

From 12th to 17th July in Pictou, fitting new sails. On the latter date, owing to ill-health, I obtained sick leave, and Chief Officer Hughes was placed in temporary command of the vessel. Mr. Hughes reports as follows:—

18th July to 29th August cruising on north shore of Prince Edward Island, between these dates only observed mackerel schooling twice, when about sixteen sail of seiners, principally United States, made small catches from five to eight miles off shore, though the shore boats occasionally did well with hook and line.

31st August, I resumed command of the ship, and as per your instructions, sailed on a cruise of observation along the Nova Scotia coast, and have to report thereon as follows:—

Cow Bay, B C., 4th September.—Cod-fishing has been good. No mackerel taken to date, people hold that in consequence of protection to inshore fishery. The halibut are again striking in shore.

Louisburg, 6th September.—Very fair catch of cod this season but fish up to nine miles off shore, all hand liners, trawlers objected to, as fouling the ground with dead fish.

Liscomb, 8th September.—Good catch of cod early in the season, but latterly fish are small. The herring are reported not to strike this part of the coast as formerly; this used to be one of the best harbors for herring, but it is claimed that the sawdust deposited in the harbor has injured this fishery.

Isaac's Harbor, 11th September.—Codfish not so good as last year, was best in June; bait scarce since then; fish as much as 12 miles off shore.

Crow Harbor, 12th September.—An average catch of codfish since July, none taken before then; fish about five miles off shore.

Arichat, 13th September.—Codfish catch above the average; best takes in June and September; fish from two to six miles off shore.

Descousse, 14th September. Bankers have done a fair business, but shore fishing poor, bait being scarce.

Canso, 13th September.—Codfish fair catch; fish from three to six miles off shore, about sixty sail of United States cod fishermen holding licenses baited here.

Port Hood, October.—Codfish fair catch throughout the season and now improving, the fall is, generally speaking, the best time for fishing here. Bait has been scarce lately, and fish lie from one to three miles off shore and are of fair size.

Aspy Bay, 22nd October.—Codfish fair catch the latter part of the season; fish up to five miles off shore, but all large size.

I have, in my cruise, made inquiries as to the success of the license system under the *modus vivendi*, and from what I can learn, the United States bankers were well satisfied with the arrangements, and they would, I think, all take out licenses another year.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. LORWAY,
Captain.