

304 A SUMMARY, HISTORICAL and POLITICAL, &c.
cags per an.) the fish were good but too salt or ill-
cured; this fishery did not answer, and it was dropt.
London is supplied with sturgeon from Dantzick, Ham-
burg and Pilau.

Salmon are plenty in all the British North-America
rivers from Newfoundland to about n. lat. 41 d. they
set in to Massachusetts-Bay about the middle of April;
they do not chuse warm weather, therefore do not con-
tinue there long after having spawn'd; further north
they continue many months. This salmon is not of a
good quality, and is not so good for a market, as the
salmon of Great-Britain and Ireland.

Alewives by some of the country people called herrings;
they are of the * herring tribe, but somewhat larger than
the true herring; they are a very mean, dry, and insipid
fish; some of them are cured in the manner of white
herrings, and sent to the sugar-islands for the slaves, but
because of their bad quality they are not in request: in
some places they are used to manure land; they are very
plenty, and come up the rivers and brooks into ponds
in the spring, having spawn'd they return to sea; they
never take the hook.

5. FOR SPENDING FRESH. Besides the above men-
tioned fish, which are also eat when fresh, there are many
forts which are not cured and ship'd off. In New-Eng-
land they are generally well known, and are much the
same as in Britain: we shall refer them to the sections of
New-England.

Many fish go up the rivers, and into ponds, earlier or
later in the spring to spawn, viz. salmon, shad, ale-
wives, tom-cod, smelts, &c; and many good laws have
been made in New-England, to prevent their passages
from being stop't by wares, &c. as they are of great bene-
fit to the inhabitants near these rivers and ponds.

* The pilchard or halibut is not found in these parts; it is no
where heard of, but upon the coasts of Devonshire and Cornwall in
England; Dartmouth lies in the centre of the pilchard fishery; they
are caught from the beginning of August to the beginning of No-
vember; it is smaller than a herring.

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