

(16,063) sixteen thousand and sixty-three barrels were caught on the coast of the United States, between Eastport, Maine, and Provincetown, Massachusetts.

The herring cost us for those caught on the coast of the United States from two dollars and twenty-five cents to two dollars and seventy-five cents per barrel; that is for the herring, not including the barrel, salt, labor, etc., etc.

(12,145) twelve thousand one hundred and forty-five barrels were caught on the coast of Newfoundland, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Magdalen Islands, and Labrador, as follows:—

	Barrels.	
Caught at Fortune Bay, Nfld.....	8,587	} 12,145
“ “ Port Hood, C. B.....	200	
“ “ Nova Scotia (coast).....	348	
“ “ Magdalens.....	510	
“ “ Bay of Islands, Nfld.....	2,500	

Those caught at Fortune Bay in-paid seventy-five cents, gold, per barrel; at Port Hood, one dollar per barrel; Nova Scotia, one dollar per barrel; Magdalens, seventy-five cents per barrel; and at Bay of Islands, Nfld., two dollars per barrel. These prices include what is paid for the fish, and does not include the barrels, salt, labor, etc., etc.

All the herring which we put up in the Provinces as stated herein, we bought from the fishermen and paid them at prices as stated; and in no case whatever did we ever catch any in nets or seines, but always purchased the fish from the natives.

The above number of barrels does not include any herring which our vessels brought in the Provinces during the year, for bait.

We have taken from our books the number of barrels packed.

GLOUCESTER, MASS., U. S. A., October 17th, 1877.

D. C. & H. BABSON.

WITNESS—CHAS. H. BROWN.

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ESSEX, SS.

October 17th, 1877.

Then personally appeared the within named Horatio Babson, and made oath to the truth of the within statement by him subscribed, in behalf of said firm of D. C. & H. Babson, before me.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

[L. S.]

JAMES DAVIS,  
Notary Public.

### No. 280.

William Cogswell, of Salem, County of Essex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on oath, deposes and says, that since August 24th, A.D., 1866, he has held, and does now, hold the office of Inspector-General of Fish, within and for the said Commonwealth; the duties of which said office, among other things, are to supervise, either personally or by deputy, the packing and inspecting of all pickled fish put up within said Commonwealth, to keep an accurate account of the same, and to report thereon in detail, as to the number of barrels, the quality and kind of such fish, to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, that he is under bonds to the Treasurer of the said Commonwealth, in the sum of ten thousand dollars; that in the discharge of his duties, he is assisted by some one hundred deputies, more or less, in the different seaport towns of said Commonwealth, each of whom are under bonds to him in the sum of six thousand dollars; that he has given especial attention to informing himself from all possible sources of information, in what waters, and what consists the fish, which has passed under his supervision since he came into his said office, were caught; that he has also required and received sworn returns or affidavits from a large number of his deputies, many of whom are owners of the fishing vessels; many of whom have been engaged in the fishing itself, and all of whom have as accurate knowledge on the subject as is possible to be obtained, showing the number of barrels of fish caught within the three mile line of the coast of Her Britannic Majesty's Dominions in North America, during the fishing seasons of 1867 and 1876, inclusive, upon which said returns or affidavits, and upon his own best knowledge and belief, and upon his own reports as aforesaid, he says as follows:—That in the year ending December 20th, 1867, there were inspected in said Commonwealth, two hundred and eleven thousand five hundred and ten barrels of mackerel, and no more; that he has affidavits as aforesaid, covering some ninety-seven thousand barrels of said mackerel, of which only some two thousand were caught within said three mile line, or in other words, about two and one-sixteenth per cent., which applied to the whole catch of that year, would give some forty-three hundred and sixty barrels of mackerel only that were caught within said line, in said year of 1867.