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TE have several times made allusion to the baneful effects on our fishery by the culation of exaggerated reports about the catch of fish. The fact is that we have not within twenty per cent of the amount of fish landed that has been reported as caught in certain localities.

Just to illustrate our contention, we may say that yesterday we interview d several banking men and made inquiries of them individually as regards the reports of their catches; and every one of them declares that the actual eatch is fully twenty to twentyfive per cent short of the number of quintals accredited to their

The skippers and the men whom we interviewed are very angry about these reports, as they fully understand that such reports have a tendency to lower the price of terviewed informed us that the recent weeks.

We hope that in future the interested parties will take into consideration the consequences of these exaggerations.

Gill Nets

The experiment of our banking essels that are about to make use of Gill Nets in their Labrador ventures will be watched with considerable interest. Nearly all the ressels that are leaving St. John's for the coast these days are equipped with Gill Nets; and one of the skippers whom we interviewed informed us that he felt sanguine bout the success of the venture.

These nets are not exactly new to the fishing business northwards; but this is the first season, as far as we know that the banking fleet have had a regular outfit for Gill netting.

Should the venture prove successful, we shall likely find a solution of the bait problem which for the past two or three years has been such a source of anxiety and loss to our bank fishermen.

There is no reason why Gi netting on labrador should no prove a success; and we understand that some of the fishermen who have invested in Gill Nets nave had experience in this me hod of fishing elsewhere.

We wish our plucky fishermer an abundant harvest.

Labrador

The northern peninsula is be oming a source of considerable nterest these days; and some of our people are beginning to realize that our great northern possession is a very important cen-

The Trade Review is doing most commendable work by publishing a series of most interesting articles on the history of the coast; and they should be read by everybody who wishes to gain some knowledge about the Labrador.

The Labrador fishery was a flourishing industry more than a century-and-half ago; and some of the big firms of "ye olden time," such as Hunt and Henly, Noble and Pinson, Slades and others reaped abundant harvests there. Many of the old rooms on the coast (still in splendid condition) were built by the old firms. Some of the old fishing centres, it is true, have been abandoned; but others are still operating.

It is to be feared that some difficulty will be experienced in getting bottoms to convey the Labrador catch to markets; but we hope that some of our enter-

do as well as do the Norwegian there. carriers of Bergen who have been ports for some years.

stably as they do. No difficulty and it is felt that it is highly iming competent masters and seamen. There is no doubt about the engineering staffs, as some of our men are now working on short

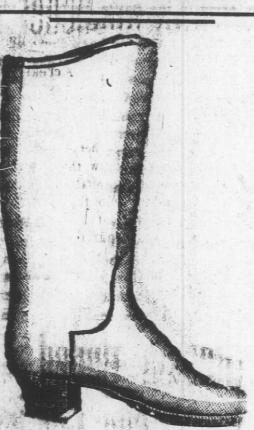
We hope that the employment of the sealing steamers will soon be an accomplished fact, and that the venture will prove to be re-

The Herring Trade.

The Fishing Gazette (New York) of recent date says:

"A well-known importer of New York this week had this experience. At 8 o'clock one morning he received a cable quoting Scotch herring at 68 shillings. sible for a decline in price within This was accepted at once by fast cable. An answer was received at These reports are a gross injus- 3 in the afternoon refusing his however, is not fair to us, as we lings. This, then, was accepted are often get our figures of the The next morning, he found the catches from the trade reports. price raised to the hundred shilling mark.

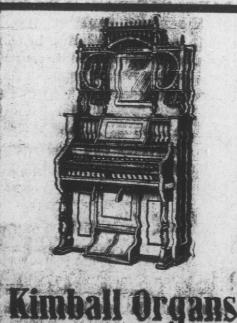
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the the herning industry from the some of our large sealing steam- ous kinds which the war has imers will be employed as fish car posed. If the principal of the riers. This should prove a good world's fisheries, that in the investment, as well as be helpful Worth Sea, be now altogether suspended, it can be carried on We fail to see why we cannot only in a small way here and

Though fishing is reported to carrying fish to Mediterranean have begun at Stornaway, Downing's Bay, and a few other places We should be able to do it just in that vicinity, the prospect canas economically and just as pro- not be other than very uncertain, should be experienced in seecur- probable that in any case the catch

This means that our local product should be in good demand and that high prices will prevail in the herring line for some time.

The Herring Industry is by far the most productive and valuable of all the sea-fisheries of Scotland; and it has been carefully fostered and developed.

The supply of herring on the East Coast is enormous, and the demand for Scotch herrings is very large. The trade is regularly increasing, and great quantities are exported annually to Denmark, Germany, Russia, Scandinavia, and to the United States. The great consumers in the United States are people from the Northern European countries, and est of herring consumers in

A French Fishing Town.

Will Irvin, the war correspondent of the New York Tribune thus describes one of the most interesting fishing towns in France. It days as it contains several hospit als for the Allied Forces.

"Boulogne in the last century or so of its existence has existed partly by fishing and partly as a seaside resort. The fisher-folk are a class by themselves. Mostly, the men are gone with the army or the navy. The stout, stubby, black trawlers with their red and tan sails, come in manned by old fellows, bent, thick-set, but still sturdy. A whole fleet of these trawlers lie in dock before the hotel. Half of them have their masts tipped with gilt spearheads, by way of decoration, and half by gilt crosses, which vaunt the piety of their skippers. Though the men are mostly gone, the fisherwomen are everywhere about the port, drying nets, carrying and vending fish and digging for mussels. Their working costume consists of a belted blouse, which resembles an old-fashioned "basque," short ter Boots. These Boots have skirts, with many petticoats, and tight-fitting woollen drawers be waterproof. By who? which run to the ankles. They By the Fishermen who have always go about their work barefooted, though sometimes when P.S.-All our Hand-made they negotiate the hard cobbleankles, which from childhood have known shoes only on Sundays and holidays, have usually the perfect beauty of a Grecian statue. Or Sundays, besides the regular short skirt and basque, these fisher-women wear iether black plush ? hoods or the cap of the countrya flare of stiff, starched lace, like a halo. They are a people apart, very shy of strangers, and with their own customs, superstitions, and observances. On Thursdays and Fridays there is a general fish sale in the municipal markets. Even in these depressing times this market is very picturesque and gay. William The Mark States, So

Why Fish are Slippery.

The slippery slime on the scales of a fish, which enable it to slip through the water with such astonishing easiness, is also a protection, says the Portland Press. Rubbed off, it leaves the fish exposed to disease. Fishermen are warned by the National Fish Commission to be careful in handling fishes which have to be put back in the water again, so as not to remove this protective slime with

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