

herring fishery there. The Americans in hauling their long seines often removed the Newfoundland fishermen's nets when they came in their way. I have known the Americans last year to have herrings barred in for a fortnight. Barring kills a great many herring, and makes those who are barred in very poor. I have seen the bottom covered with dead herring after the seine had been barred for a week. The American schooners heave out their ballast in the Channel between Woody Island and the shore, and if not prevented, will soon destroy the anchorage there.

(Signed) "JOHN RUMSEY, his X mark.

"Sworn before me, at St. John's, this 9th day of February, A.D. 1878, having first been read over and explained,

(Signed) "D. H. PROWSE, J.P. for Newfoundland."

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Inclosure 3 in No. 8.

*Extract from the "Toronto Daily Globe" of February 14, 1878.*

### THE NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING CASE.

#### *Affidavit of the Gloucester Captain.*

THE Gloucester, Massachusetts, fisherman who alleges that he was recently attacked by Newfoundland fishermen and compelled to abandon the herring fishery, has transmitted the affidavit printed below to the United States' Government at Washington.

A telegram printed in yesterday's "Globe" from Fortune Bay, at the head of which is situated Long Harbour, where the outrage is said to have been committed, denies that the trouble occurred. Pending the arrival of details from Newfoundland, it would be well to withhold judgment. The Gloucester skipper says:—

"I, Loring B. Naus, on oath, depose and say, that I am master of the schooner 'Moro Castle,' of Gloucester, and was with my vessel at Long Harbour, Newfoundland, the whole of last month, January 1878, having gone there for a cargo of herring; I saw the destruction of the seines of the schooners 'Ontario' and 'New England' at that place by the inhabitants of Newfoundland. This occurred on the 13th ultimo. The facts are as follows:—I went, in company with Captain Jacobs, of the schooner 'Moses Adams,' Captain Poole, of the schooner 'Maud and Effie,' Captain German, of the schooner 'Fred. P. Faye,' Captain Dago of the schooner 'New England,' and others, together with our several crews in our seine-boats for the purpose of setting our seines to haul herring. Some 150 and upwards of the inhabitants had collected on the beach, but did not molest us in any way until they found our seine were full of herring, when I heard some of the crowd on shore exclaim, 'Let's tear up the Yankee seines,' and immediately set to work destroying our seines, which they did most effectually by cutting and tearing them up. There were at the same time two other American seines set which we estimated had in them at least 1,500 barrels of herring. In each case the owners were obliged to let the herring out and take the seines up, as the crowd threatened their destruction if they were not immediately taken up. The setting of our seines did not interfere in any way with their fishing, and they (the inhabitants) were engaged in tending and picking the stationary nets on this day, and landing the herring in the boats. The antipathy of the inhabitants towards us seemed to be occasioned by the fact of our having larger seines and being more successful than themselves. In years past we have always bought our herrings of the inhabitants paying from 1 dollar to 1 dol. 50 c. per barrel for them, and the catching of herring is the principal business of the inhabitants, and they depend upon the American vessels for their trade. If we take our herring with our own crews and our own seines, the cost to us is merely nominal, and they are deprived of one of the principal means of support. Under the Treaty of Washington I regard that I have a right to take herring in the manner which we did, and the interference of the inhabitants was a gross violation of the Treaty stipulations and privileges of that Treaty on the coast of Newfoundland. The inhabitants effectually prevented me from securing my cargo of herring, after I had actually caught them, and I was obliged to return in ballast, at a loss of at least 5,000 dollars to the owners and crew of my vessel.