

When the sea-fishery is with drying, the cod are taken on shore, either at St. Pierre and Miguélon, or upon some part of the coast of Newfoundland where drying privileges are reserved, and are there cured in the ordinary manner.

The vessels engaged in the bank-fishery (thence called "bankers") are from 150 to 500 tons burthen, and upwards. They are not permitted to sail from France before the 1st day of March in each season; and they first proceed to the Island of St. Pierre, where they procure a sufficient supply of salted herrings and capelin for bait. They then proceed to the banks, where they lie at anchor, in about forty fathoms water. Long lines, with several thousand hooks attached (called, by the English, "bultows," and by the French, "harouelles"), are sent out in every direction. Of all kinds of fishing, this is the rudest and most exposed. The boats are sent out every day, in the heaviest seas, to set, and again to take up, these long lines. It is alleged by the French that this fishery is the very best school for sailors, and that the men trained in it constitute the *élite* of the French navy.

By an official Return, published in France in 1851, it appears that, during the preceding five years, the number of vessels engaged on the Grand Bank in the fishery, without drying, was 95, of the burthen of 13,703 tons, and employing 1,560 men. During the same period the average number of "bankers" engaged in the fishery with drying, was 43, of the burthen of 5,846 tons, employing 1,703 men. It is believed that, more recently, the number of vessels engaged in the bank fishery, with drying, has considerably increased; the latest Return the writer has been able to procure showing 51 vessels, of the burthen of 7,066 tons, employing 2,150 men. In the fishery without drying, the number is said to have increased even more largely.

The Coast Fisheries.

The French fisheries on the east and west coasts of Newfoundland are regulated by a Decree dated the 2nd of March, 1852, of which an abstract is hereunto annexed, marked No. 1. To this abstract