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SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

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 navigation, 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.

Nova Scotia Lobsters.

Because of the decided shortage in the lobster catch now in evidence, many packers and sellers have adopted a policy of holding their canned lobsters for an advance in prices. Some buyers who had already sold in American and European markets for early shipment were forced to increase their prices from one to two dollars per case in order to fill such orders and this has helped to stiffen the ideas of those who are still retaining their goods.

The foreign buyers are resisting the increase. They aver that any attempt to advance the cost to the consumer is bound to stop the sale and consumption.

On the one side, it is argued that the pack this season will be fully 40,000 cases less than last year, and that as world conditions improve the consumptive demand will materially increase.

The others contend that the lower prices that have ruled this spring have been the sole cause of the improved selling noticeable to date. Last year's pack totalled 165,000 cases; but even at the low range of quotations only 125,000 cases were consumed and a surplus of 40,000 cases was carried from 1932 into 1933. Even should this year's total be as short as now estimated, the sales will need to be increased 25 per cent during 1933 to prevent any carry-over into 1934. The competition of crab meat now at lower prices still has to be contended with and the higher tariffs of most continental countries against lobsters will naturally curtail those outlets.

There is a struggle therefore between the "Bulls" and "Bears" at the moment, the result of which is as yet uncertain. Stocks on this side are very heavy and once the holders begin to ship freely, the situation is liable to change over night.—Maritime Merchant.

Cod Swallowed Nipple.

When the fishing schooner Donald arrived at the South Boston Fish Pier yesterday from a fishing trip 12 miles off Chatham, Capt. Bradford Amero exhibited a rubber nursing bottle nipple which was found inside of a large cod which one of the crew was dressing yesterday. It was in a fine state of preservation and was white and clean.

TOW IN "LAME DUCK" WITH ILL FISHERMAN

The fishing schooner Mary P. Goulart of Provincetown, was towed to the Fish Pier yesterday morning, disabled and with one of the crew, John Marshall, suffering from a stomach ailment. The man was taken to the hospital for treatment.

The vessel was on the way from South Channel with 27,000 pounds of groundfish when trouble developed two miles north of Cape Cod Light Tuesday night. The Coast Guard cutter Mojave towed the schooner toward Boston and turned the crippled craft over to the patrol boat Agassiz at 1 a. m. At 5 a. m., the Agassiz relinquished the tow to the tugboat Venus, which brought the Goulart to the Fish Pier. The vessel's bearings burned out and the engine could not be operated. While off Cape Cod, the crew from the Wood End Coast Guard station went on board and sent out a wireless call for help which brought the Mojave.

NEW ENGLANDS HOLD FOUR P. C.

(Special to the Times.)

Washington, July 13.—New England had nearly four per cent of the total holdings of cold storage fish on June 15, figures from the bureau of fisheries show.

A total of 25,663,666 pounds of fish were in cold storage in the United States the middle of last month. Of this total, New England accounted for 9,916,639 pounds, with the Middle Atlantic states holding second place with 5,096,288 pounds, and the Pacific States third with 4,806,312 pounds.

In addition to the frozen fish in storage on that date, New England had 707,091 pounds of the total 9,211,715 pounds of cured herring stored, and 36,470 pounds of the total 1,402,142 pounds of mild-cured salmon.

Portland News

Groundfish fares were landed at Portland Wednesday from the trawler Georgie Bowden, which had 10,000 pounds, and the dragger Medric, with 6,000 pounds. George Rice took out 20,000 pounds of mackerel from his small boat.

At a sale of salvaged and condemned articles conducted by the U. S. Lighthouse Department Wednesday at the new lighthouse depot at South Portland, the first to be held there, several persons offered sealed bids on nine boats and crude oil engine. Bernstein & Jacobson was high bidder on the engine and on eight of the boats, consisting of four large cargo boats, used on the lighthouse tenders, two dories and three row-boats.

The Coast Guard cutter Harriett Lane, which put in at Portland Wednesday morning for supplies and tied up at the Marine State pier, will return to patrol duty this morning.

Two beam trawlers, both of the O'Hara fleet of Boston, are scheduled to come to Portland from the banks within a week with groundfish fares for the Burnham & Morrill plant at East Deering. The Holy Cross is due today and the Notre Dame, making her second successive trip to Portland is due at the plant Monday. The vessels are expected to take out about 100,000 pounds each.

Skippered by Capt. Fred Stanton and with Fred Greeley, owner and Capt. Harry Greene, former skipper of local schooners, the members of the crew, the little yawl Take It Easy has fitted for a swordfishing trip to the Block Island grounds and is expected to sail today from Widgery wharf, where she has been tied up several years. The Take It Easy will be the smallest vessel in the local swordfishing fleet.

Rare Species of Fish

A rare species of fish was brought to the Boston Fish Pier yesterday by the swordfisherman Leonora C., Capt. John H. Carranecho. It is called sargassum and measures about 2 1-2 inches in length with four legs resembling small hands with which it clings to seaweed. It is striped with brown and yellow.

The crew brought it in alive in a bucket of water and it is now in a jar in the Bureau of Fisheries room in the Administration Building at the end of the pier where it is attracting considerable attention.

The fish is rarely caught in the northern waters, but is said to be quite common in the Sargasso Sea.

DULL MUSIC AT THIS PORT

DURING PAST 24 HOURS RECEIPTS WERE ONLY 7300 POUNDS FISH

The ups and downs of the fresh fish arrivals in this port is evident today when the downs have it, since but 7300 pounds of cod and hake, and no mackerel were reported as having been landed in this port. Hall and Murray's had three small handliners with only 1100 pounds of cod and hake in all, while five gill netters had a total of 6200 pounds.

Three swordfishermen sailed, and two arrived to fit out again.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: C2052, jigging, 500 lbs. cod and hake.

"Y", jigging, 300 lbs. cod and hake. C6696, jigging, 300 lbs. cod and hake.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Edna Fae, 1500 lbs. cod.
C. A. Meister, 1100 lbs. cod.
Virginia and Joan, 600 lbs. cod.
Enterprise, 1500 lbs. cod.
Phyllis A., 1500 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.

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.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER**Sailed**

U. S. S. Wyoming, cruising.
Alvan T. Fuller, swordfishing.
Mary E. D'Eon, swordfishing.
Centipede, Portland.
Evelyn G. Sears, swordfishing.
Minerva, Boston.
Leretha, dragging.

NO MACKEREL BROUGHT IN— TOTAL RECEIPTS ARE VERY LIGHT

Four swordfish, three from off shore and nine of the small draggers made up the fleet at the Boston fish pier this morning. There were no mackerel landed. Total receipts were 181,000 pounds of groundfish, 70 swordfish and 52,800 pounds of mixed fish. Prices were about the same as yesterday.

Included in the cargo of the steamer from Yarmouth yesterday were 35 large tuna fish.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Reliance, 15 swordfish.

John A. Cooney, 10 swordfish.

Mary M., 25 swordfish.

Minerva, 20 swordfish.

Str. Cormorant, 20,000 haddock, 62,000 cod, 7000 mixed fish.

Str. Saturn, 25,000 haddock, 42,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Imperator, 10,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.

Josie M., 5500 mixed fish.

Arthur and Matthew, 7300 mixed fish.

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SCH. THOMAS S. GORTON EXPECTED ANY DAY WITH LOAD FROM MAGDALENS

Squibs hears from the waterfront of Boston that the beam trawler Illinois, one of the Booth Fisheries fleet, is off the ways at Chelsea, and with Capt. Morton Selig at the wheel will leave for the fishing grounds tomorrow. The Illinois has been given an extensive overhauling.

Sch. Wanderer, after being tied up at Boston for five weeks, put to sea again yesterday, bound for Brown's bank or the Channel, in the dory trawling industry after cod and haddock. The Wanderer is one of the Lemuel Parker fleet.

The Wanderer, by the way, is really a converted experiment in elaborate mechanical device. It seems that the gentleman who had her built, was dissatisfied with the results of his own planning, so they say, with the result that he had a new one constructed and sold the first. Now as a fisherman, she is commanded by Capt. Frank Watts, who ranks with Capt. Ernest Parsons as a high-liner.

By the way, to the uninitiated in waterfront parlance, it might be interesting to know that all good fishermen speak of a successful skipper as a "killer," while the less fortunate skipper whose fares are picayune, is labeled as a "peddler," the latter term probably inferring that the man of a few fish doesn't catch enough to sell, and has little more than the gentry of the historic fish carts. Harsh names, is them!

That veteran Ipswich Bay fisherman, Capt. Gus Robicheau, who is idling his life away at the National Home of the Elks at Bedford, Virginia, has broken into print again by breaking another golf tournament in which he was second in class B. Moreover, according to report, he also scored a hole-in-one, although details are lacking. The great match occurred last Friday, and his talents ever surprised Skipper Gus, who in the old days, commanded the boats, Lillian, and also the Sarah.

The Gov. Al Smith arrived with 39 scrubbed and painted a clean white, and her spars varnished. Capt. Archie McLeod, her master, may sail this week-end for Grand Banks, or vicinity, while all the deep-water fishermen travel. The vessel is still at Davis Brothers' wharf.

The haddock Imperator, with Capt. Jack Brown at the wheel, came into port yesterday afternoon, with 33,000 pounds of large and market cod, destined for the canning factory at the Pew wharf of Gorton-Pew Fisheries. The rest of the fare was sold in Boston yesterday.

Out sailed the beautiful Blue Dolphin, Marconi-rigged pleasure yacht, with Capt. Norman Ross in command, bound for Marblehead yesterday afternoon. There's a craft that's continually on the go.

Two large mackerel trips arriving in this port since yesterday might be mentioned, the seiner Falcon, hailing from Bristol Maine, with 17,000 pounds, and the local seiner Marianna, with 13,000 pounds, the former for William McDonald Fish Company, at the Gorton-Pew Cold Storage wharf, and the latter for the Cape Cod Cold Storage at the Fort.

RECEIPTS TODAY BEST OF WEEK

NEARLY 100,000 POUNDS RECEIVED HERE SINCE YESTERDAY.

Close to 100,000 pounds of fresh fish were landed in this port since yesterday's report, of which 50,000 pounds were mackerel, small and large.

The haddock Imperator came down from Boston with 33,000 pounds of large and market cod for the Pew branch of Gorton-Pew Fisheries. Six gill netters had 7100 pounds of cod which went to the William B. McDonald Company, John Chianciola Company and the Cape Ann Cold Storage.

Capt. Clayton Morrissey in his power boat Nimbus was among the arrivals, landing 1500 pounds mackerel at Murray & Tarr's.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Falcon, seining, 17,000 lbs. mackerel.

Imperator, via Boston, 33,000 lbs. large and market cod.

Edith R., seining, 6000 lbs. mackerel.

Nimbus, netting, 1500 lbs. mackerel. Salvatore, seining, 2300 lbs. mackerel.

Maria Concetta, seining, 7400 lbs. mackerel.

Marianna, seining, 13,000 lbs. mackerel.

E-500, jigging, 1000 lbs. mixed fish.

"Y", jigging, 500 lbs. mixed fish.

Total small boats, 5000 lbs. cod and mackerel.

Albert D. Willard, via Boston. Mary M., via Boston.

John A. Cooney, via Boston.

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Virginia and Joan, 1000 lbs. cod. Phyllis A., 1000 lbs. cod.

Nashawena, 1500 lbs. mixed fish. Liboria C., 1500 lbs. mixed fish.

Sailed. Blue Dolphin, Marblehead.

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Splitting Prices.

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FEW MACKEREL AT HUB TODAY

SEVEN BOATS HAVE 83,000 POUNDS—OTHER RECEIPTS ARE LIGHT

Seventeen vessels arrived at the Boston fish pier this morning. Two were swordfishermen, seven brought mackerel and the other 10 had the various varieties of ground and flat fish. Total receipts were 318,000 pounds of groundfish, 68 swordfish, 83,000 pounds of large mackerel and 75,000 pounds of mixed fish. Mackerel sold for 1 1-2 to 2 cents for small and 5 to 6 cents per pound for large. Groundfish prices were a bit higher than yesterday.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Gov. Al Smith, 39 swordfish.

Aeolus, 29 swordfish. Three Sisters, 15,000 mackerel.

Old Glory, 20,000 mackerel. Dacia, 7800 mackerel.

Mary W., 8500 mackerel. Joanna, 20,000 mackerel.

Nyoda, 8000 mackerel. Angie and Vence, 5000 mackerel.

Str. Dorchester, 44,000 haddock, 42,000 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.

Str. Heckla, 77,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 35,000 mixed fish.

Rita B., 55,000 haddock, 64,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Dorothy, 7000 mixed fish. Evangeline D., 6000 mixed fish.

Marion D. S., 4200 mixed fish. Jackson and Arthur, 5200 mixed fish.

Two Pals, 5400 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.75 to \$1.90; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 3 cents per pound; lemon sole, 6 cents; black backs, 3 cents; yellow tails, 2 1/2 cents; small mackerel, 1 1-2 cents to 2 cents; large mackerel, 5 cents to 6 cents; catfish, 1 1-2 cents; swordfish, 18 cents to 26 1-2 cents.

N. F. Codfish.

There is little of interest to report concerning the foreign markets. Sales of new fish from Newfoundland are slow at Oporto. This market is overstocked and forcing of sales by dealers is causing lower prices. The Italian markets are dull. The British West Indies are also overstocked and prices are exceptionally low. Jamaica and Porto Rico have been demoralized by heavy shipping.

North Sydney—No bait. Ice available.

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

Queensport — Fresh bait scarce. Twenty-five thousand pounds frozen herring available. Schooners Isabelle J. Corkum and Gloria May arrived in port.

Shelburne—Plenty herring in nets and traps.

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

Some Mackerel Being Taken

Owing to poor market for their fish and rough weather, the boats were only out two days this week at Shag Harbor, N. S. A few herring and mackerel are being taken near Prospect Island, which can be used for bait when fishing conditions are suitable. Lester Greenwood is getting in a supply of salt preparatory for buying fish from the boats at Shag Harbor.

Lands Mackerel.

Motor boat Miss Diver, Captain Duggan, arrived at Halifax from Dover and docked at the National Fish wharf to discharge mackerel.

Josie, 5200 mixed fish. Roma, 5000 mixed fish. Rosie, 3600 mixed fish. St. Mary, 2300 mixed fish. Carmella Maria, 900 mixed fish. Isabella, 1000 mixed fish. Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$1.75; pollock, \$1 to \$1.30; cusk, \$1.75; gray sole, 5 cents pound; lemon sole, 10 1/2 cents; black backs, 4 1/2 cents; yellow tails, 5 cents; swordfish, 20 to 28 cents.

N. S. Dried Fish Market.

There seems to be a tendency towards strengthening prices in the European markets, but sales made there are still below production costs in this country, says the Maritime Merchant. The slight improvement in Europe is due to old stocks being now pretty well cleaned up but whether new season's catch will bring prices down again, remains to be seen. More depends on the quantity of the fish that will be offering than on the hope of increased consumption due to improvement in world conditions; at least this is the judgment of the trade here. The catch of Norway for the calendar year 1933 is over and we know what it was; very little different from the previous year. But Iceland's production is only half completed, and a month ago they were reporting it larger than in 1932. What Newfoundland's will be, it is too early to speculate, but with last year's profits so disappointing, there may be a drop. We are mostly interested in their catch of sloop Labrador which has been over-running our market in Porto Rico for some time past. The situation of dried fish is very much like that of wheat; too much stock for the number of people there are to eat it. Consumption, of course, would be helped by an improvement in world conditions, but consumption isn't small at present; some markets have consumed more than their average. The need seems to be a reduction in world production and the hope for this is none too good at the present time.

The exchange situation today is very troublesome. Exporters must either confine themselves to immediate orders or gamble with the prospects of conditions a month or two ahead. In West India markets, such as Cuba, Porto Rico, Haiti, San Domingo and Surinam, the drop in American currency has been disappointing to shippers here, but this, of course, will be adjusted by an advance in prices equal to the shrinkage in the premium on American funds.

Stocks of dried fish in producing countries are lower than they were a year ago. But they are higher in consuming markets. In the first half of this year, Newfoundland exports to Portugal were 99,000 quintals as compared with 38,000 in the first half of the previous year. And to Porto Rico, they were 82,000 quintals as compared with 51,000 for the same period last year.

There is no news from the Lunenburg fleet now on its summer trip, but we hear that Nova Scotia shore fishermen are turning in a bigger catch than usual.

Discharging Salt.

Tern schooner A. W. Chisholm is discharging a cargo of salt at the Lunenburg Outfitting company, limited.

Schooner Eva P. Colb is on the marine railways for cleaning and painting.

Capt. Harris Himmelman, who was mate on the schooner Bluenose now at Chicago Fair, arrived home from Chicago last Friday.