

## SPRING HERRING FISHING.

Never have herrings been seen in greater numbers at the Magdalen Islands than this Spring. Not only Pleasant Bay but even Amherst Harbor was full of them, and if our fishermen had been able to find a market where this fish could have been sold at any profit whatever, numbers of barrels of herrings would have been sent to it. But a high duty on this fish has closed the ports of the United States against its exportation to that country, so that our fishermen in these Islands are unable to profit by this bountiful supply which Providence sends them every spring.

Thirty-eight foreign schooners, 19 of which were from the United States, 16 from Prince Edward Island, 2 from Nova Scotia, and 1 from New Brunswick, manned by 114 sailors, came to fish for herrings at the Islands, and carried away, in a few days, 11,820 barrels, which, added to the quantity taken and salted by our fishermen for exportation to Quebec, Montreal, and Halifax, and for home consumption, (3,810 barrels), gives a total of 15,630 barrels of herrings taken this spring at the Magdalen Islands.

## QUANTITY OF HERRINGS TAKEN.

In 1866, by the inhabitants.....	3,316 barrels.
“ by strangers.....	7,577 “
Total.....	10,893 “
In 1867, by the inhabitants .....	3,810 barrels.
“ by strangers.....	11,820 “
Total.....	15,620 “

## SPRING MACKEREL FISHING.

Mackerel, as well as herring, came in abundance to Pleasant Bay this spring. On the 5th of June some were taken for the first time in nets, but it was not until the 12th that the maximum was reached.

Fourteen Schooners, most of them from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, came there to fish for them, and had ample success.

## QUANTITY OF MACKEREL TAKEN.

In 1865, by the inhabitants.....	500 barrels.
“ by strangers.....	455 “
Total .....	955 “
In 1866, by the inhabitants.....	1,050 barrels.
“ by strangers.....	274 “
Total .....	1,324
In 1867, by the inhabitants.....	634 barrels.
“ by strangers .....	2,340 “
Total,.....	2,974 “

## SUMMER COD FISHING.

During the last two years, our fishermen, particularly those from Alright Island and *Grosse Isle*, have applied themselves with more ardor than ever to fishing for summer mackerel with the line, as the Americans do, and have succeeded very well, and as this fish always commands a tolerably high price in the Halifax market, they were enabled by this fishing to compensate themselves for the failure they had met with in the cod fishing.