

APPENDIX M.

No. 1.

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

QUESTIONS RESPECTING THE FISHERIES TO BE PROPOUNDED TO ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES.

1. What is your name and age, and in what town and State do you reside? Freeman Hodgdon; age fifty-two years, I reside at Boothbay, State of Maine.
2. What opportunities have you had for becoming acquainted with the American and Canadian Atlantic sea-fisheries, and the value of the catch of the different kinds of fish? I pursued the business for twenty years. I have been in all the waters frequented by American and Canadian fishermen.
3. Can you give the names of other persons in your neighborhood who have also had the opportunity of obtaining similar information? If so, please give some such name. Yes. Thomas Berry has had more experience in the fishing business than any other man on our coast. John Hodgdon, Joseph Maddocks.
4. A copy of the Treaty between Great Britain and the United States, known as the Treaty of Washington, is hereto annexed. Will you examine articles 18 to 22 inclusive, and state that you have done so? I have.
5. What kinds of fish frequent the waters of your State, especially those which are to be thrown open to the Canadian fishermen under the provisions of the Treaty of Washington? Cod, Mackerel, Hake, Hallibut, Herring, and many others of less importance.
6. Can you give a statement of the kinds and quantities of fish taken annually off the coast of your State from the years 1854 to 1872, inclusive? If you can do this, please do so; and if not, please state where that information can be procured. The quantity is very great. I do not know exactly.
7. If you are able to do so, will you state the amount and value of the American fisheries which are to be thrown open to Canadian fishermen under the provisions of the Treaty of Washington? Please state them in detail, showing the different kinds of fish, and the value of each kind.
8. What quantity and value of each kind of fish are annually taken by Canadian fishermen, and what by American fishermen, in the waters off the coasts which are to be thrown open to competition by the Treaty of Washington? I cannot tell. I should think the value of Fish caught by American subjects and that caught by British subjects was about equal.
9. Do Canadian fishermen procure bait or supplies in the waters of your State? and if so, to what extent and value? They do to a small extent.
10. What is the probable annual value to Canadian fishermen in being able to procure bait, to land and dry their nets, and to repack and cure their fish on the coasts of your State, without any other restriction than that contained in the Treaty of Washington? I cannot tell.
11. Will the admission of Canadian fishermen to our in-shore fisheries cause any detriment or hinderance to the profitable pursuit of these fisheries by our own fishermen; and if so, in what manner, and to what extent annually? I think not.
12. What number of Canadian vessels and boats are engaged in the fisheries of your State, and what are their tonnage and value, and the number of men employed upon them? I do not know.
13. Of the fisheries pursued by American fishermen off the Atlantic coasts of the British North American Provinces, what proportion consists of the deep-sea fisheries, and what proportion of the in-shore fisheries? Nearly all are deep-sea fisheries. Occasionally they find it advantageous to fish in-shore for mackerel, but they can usually do better outside, even for mackerel.
14. For what description of fish do American fishermen pursue the in-shore fisheries? Mackerel and Herring chiefly, and sometimes Codfish.