

ART. XIII. — NOVA SCOTIAN ICHTHYOLOGY. — BY REV. D.
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I PROPOSE to make a few observations upon certain fishes that have been added to our Museum Collection during last summer (1885.)

Among these are specimens of the black rudder fish, *Palinurus perciformis*, or *Lirus perciformis*. Last session I directed attention to the specimens that I had previously added. At the same time I mentioned that I had only seen two others. I therefore concluded that they were rare fishes. I find that this is not the case. During last summer they were very plentiful in our harbour. Four were brought to me alive. I put them into an aquarium and kept them alive for a few hours. I had no difficulty in identifying them as the black rudder fish, although they were certainly *not black* when living. On the following morning they were dead. Then they were black as they now appear, preserved in alcohol. Other specimens were secured, so that they now do not appear as rare fish. I find from the new work issued by the U. S. Fishery Commission that they were found in abundance—in schools—off our harbour, by G. Brown Goode and his associates when they were at Halifax with the Speedwell in 1877. It attains to the size of 10 to 12 inches "and is excellent eating." Fisheries of the U. S., Vol. I, page 334, 1884.

Silver moon fish.
Selene argentea.

A fish having this name is mentioned and figured in the work just referred to. The young of it is said, in one or two instances, to have been found as far north as Halifax, Nova Scotia. The specimen now presented is allied to those referred to. It was found in our harbour. Another was previously

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