

authorities at the outset gave the United States diplomatic advices that proceedings would be taken only for actual fishing within three miles from the shore, the whole policy was changed and fishing vessels of the United States were driven out of Dominion ports without any formal diplomatic notice to the United States thereof, and without any explanation whatsoever to enable either the Department of State or the owners of vessels to understand the meaning and extent of the change.

Subsequently vessels were seized for mere purchase of supplies, of which one, the *White Fawn*, was taken into St. John and acquitted on the ground that there was no statute authorizing her seizure. Another, the *J. H. Nickerson*, was taken into Halifax and condemned, the court holding the reverse doctrine.

Imports of fish into the United States free of duty.

		1885-'86.					
Month.	Fresh.				Lobsters, canned and preserved.	All other.	
	Salmon.		All other.				
1885.	Pounds.	Dollars.	Pounds.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	
July.....	402,103	38,515	1,552,858	54,103	80,796	13,072	
August.....	103,012	11,356	1,074,551	36,410	83,860	2,795	
September.....	64,078	6,095	1,732,036	45,446	53,163	281	
October.....	24,223	2,340	2,031,370	45,074	23,334	505	
November.....	27,312	2,814	1,337,430	33,034	6,092	500	
December.....	52,037	6,426	1,872,351	58,940	1,803	343	
1886.							
January.....	25,377	3,809	2,055,411	48,704	906	482	
February.....	422	40	2,241,201	40,425	5	307	
March.....	350	94	1,286,097	27,029	357	807	
April.....	1,099	523	572,659	10,432	3,716	13,429	
May.....	58,766	8,066	1,623,065	42,500	4,614	15,512	
June.....	663,341	65,196	2,352,258	70,692	75,686	10,014	
Totals for year.....	1,422,720	144,789	19,732,787	625,795	338,982	67,107	

		1886-'87.					
Month.	Fresh.				Lobsters, canned and preserved.	All other.	
	Salmon.		All other.				
1886.	Pounds.	Dollars.	Pounds.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	
July.....	242,266	24,157	1,759,934	52,940	94,418	14,017	
August.....	90,592	9,746	1,017,258	52,377	92,131	2,072	
September.....	42,729	4,248	1,670,527	40,039	38,382	36	
October.....	11,250	1,381	1,062,028	50,744	10,291	630	
November.....	2,431	370	1,525,621	36,527	7,909	678	
December.....	1,170	122	2,055,807	58,496	20,764	721	
1887.							
January.....	6,555	664	3,840,186	90,761	28	271	
February.....	2,652	268	4,840,853	75,662	3,990	301	
March.....	9,043	987	2,442,070	47,889	15,393	788	
April.....	3,017	794	653,817	19,538	8,056	1,086	
May.....	38,851	5,623	2,070,707	47,190	3,468	29,127	
June.....	653,337	58,465	2,070,817	73,835	35,402	19,038	
Totals for year.....	1,104,000	100,553	27,301,586	643,113	337,647	68,961	

The table shows that the heaviest imports of fresh salmon occur in the summer months; while the imports of all other (fresh) fish are largest at two seasons of the year—summer and winter.