

much so, that though there were still plenty of fish, the fishermen refused to go out to catch any more, as they said they had caught enough to keep them for the winter. NEWFOUND-
LAND.

I had a complaint against a carpenter named _____ of the Jersey House, for striking the fishing captain, and also threatening his life; proved the striking but not the threatening, so fined him £2, which sum I forwarded to the Governor on my arrival at St. John's.

Lieutenant Hughes, in the cutter, returned on the 24th inst. with two French schooners he had found trespassing, and though warned off by him from Greenly Island, were discovered at Bonne Esperance two days later, he boarded nine schooners altogether, taking their names as under, all of which I reported to Commodore Mer.

After detaining the two which were brought in to Forteau two days, I released them, having noted on their certificates when and where they were seized.

The Church Schooner *Star*, with Bishop Kelly, arrived on the 21st.

Places visited by Lieutenant Hughes, July 19th to 24th.

BLANC SABLON.—Fishing very good, 4500 quintals, 20 boats.

WOODY ISLAND.—Fishing very good, 5000 quintals, 37 boats.

BRADORE.—Cod very good, seal poor, only 127 this year.

LEDGE'S ISLAND.—Fishing very good, till 10th inst.

BELLES AMOURS.—Fishing very good; a very nice, tidy place, the people being the most respectable I met last year.

MIDDLE BAY.—One man, who fishes at Belles Amours.

FIVE LEAGUES.—Four deserted houses.

PIGEON COVE, HOUSE ISLAND.—Salmon, 40 barrels.

SALMON BAY.—One family, caught 30 barrels.

At WOODY ISLAND a complaint was made that seven French vessels had been fishing at Greenly Island for some time, that they had been ordered to leave by the *Canadienne*, but the captain of that vessel had not remained to see his orders carried out.

Lieutenant Hughes boarded these vessels, who acknowledged to being there for the purpose of fishing, with two exceptions, who pretended they had come for salt, but fresh fish found in their holds rendered that a very lame excuse; he then ordered them off immediately.

At BELLES AMOURS, Lieutenant Hughes was informed that two of the French schooners had left Greenly Island so hurriedly that they left their boats behind them, but at the request of the master of the *Lion*, were allowed to remain till the boats were got off.

At FIVE LEAGUES HARBOUR, there were two French schooners fishing.

At BONNE ESPERANCE, SALMON COVE, a fisherman, named Dunn, made a complaint that on the 10th October, 1869, an American named Dodge, who fishes there, had taken a daughter of his away in the schooner in which he left for the United States. In retaliation, Dunn has seized one of Dodge's boats, but was advised by Mr. Hughes to return it.

On Lieutenant Hughes inquiring about the alleged depredations on Mr. Dodge's nets, his agent informed him that he imagined it must have occurred in the vicinity of Battle Harbour, but that Mr. Dodge had not been on the coast since October, 1869.

FIVE LEAGUES HARBOUR.—Mr. Hughes found two of the schooners he warned away from Greenly, seized them, and brought them to Forteau.

Names of schooners boarded by Lieutenant Hughes in the cutter.

Ranger, Rencontre, Saint Guad, Bonita, Espain, Lion, Economie, Dorothe, St. Marie.

WESTERN MODISTE, July 25.—Fishing good. Mr. Elworthy had not been fortunate at Rinware Brook, the salmon being scarce.

EASTERN MODISTE.—Catch very good, about 60 quintals per man.

RED BAY, July 26th.—The catch had been very good during the commencement of the season, but being rather eastward in the straits, the ice striking in had driven the fish back; Mr. Penny, however, anticipating a good season.

The flour that was purchased for the poor at this place, at St. John's, by H. M. S. *Sphinx*, was sent up last fall.

CHATEAU BAY, July 27th.—Henley Harbour, fishing very good, five families average about 50 quintals a man.

A Mr. Hunt had done well in salmon, seventy barrels, which he sends to America, but principally to New York; some of the, salmon he had must have weighed over 40 lbs., green; the large ones are packed in just the same sized barrels as the small, only doubled up.

ST. ANTHONY, July 30th.—Both French and English fishermen have done very badly this year, owing to the bad weather and cold season.