

at the Isles of Shoals for bringing his wife out there to live with him ; and a Bay State clergyman, speaking of another fishing place, said a woman there was divided into as many shares as one of their fishing smacks. Every one smiled at the malice, but none credited the defamation. The fishermen plied their profitable trade and sang, as Jenness says, —

“ Oh, the herring he loves the merry moonlight,
The mackerel loves the wind ;
But the grampus loves the fisherman's song,
For he comes of a gentle kind.”

Indifferent that the temperature was near zero, the wind a half gale, and the sea rising fast as he filled his open boat with the twelve-pound cod, the hardy fisherman toiled on, rejoicing that his home was but a few miles off.

[The discovery that the cod approach these shores to spawn in the winter, whilst late in the spring and summer they are found at greater distances from the coast, and notably on Georges, the Grand Banks, Jeffries, etc, completed a fisherman's round, giving him a home fishery for the months when the dangers on the Banks are greatest, and perfecting an economical employment of his time.]

Incident to the fisheries were those of the mackerel and herring, together with the salmon and shad that frequented the rivers of the coast, and the abundance of lobsters and clams of savory flavor, which delighted and often sustained the early settlers on the coast ; but although exercising some influence in the location of settlements, they cannot be said to have induced the emigration to these shores.

The whale fishery followed, rather than led, the settlement of the coast.

[In the natural order, the continuous employment a residence on these coasts afforded to the fishermen, gave him great advantages over the European and those who had no winter fishery at their doors, and the fishing population rapidly in-