

# BULLETIN OF INFORMATION

FOR

## CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS.

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### IRISH MACKEREL FISHERY.

Consul Swiney writes from Cork, June 2, 1898 :

Mackerel fishing in Ireland is practically confined to this district, on the coasts of counties Cork and Kerry, and is done in the spring and autumn. The fish taken in the spring are generally sent to the English market fresh, but, owing to the present demand in the United States, those caught this spring are being largely cured for that market. The mackerel cured in Ireland in 1897 amounted to about 40,000 barrels, nearly all being sent to the American market. The autumn fishing is principally done near shore by small six-oared boats, of which there are some 1,600 engaged. Besides these, there were, last year, of large boats, 24 English, 6 Scotch, 195 Mañx (Isle of Man), and 93 French.

The development of the mackerel-curing industry on the southwest coast of Ireland is one of the greatest boons that could have come to the country. On the coasts of Cork and Kerry alone, about £30,000 (\$145,995) is paid each year, between the months of August and December, as wages to the families of the fishermen, and about £100,000 (\$486,650) to the fishermen for fish. When it is remembered that this money is put in circulation in a very poor district, it can easily be seen to be a boon to the poor people which can not well be overestimated.

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### APPLES IN GERMANY.

The opening for Canadian apples and other fruit in Germany appears to be excellent this season. The American Consul at Chemintz writes :

"This is a good year to send American fruits, especially apples, to this Empire. Europe's fruit crop is anything but good. If our merchants will not repeat the folly of former years, by sending poor fruit that decays easily, they can command these markets for years, against all efforts to dislodge them. If Baldwins, Greenings, Russets, and other hardy winter apples are sent, the results will not remain