

main in the water all night. The fish roving in the dark through the water, hang in the meshes of the net, which are large enough to admit them beyond the gill-covers and pectoral fins, but not large enough to allow the thickest part of the body to pass through. In the morning early, preparations are made for hauling the nets. A capstan on the deck is manned, about which two turns of the drift-rope are taken; one man stands forward to untie the upper edge of each net from the drift-rope, which is called casting off the lashings; others hand the net in with the fish caught, to which one side of the vessel is devoted; the other side is occupied with the drift-rope, which is wound in by the men at the capstan."

The following is a statement of the number of barrels of Mackerel inspected in Massachusetts in each year, from 1831 to 1848, inclusive:—

1831,.....	383,559	1840,.....	50,992
1832,.....	212,452	1841,.....	55,537
1833,.....	212,946	1842,.....	75,543
1834,.....	252,884	1843,.....	64,451
1835,.....	194,450	1844,.....	86,180
1836,.....	176,931	1845,.....	202,303
1837,.....	138,157	1846,.....	174,064
1838,.....	108,538	1847,.....	232,581
1839,.....	73,018	1848,.....	300,130

It does not appear what proportions of these large quantities of Mackerel were caught in British waters; but it must have been a very considerable share, if an opinion may be formed from the numerous fishing vessels of Massachusetts seen on the coast of Nova Scotia, and within the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.

From all that has been stated, it must be considered settled, that the Mackerel Fishery, as a branch of business, cannot be said to exist in New Brunswick, although the eastern shores of the Province, and the whole Bay of Chaleur, offer the greatest facilities, and the most abundant supply of fish.

It is highly desirable that something should be done to encourage and promote this fishery, which evidently offers such ample reward to the energy, enterprise, and industry of the people.

THE SALMON.

Of those Rivers of New Brunswick which flow into the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, the two largest, the Miramichi and the Restigouche, furnish the greatest supply of this well known and delicious fish; but all the smaller Rivers also furnish Salmon in greater or