

continuation of those vessels for another year, being satisfied that much good has and will continue to result from their employment.

The Committee do not report favourably to the petition of Daniel Gallagher. They sympathize with those who have sustained heavy losses during the gales of last autumn, amounting, as your Committee are fully convinced, to upwards of 20,000*l*, but cannot urge upon this House the granting of any money, as it would establish a precedent sanctioning applications for all private losses, and occasion a perversion of the Provincial Revenue.

The Committee recommend that Her Majesty's Government should be urged to make Orders, Rules, and Regulations for the proper government of the fisheries of the British North American Provinces, particularly at the Magdalen Island—that the existing Treaties, and the right of the inhabitants of the Provinces under them, should be more distinctly defined—that his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor should be authorized to obtain the opinion of Her Majesty's Law Officers of the Crown in England on a case stated—raising all the necessary questions as to the right of fishery which the people of these Colonies possess—that those rights should then be protected by the Government, which can only be accomplished by the use of steam-boats, or such vessels as can approach the violators of the Treaties at all times.

That the Revenue Cutters should cruise on the same grounds as last year, and the Masters be instructed to make seizures in the Gut of Canso and Bay of Fundy—that a formal adjudication may be made as to the right of fishing vessels to pass through the former, or take fish in the headlands of the latter, your Committee being convinced that strenuous exertions should be made at this crisis to repel encroachments on the reserved fishery of the Lower Provinces, and to awaken the people to their rights and the vital importance of this subject, so that in any future adjustment of the momentous causes of dissatisfaction now open between Great Britain and the adjoining Republic, no concessions may be made to sanction further participation in this inexhaustible mine of wealth, the products of which expand our commerce over the broad surface of the world—give employment to thousands of every age and sex—foster a class of intelligent and brave men, who in peace are the chief stay of commerce, and in war a formidable force—to combat the enemy on the ocean, which laves our almost insular shores.

(Signed)

JAMES B. UNIACKE, *Chairman*.

W. F. DESBARRES.

R. CLEMENTS.

PETER SPEARWATER.

JOHN J. MARSHALL.

Port of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

MEMORANDUM of the Quantity of Fish, Fish Oil, and Seal Skins exported from this Province in the Year ended January 5, 1841.

To Where.	Fish.					Oil.		Seal Skins.	
	Dry.	Pickled.			Smoked.				
	Quintals.	Tierces.	Barrels.	Kits.	Boxes.	Casks.	Barrels.	No.	Casks.
Great Britain ..	56	..	140	2	119	2,019	150	..	2
British N. A. Colonies ..	12,555	..	11,262	..	14,250	665	356	..	..
British W. Indies ..	232,541	888	38,393	3,113	11,547	972	1,999	..	..
United States ..	..	249	13,182	281	1,637	..	..	17,557	..
Foreign W. Indies ..	14,065	..	1,001	45	62	45	24	..	..
Brazils ..	17,063	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mauritius ..	247	..	108	49	..	..	..	..	..
Africa ..	42	..	27	216	140	..	..	..	..
Foreign Europe ..	5,335	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Western Islands ..	288	..	1	..	..	..	24	..	..
From Cape Breton ..	44,807	..	7,562	..	..	960	..	178	..
Total ..	327,026	1,137	71,676	3,643	27,755	4,661	2,553	17,735	2