

NEWFOUNDLAND FISH AND FISH OILS.

A bill having been introduced into Parliament, providing for the admission of Fish and Fish Oils inspected in Newfoundland, to the markets of Canada, without further inspection, your Council petitioned the Government, setting forth the injury to our own fishermen, and praying that the said Bill might not become law, and also praying for certain amendments to the existing Act.

This petition was placed in the hands of B. Verret, Esq., who kindly undertook to proceed to Ottawa, and who had an interview with the Minister of Inland Revenue, who acquiesced in the request contained in the former part of the petition, and the bill was withdrawn, but the portion of the petition which prayed that the existing law be amended, by "striking out that portion of Sub-section 3, of Clause 66, which provides for the admission at a nominal fee of Fish inspected and branded in Newfoundland," was not entertained.

The opportunity was also availed of to bring to the notice of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the existing high duty on the importation of our herrings into France, namely, thirteen shillings sterling per barrel, and asking the Government to use their influence towards obtaining an equal footing for Canadian Fish, with those of Great Britain, in the French market.

The Dominion Government has recently replied, that their representations have been laid before the Earl of Derby, with a request that the subject might receive consideration in the negotiations then pending with France for a new commercial treaty.

INSPECTION OF FISH AND FISH OILS.

Two petitions of merchants, fishermen and others, addressed to the Government, and praying for the establish-