

## SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

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.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Edna Fae, 1100 lbs. cod. Enterprise, 1000 lbs. cod.

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.

### 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.

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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.