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TO AN ADDRESS from the Legislative Assembly of the 27th ultimo, for Copies of any Report or Reports made by Captain Fortin, or person in command of the Vessel despatched by the Government in 1852, to protect the Fisheries in the Gulf of the River St. Lawrence.

By Command,

A. N. MORIN,
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Quebec, 4th May, 1853.

(Translation.)

QUEBEC, 16th February, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith my Report on the Fisheries of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

I believe that I have touched upon the most important points connected with my mission. If, however, Government should require any information which I may have omitted, I shall consider it my duty to furnish it forthwith.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient and humble servant,

(Signed,) P. FORTIN, J. P.

The Hon. A. N. Morin,
Provincial Secretary,

REPORT.

Cruise of the Coast-guard Schooner "ALLIANCE."

We were quite unable to leave Quebec before the 15th June, the equipment of the vessel not being completed before that day.

The crew of the schooner was composed of a captain, first and second mates and ten seamen. All wore seamen's uniform.

The schooner carried two guns, and was otherwise armed.

After leaving Quebec, I touched at Kamouraska and at Percé, in order to be sworn in as a Justice of the Peace for the Districts of Kamouraska and Gaspé.

From Percé we proceeded to the Magdalen Islands, and having cruised round them for five days, came to an anchor in the Bay of Plaisance, opposite the trading posts on Amherst Island. I went ashore, and was fortunate enough to meet the notables and the fishermen belonging to the Island, who expressed the greatest satisfaction in learning that the Canadian Government had at length resolved to afford them and the other fishermen of the Gulf of St. Lawrence the protection which they had so long solicited, on account of their remote situation and the absence of any military or police force whatever, at these different places.