

He credits these herrings at 1,525 dol. 45 c., thus fixing the value of frozen herrings at a little over 3 dollars per barrel.

He left for market very early, and was not delayed by the "outrage."

He only lost on the 150 barrels he was short (if he were short) at the same rate as those he credits, 3 dollars per barrel; it would be a little over 450 dollars.

Further comment is unnecessary.

"HERBERT M. ROGERS."

(Claim on p. 53, President's Message.)

Claims for his losses 5,876 dol. 30 c.

He cleared at the Customs on the 2nd February, with 517 barrels of frozen herrings. His vessel, being 77 tons (6 tons smaller than the last), would, perhaps, have capacity to carry 100 barrels more. He got away about the usual time.

He credits these herrings at 1,120 dollars, thus fixing their value at a trifle over 2 dollars per barrel.

The 100 barrels short would have yielded him, at that rate, 200 dollars.

In the face of these facts he estimates the profit of a voyage at 3,930 dol. 17 c.

"MAUD AND EFFIE."

(Claim on p. 51, President's Message.)

Makes his account up carelessly, and recapitulates 1,000 dollars more than it adds correctly, and swears it is correct.

Charges his cargo at 1,405 dol. 2 c., and enters it for duty at 125 dol. 80 c.

His cargo and entry, as well as all the others, proves that he and they were traders, not fishermen.

He cleared at the Customs on the 31st January, 25 days after the "outrage."

"WILDFIRE."

(Claim on p. 50, President's Message.)

Her owner swears she was driven away from Newfoundland.

She was the last vessel that left, and cleared at the Customs on the 16th March more than two months after the "outrage."

"MOSES KNOWLTON."

(Claim on p. 53, President's Message.)

Claims 5,356 dol. 60 c.

Neither master nor owner state that she had arrived at Fortune Bay on the 6th January. She did not enter at the Customs until the 11th day of that month.

He cleared at the Customs on the 16th March, with 400 barrels of herrings, and credits only 180 barrels on his account, 305 dollars, being at the rate of about 1 dol. 70 c. per barrel.

I have examined thus far into these claims for the purpose of showing their character. Even were they reasonable in amount I have already said that the evidence is undoubted that not one of these 14 vessels even attempted to exercise fishery rights from her arrival in Fortune Bay until she left. Not one of them was prepared to fish, not one of them was interfered with, and their losses are to be attributed to the mild winter and scarcity of herrings, and were not caused by the conduct of the people of Newfoundland.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) T. R. BENNETT.

Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, May 4, 1881.