

voyages from south to north at one season of the year, and the reverse at another; but the error of this opinion is now generally admitted. It is known with certainty, that Mackerel remain near the coast of England at all times, as they have been taken there in every month of the year. Mr. Yarrell, whose work on British Fishes is of the highest authority, is of opinion that the Mackerel is not a migratory fish; he says—"The law of nature which obliges Mackerel and others to visit the shallow waters of the shores at a particular season, appears to be one of those wise and bountiful provisions of the Creator, by which not only is the species perpetuated with the greatest certainty, but a large portion of the parent animals are thus brought within the reach of man; who, but for the action of this law, would be deprived of many of those species most valuable to him as food. For, the Mackerel, dispersed over the immense surface of the deep, no effective fishery could be carried on; but approaching the shore as they do, from all directions, and roving along the coast in immense shoals, millions are caught, which yet form but a very small portion compared with the myriads that escape."

Although Mackerel are found in vast shoals along the whole eastern coast of New Brunswick, and within the Bay of Chaleur, yet the quantity taken by resident fisherman is so very limited, as not to furnish a sufficient supply for home consumption, and few indeed for export.

The Ports of the Province within the Gulf, exported the under-mentioned quantities of Mackerel, in barrels, during the last eight years:—

Ports.	1841	1842	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	Total.
Dalhousie,
Bathurst,	33	..	4	37
Caraquette,	256	99	25	380
Miramichi,	145	47	..	192
Richibucto,
Totals,	434	146	29	609

This is a most "beggarly account" of a fishery which ought to be, in this Province, one of the most extensive and most lucrative. The export of 29 barrels only in the year 1848 is perfectly surprising, when it is considered that the season was one in which the Mackerel fishery was more than usually successful. In Au-