

vessel, and had left 100 bateaux in charge of one family there, to be reclaimed next season.

The French employ six armed vessels each season on the coasts of Newfoundland for the protection of the fishermen and their vessels, and the maintenance of good order among them. Each of these vessels has a stated line of coast to guard. One schooner is usually stationed at the Island of St. Pierre, under the immediate orders of the Commandant there; a second moves along the coast from Codroy to Port-aux-Choix; a third, from thence to Croque, where the senior naval officer on the station (Commodore Mazères, in the frigate "Sérieuse") usually stations himself, to receive reports and adjust disputes. A steamer is generally employed between Croque and Cape St. John, and an armed store-ship completes the naval squadron.

#### *The Salmon Fishery.*

In former days the salmon fishery on that part of the coasts of Newfoundland resorted to by the French was most abundant and valuable, but, owing to the destructive mode of fishing they have pursued, it has dwindled into insignificance, and now seems in a fair way of being wholly annihilated.

The document No. 4, hereunto annexed, is a copy of the official table of salmon fisheries on the east and west coasts of Newfoundland, which were re-classed, and admitted to the "tirage général" in January last. At the meeting of "armateurs" then held, it was stated by the President that, with one exception, all the salmon-fisheries of Newfoundland had fallen into the hands of the English. He proposed that every grantee of a salmon-fishery should be obliged to fish the same by Frenchmen exclusively, the first season after he drew it, under a fine; this, he thought, would revive the fishery, and take it out of the hands of the English. One of the "armateurs" said, that the salmon-fisheries had been invaded to such an extent by the English, that they would not now yield sufficient to pay the expenses of the French fishermen necessary to look after them, and, consequently, they had been abandoned. Commodore Mazères said that, in fact, the grantees