Ben Pine's wharf, and from the looks of things, Capt. D'Eon was mixed up with a fierce wind on his recent trip.

The swordfisherman Josephine and Margaret was taking ice this forenoon at the Cape Pond Ice company wharf at the Fort, preparatory to getting underway again for the land of Georges, and Capt. Bert Perry and his men believe they will have better luck this time, for 'tis about due.

The waterfront moved to the main

The swordfisherman Emma Marie was due to go out this morning at 8 o'clock, but the tide was of a different opinion, and had grounded the vessel at Davis Brothers' wharf. It seems that Capt. Johnnie Sparrow's craft had been tied up on the outside of the wharf, with plenty of water, but had to move last night, for other vessels. Result was that morning came and the tide went out on the cove side of the wharf in which the Emma Marie was docked, and since she was loaded with ice for the voyage, a rope from her mast to the dock was necessary to hold her from toppling over. But what goes out must come back, according to marine law, and once the tide filled the cove, the Emma Marie was ready to leave.

Hake and more hake were noticed at Good Harbor beach, paradise for bathers, after last night's storm, which washed the denizens of the deep onto the strand.

LANDINGS SMALL PAST 24 HOURS

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES WERE 40,000 POUNDS.

The fresh fish landings since yesterday include 40,000 pounds of mackerel, haddock, cod and grey sole, with 17,000 pounds of that cod and haddock being brought overland from Boston for the Pew branch of Gorton-Pew Fisheries, for canning.

Four gill netters had a total of 5500 pounds of cod, while the seiner Natale II. had 4800 pounds of mackerel yesterday afternoon which went to cold storage.

The dragger Paul had the grey sole, 4000 pounds of them taken out at the Producers Fish Company.

Murray & Tarr's at the Fort had a total of 4000 pounds of cod and mackerel from small boats, while Hall & Murray's at Mellow's wharf took a few jigger's trips. Fish are rather scarce due to the wind and thick weather. The halibuter Pollyanna, Capt. Eric Carlson, left port yesterday morning bound for Grand bank.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Natale II., seining, 4800 lbs. mackerel.

Paul, dragging, 4000 lbs. grey sole. Rose Marie, seining, 1000 lbs. mackerel.

Fannie F. Hickey, seining, 1000 lbs. mackerel.

Tarr's traps, 1000 lbs. mackerel. Small boats, 4000 lbs. mackerel and cod.

Overland from Boston, 17,000 lbs. cod and haddock.

Alvan T. Fuller, via Boston.

Evelyn G. Sears, via Boston.

C6696, jigging, 300 lbs. cod.

"Y", jigging, 300 lbs. cod.

E500, jigging, 300 lbs. cod.

231-D, netting, 1000 lbs mackerel.

Smack Fannie, Clark's Harbor, N. S., 177 crates live lobsters.

Smack Satellite, Maine-A-Dieu, N. S., 15,613 lbs. live lobsters.

Smack Nova IV., Canso, N. S., 126 crates live lobsters.

Smack Alva J. Kenney, Nova Scotian ports, 67 crates live lobsters.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Edna Fae, 1000 lbs. cod.

Enterprise, 1500 lbs. cod.

Phyllis A., 1500 lbs. cod.

Virginia and Joan, 1500 lbs. cod.

TIMES FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.

Small, \$1.50; medium, \$1.

Sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud is on Parkhurst's Marine railways for painting and general overhauling.

Portland, Maine, News.

Fifteen horse mackerel were landed at Portland, Me., Tuesday including the largest brought heer this year. Ernest Wallace of Small Point landed a 630-pounder after having the fish on his harpoon two and one-half hours before he could haul it into his small boat.

With 7000 pounds of live lobsters, the smack Flora Belle arrived at Portland, Me., from Jonesport, Tuesday in command of Capt. Vernal Woodward.

The netter Falcon, Capt. Ed. Brackett, landed 200 barrels of shad, caught at Round Pond, and 100 barrels of mackerel, and three vessels took out 30,000 pounds of groundfish, the Helen Mae, the Verna G., and the Alice and May having 10,000 pounds each.

THIRTY IN THE BOSTON FLEET

RECEIPTS AGAIN OVER THE MILLION POUND MARK—PRICES STEADY.

Another large fleet was on hand at the Boston fish pier this morning with groundfish, mackerel and swordfish. Mackerel receipts, however, were small. Fares aggregated 860,000 pounds of groundfish, 96 swordfish, 11,700 pounds of fresh mackerel and 200,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Groundfish prices held at about yesterday's levels. Mackerel were higher at 61-2 cents for large and 4.10 cents per pound for small.

The Yarmouth steamer brought to the hub yesterday 11 swordfish and 32 large tuna fish in her cargo.

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The arrivals and fares in detail:

Doris M. Hawes, 32 swordfish.

Leonora C., 36 swordfish.

Sunapee, 28 swordfish.

Sarah M., 2500 mackerel.

Serafina N., 5000 mackerel.

Hoop-la, 4000 mackerel.

Boat, 200 mackerel.

Str. William J. O'Brien, 30,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Str. Notre Dame, 30,000 haddock, 37,000 cod, 16,000 mixed fish.

Str. Shawmut, 24,000 haddock, 56,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Str. Ebb, 16,000 haddock, 55,000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.

Str. Foam, 27,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Andover, 21,000 haddock, 65,000 cod, 1500 mixed fish.

Milton, 36,000 haddock, 2300 cod, 9300 mixed fish.

Marisstellia, 73,000 haddock, 600 cod, 27,000 mixed fish.

Donald, 22,000 haddock, 60,000 cod, 7000 mixed fish.

Vagabond, 35,000 haddock, 500 cod, 16,000 mixed fish.

Mary and Julia, 23,000 haddock, 33,000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.

Philip P. Manta, 15,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 3300 mixed fish.

Mary P. Goulart, 16,000 haddock, 9500 cod, 2000 mixed fish.

Shamrock, 41,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.

Marjorie Parker, 13,000 haddock, 9500 cod, 5200 mixed fish.

Mary and Jennie, 6000 mixed fish.

Princess, 12,000 mixed fish.

Two Brothers, 8800 mixed fish.

Bessie, 5800 mixed fish.

Leonardo, 6400 mixed fish.

Fred Henry, 4300 mixed fish.

Eddie and Lulu M., 6200 mixed fish.

Santina C., 5400 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$1.85 to \$2; hake, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$2.50.

Logans have struck in and fishing is at a stand-still at Roseway.

Seek New Scallop Beds

C. G. S. Halkett, which is fitting out at the Fisheries Experimental Station wharf, Halifax, will soon leave on an expedition seeking new scallop beds off the coast of Nova Scotia. Capt. A. Zinck, of Lunenburg, formerly well-known of the tern schooner Abundance, is in command.

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CAPT. JOHN MORASH WILL ABANDON SEINING AND FIT FOR DRAGGING

Skipper Jack Morash is through with mackerel seining, so they say, deciding that dragging is preferable these days, and intends to take the *Leretha* out after haddock and cod, and who came blame him?

Capt. Norman A. Ross is in port with the beautiful yacht *Blue Dolphin* parked at the Booth Fisheries wharf on the East Gloucester side of the waterfront. Skipper Norm and his employers took a swordfishing trip recently as was reported in these columns, but according to the captain, their luck was positively nil, because the fog was so dense and the gale was so enthusiastic that those swordfish that weren't hidden in the fog banks, were switched along so fast by the gale that they didn't have time to stop to catch the lily-iron. Sounds like a fish story, but there it is.

It was a glorious battle over the cards last night at the Master Mariners' when Capt. Bill Wilkie, the latest oil baron in the harbor, was paired with Bill LeCasse of New Bedford, who knows his engines, they say. As Nate would warble, so did New Bedford Bill, that when they come up the stairs, he gets "em".

The swordfisherman Emma Marie, piloted by Capt. Johnnie Sparrow, left Davis Brothers' wharf yesterday morning, when the ocean moved into the cove, and gave him a chance to float the craft. They're bound for Georges to make the best of it.

That steamer tied up at the C. F. Mattlage wharf is none other than the *Lotus*, a buoy boat of the United States Lighthouse service, here to paint some more buoys and install new ones wherever needed. She drifted in last night and will be here for a few days. She's worth looking at, with the peculiar and ponderous affairs that occupy her deck. The navigators know the real worth of her hard labor, however.

The great mind which started nany voyage, but by his attitude, it is easy to see that he approves the program.

One of those who has worked mighty hard to make this trip possible is Nate McCloud, proprietor of the Harbor View Inn, who is more familiarly known and esteemed as the shore skipper. He is down to the wharf daily, keenly interested in the progress of getting things ready. Nate is a tireless worker for any movement in which he believes, and this is one of them.

The mackerel seiner James M. Burke of Boston had a bit of tough luck the other day while engaged in fishing in the rugged blow, for the masthead was broken off the foremast, forcing her to make port here yesterday morning, docking along side the Atlantic Supply wharf. Thurston's spar yard is busily engaged today installing a new 40-foot foremast on the craft that she may continue mackereling.

Shoal water raised havoc with the seines of the mackerel boats *Eleanor* and also the *Joanna*, according to the skippers. The seines were torn considerably in their efforts to snare the mackerel the other day. Capt. Dick Merchant brought the *Eleanor* into the Atlantic Supply wharf, while the *Joanna*. Capt. Jack Barrett's craft, has left port again.

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SCH. ALVAN T. FULLER SHARED \$106 TO A MAN ON SWORD-FISHING TRIP.

The swordfisherman Little Ruth, Capt. Manuel Smith of this port, is laid up in New Bedford, something having gone "flooy" with her machinery, and Capt. Manuel Domingoes is hitting the trail for that city to see the why of the matter, for the Little Ruth fits out at the United Fisheries Company where Capt. Domingoes is in charge. The swordfisherman had to be towed into port. Trust 'tis not serious.

As was reported a week ago, the Jennie and Julia with Skipper Paul Scola would a-swordfishin' go, and had his mast rigged with the network of lines for the mastheadsman and his sub-scouts, besides adding the pulpit to the bowsprit, only to wallow around the briny off Georges for three days without sighting hide nor hair of the marine critters. So back to port came the Jennie and Julia, rid herself of the swordfishing encumbrances and re-enlisted in the ranks of the mackerel seiners, scheduled to sail next week.

The swordfisherman Alvan T. Fuller with Capt. Joe Leavitt at the wheel took to the high seas again this morning, after having shared \$106 per man on the last trip. Not bad, eh?

Some might say that 12-year-old Dave Santos is a landlubber just because he hails from the inland town of Somerville, but when it comes to wielding a line, young Dave who is a relation of Capt. Dave Lopes, old-time skipper and present masters of the familiar oil boat, is no slouch. The other day while enjoying himself fishing over the rail of his uncle's boat which was tied alongside Davis Brothers wharf, young Dave hooked a seven-pound black bass which even in Capt. Dave's memory is mighty close to a record. In fact hauling it into the boat was a hit too much for the young feller and Joe Nourse had to come to his rescue. Maybe he wasn't proud of his fisherman's luck.

Joe Nourse by the way is taking command of the oil boat while the regular skipper, Capt. Lopes, is under the weather. Sick or no sick, however, Capt. Dave was right on the waterfront this forenoon reveling in school climbs aboard to enjoy a training cruise.

Never has there been a better mannered and higher type of seamen in this port than came from the Wyoming, Gloucester certainly has been honored by their visit.

Skipper Aubrey M. Hawes arrived yesterday afternoon in the swordfisherman Doris M. Hawes after selling his catch at the Hub, and docked at the Atlantic Supply wharf.

The Centipede of Portland, Me., another swordfisherman, dropped in here yesterday and sailed right out again. Each of her crew shared \$85 on the recent trip.

Skipper Tony Sears left in the swordfisherman Evelyn G. Sears, yesterday. The share on the last trip was \$37 per man.

From the banks comes the news that after a week's hunting, the swordfisherman Olivia M. Brown, Capt. Frank Brown, had three fish to her credit: the Edith L. Boudreau, Capt. Alphonse Boudreau had 18, while the Evalina M. Goulart with Capt. Manuel Goulart at the wheel had speared a couple.

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The swordfish continue scarce. All of the swordfishermen report heavy winds off Georges and hazy weather. However, the less the fish, the longer will the price keep to the level that is good news at present.

The waterfront saluted Skipper John Placanica and his hardy crew last night as they engineered their way to the dock in the swordfisherman *Minerva* with 21 fish aboard. But they did not stay long for they were Boston-bound with their trip after saying hello to the folks.

Somebody has been splashing paint all over the deck of the sch. L. A. Dunton which has been wasting away at the Atlantic Supply wharf these many moons awaiting a purchaser. The paint job is a good one, and has made the staunch old-timer take on a new lease of life.

Capt. Jack Morash bade farewell to the Independent Fisheries wharf this forenoon in the *Leretha*, now one of the drageers. Capt. Morash is making the first trip of the season in hopes of getting farther ahead on groundfish than they did on mackerel seining.

The swordfisherman Doris F. Amero at Davis Brothers wharf this forenoon, looks as if she was about to take another trip to Georges, and Capt. Nels Amero is the reason. No sense to hang around when the fish may be eager to swallow the lily-iron any day now.

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Nova Scotia Notes

Lemberg Arrives.

National fish trawler Lemberg arrived at Halifax Saturday with a good fare of fish and sailed again to return to the banks.

Nova Scotia Pickled Fish.

A few new grocery herring have been reaching the market. They are of fair quality and are generally known as bank herring, for they are caught further off shore. The market, however, is not very active; for during hot weather buyers keep their stock down to a minimum.

The usual spring run of mackerel has come and gone. As usual the fishery has been spotty. Some places made good catches this season that had very little last year. Although the catch is somewhat short there is now quite a large run reported west of Halifax. These fish will run about 80 per cent small and medium, and as they are likely to sell at low prices they will have an influence on the markets taking the larger size. With the carryover from last season there is ample mackerel for the various markets. Present price for large is \$4.25 per barrel ex boat. —Maritime Merchant.

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—Some herring in traps. No vessels in port. Ice available.

Halifax—Plenty fresh and frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty fresh and frozen herring and ice available.

Lockeport—Limited bait and ice available.

Lunenburg—Plenty bait and ice available.

North Sydney—No bait. Ice available.

Port Hawkesbury — Twenty-five thousand pounds frozen herring available, and plenty ice.

Queensport—Some herring in traps. Twenty-five thousand pounds frozen herring available. Schooner *Rex Perry* arrived in port.

Shelburne—Plenty herring in nets and traps.

Yarmouth—Plenty of newly frozen and fresh bait and ice available.

Arras reports capelin bait plentiful all along east coast Newfoundland.