

5. *Extract from "A Voyage to Hudson's Bay, by the Dobbs galley, and California," by Henry Ellis, Agent for the Proprietors in the said Expedition.* London: H. Whitridge, 1748.

"At the mouths of the rivers, especially those more to the north, are plenty of fine salmon, trout, and another which is a tolerably good fish, resembling a carp, called a sucker; and there also comes with the flood tide, great numbers of white whales, which might easily be taken, and large profits made of their oil: seals, too, frequent these coast, but in no great numbers, except as far north as latitude 65°."—P. 186.

6. *Extract from a "Report, dated 2nd October 1848, addressed to Vice-Admiral the Earl of Dundonald, by Captain Granville C. Loch, R.N., upon the Fisheries of Newfoundland and Labrador."*

(Parliamentary Paper for 1849. No. 327.)

"I am assured that 360 French vessels, from 100 to 300 tons burthen, are engaged in the Bank fisheries, employing from 16,000 to 17,000 men (exclusive of the coast fishermen). All these vessels return to France every winter; their crews spend the money they make there, buy the fitments they require there, sell their cargoes for the use of their countrymen at cheaper rates than the Newfoundlanders can to the Colonists, and are knit together in a body by the regularity and system of their duties, and man their country's navy if required. The French annual Bank fishery averages a catch of 1,200,000 quintals, and nearly the entire quantity is sent to the West Indies; Guadeloupe and Martinique consume two-thirds, and the remainder is exported to other islands.*

"The injurious extent to which trade in caplin (bait-fish) and contraband articles is carried on, cannot be better shewn than by stating that upwards of £20,000 were realised last year by the sale of that bait (caplin) to the French. So it is very apparent that unless either the Home or Colonial Governments take steps to establish a legal transfer of this commodity for the benefit of the revenue,

* Captain Loch gives no estimate of the produce of the British and American fisheries on this coast.