

For codfish exported to the colonies and French establishments or trans-Atlantic countries aforesaid, when the fish are exported from French ports without having been stored there, 16 fr. (12s. 9d.).

For codfish exported either direct from the fisheries or from the bonded warehouses in France to European countries and foreign States on the coasts of the Mediterranean, with the exception of Algeria and the former States of Sardinia, 16 fr. (12s. 9d.).

For codfish exported either direct from the fisheries or from French ports to Algeria and the former States of Sardinia, 12 fr. (9s. 7d.).

For roes of cod caught and brought to France by French fishing vessels, per metric quintal, 20 fr. (16s.).

The lower rate of bounty for codfish exported to the late States of Sardinia is an anomaly difficult to understand, but is probably the remains of some former treaty with Sardinia when it was a separate kingdom. The higher rate of bounty is easily obtained for codfish destined, say, for the Sardinian port of Genoa, by shipping it to the Tuscan port of Leghorn, and forwarding it on by railway or coasting vessel.

The vast and increasing importance of the cod-fisheries, as regards Bordeaux, will be seen from the following table of fish imported to this port since 1875. It shows that the amount increased steadily from 1875 to 1881, in which last year the Norwegian fisheries failed and Spain was obliged to come, for the first time, to France for codfish; this attracted more capital to the trade so that we see the importations in 1882 jump from the tens of millions of kilos. to the twenties, and since then the trade has gradually increased till now it is well on into the thirty millions.

Table A.—QUANTITIES of Codfish Imported to Bordeaux during the Years 1875–97.

Year.	Iceland.		Banks.		Total.
	First Fishery.	Second Fishery.	First Fishery.	Second Fishery.	
	Kilos.	Kilos.	Kilos.	Kilos.	
1875	589,572	2,737,268	2,387,918	7,315,305	13,030,063
1876	757,928	1,534,726	2,051,561	9,323,248	13,667,463
1877	568,599	1,693,155	2,177,122	9,500,521	13,938,397
1878	233,858	2,190,288	2,290,971	12,338,822	17,053,959
1879	235,428	2,363,896	2,872,840	12,707,109	18,179,273
1880	551,365	3,069,637	3,281,737	10,768,335	17,671,074
1881	637,863	1,790,406	2,318,508	10,974,606	15,721,383
1882	1,113,867	2,586,758	2,992,595	15,599,221	22,292,441
1883	940,069	1,761,149	3,466,390	18,249,687	24,417,295
1884	876,375	2,545,656	4,739,020	20,156,933	28,318,034
1885	1,044,938	2,080,680	4,710,635	24,957,500	32,793,753
1886	1,546,817	1,735,963	4,420,258	28,753,641	36,456,179
1887	456,192	1,306,920	5,328,983	23,073,064	30,165,159
1888	1,257,719	1,828,302	2,591,775	21,012,993	26,690,789
1889	1,322,129	1,930,703	3,203,131	20,776,086	27,232,049
1890	1,177,638	2,005,509	3,725,323	19,283,333	26,191,803
1891	1,266,032	2,654,324	3,932,521	15,209,374	23,053,251
1892	1,636,483	3,188,659	2,784,154	16,375,681	24,034,977
1893	1,843,318	4,191,510	2,593,055	18,348,528	26,976,411
1894	2,225,043	4,253,898	2,188,486	16,478,055	25,150,482
1895	2,030,393	3,860,851	3,946,306	23,576,740	33,414,290
1896	1,841,768	3,619,202	4,127,072	31,356,271	40,944,313
1897	1,422,071	2,670,575	3,443,635	27,636,069	35,172,350