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NOTE.—In the "description" of the Mackerel (*Scomber vernalis* and *scomber grex*) in the Descriptive Catalogue of Fishes, a slight anachronism occurred. The discovery of two species of *Scomber* is assigned to Cuvier, whereas it should be accredited to Drs. Mitchell and DeKay. A reference to these two species occurs in the English edition of Cuvier which was consulted by the writer; but it is upon the authority of the American naturalists.

NOTE.—The aggregate value of our fisheries is stated in page 1 to be \$2,500,000. This amount is the value of the fish caught and cured in Nova Scotia as given in the census of 1860, in which year the export of fish was quite up to the average; but after due allowance being made for fish imported, not caught by Nova Scotians, the average of \$3,000,000 would probably be a more correct estimate at the present time.