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The Committee on the Fisheries of Nova Scotia report—that they are gratified at being able to state that this branch of industry, notwithstanding the many difficulties the industrious class of our people engaged in it have to contend with, continues to prosper; but not so vigorously as the Committee desire.

The trade in Pickled Fish with Republican America increases, and is advantageous. From the 1st January, 1848, to 30th December, 1848, the large quantity of 100,800 barrels were shipped to that country—of which 96,500 were Mackerel. The Tables annexed also show that the general Fish Trade of the Province is stable and prosperous.

The Committee of the last Session, in their Report on this subject, called the attention of the Assembly to the concessions made by the British Government to the people of the United States, in relation to the Bay of Fundy, and expressed their opinion that fishing privileges in that Bay would lead to abuse, and in this anticipation they have not been disappointed. It having been represented that American vessels, manned by foreigners, were conducting that fishery within the conceded limits, Captain Darby, in the *Daring*, was ordered to those waters, and finding the information correct, pursued and seized the United States' Schr. "*Hyades*," which (for the sake of example and to restrict the fishermen of the United States to the terms of the concession, whereby they are permitted to enjoy the right of fishing in the Bay), was prosecuted in the Admiralty Court, under the provisions of the Law for the protection of the Fishery, condemned and sold,—that owing to the circumstance of such vessels not being entitled to registers, and sympathy for the owner—who crossed from Maine and attended the sale, in person—biddings were kept down, and the vessel sold for £13 5s., insufficient to pay the expense incurred. As, therefore, no further seizures are likely to be made, it is probable that the fishery of the Bay of Fundy will be fully participated in by the American people, until the inhabitants of that portion of the Province appreciate more justly their exclusive rights.

The Committee have reported a Bill for the inspection of Pickled Fish, being fully sensible of the importance of raising the character of that article in foreign markets. Formerly Pickled Fish of Provincial brand sold for a higher price in the United States market than their own catch; now it is the reverse, and the difference is attributed to defective inspection. Much expense is thereby incurred, and depreciation from 50 to 100 cents a barrel, which, on so large an exportation, amounts to an intolerable tax on the fisherman, and burthen on the trade. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Government should adopt such measures as may lead to a reduction of duties on the products of the Fishery of Nova Scotia, exported to the United States of America, by free communication, on that subject, through the British Government or direct with the Government of the Republic, and should bring before the proper authorities the privileges conceded in the fishery, and the use permitted of the passage of Canso—a relaxation of the terms of the Convention accompanied by no corresponding concession;—and should press the fact that while our Law admits the chief export of the United States, bread stuffs, duty free, the staple of this Province is subject to an excessive tax of 20 per cent.

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PORT OF HALIFAX, }
NOVA SCOTIA. }

An Account of the Import of Fish and Fish Oil, during the year 1848.

PORTS.	DRY FISH.		PICKLED FISH.				SMOKED FISH.		FISH OIL.		
	Qtls.		Alewives Bbls.	Herrings Bbls.	Salmon.		Herrings Bxs.	Mackerel Bxs.	Tuns.		
					Tcs	Kits					
Halifax—and including the several Outports in the Province.	74233		2656	6631	5436	82	3219	75	7582	22	253

HENRY TREW,
CONTROLLER.

Custom House, 27th February, 1849.

**PORT OF HALIFAX, }
NOVA SCOTIA.**

An Account of the Export of Fish and Fish Oil, during the year 1848.

Ports.	DRY FISH.		PICKLED FISH.						SMOKED FISH.		FISH OIL. Tons.
	Qtls.	Bbbs.	Alewives. Bbbs.	Herrings.		Mackerel. Bbbs.	Salmon.		Herrings Boxes.	Tons.	
				Bbbs.	Tcs.		Bbbs.	Kits.			
Amnapolis, -	105	12				30			3033	9	
Argyle, -	601	455		168		588				3	
Barrington, -	9084					6943				47	
Cornwallis, -	40					18					
Digby, -	572					95			8714	3	
Halifax, -	201182		4665	26744	49	129929	2011	1278	16066	815	
Liverpool, -	14528					7062			770	23	
Lunenburg, -	5721					6993					
New Edinburgh, -	556					1198			281		
Parishborough, -						169				8	
Shelburne, -	24642					6093			1000		
Windsor, -	13734					7215			4293	10	
Yarmouth, -	710					695				2	
Total,	271475	5132	26912	167028	49	2011	1278	34157	920		

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Expense

Expense of Prosecution of the Hyades.

18th Sept. 1848.			
Schooner Hyades sold to Edward T. Hallet, for			£13 5 0
Paid Collectors 5 per cent. duty on £13 5s.	£0 13 3		
Commission on sales,	0 13 3		
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			£11 18 6
Costs of Proctor,	12 7 8		
Registrar,	5 10 7		
Surrogate,	0 6 0		
Judge,	2 14 2		
Marshall,	5 2 5		
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	£26 0 10		
Add 1-4th,	6 10 2		
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Deficiency on Prosecution,			£20 13 3
Claimed by Fitzrandolph,			9 11 3
Amount lost by the transaction, including the half due			<hr/>
Capt. Darby,			£30 4 9

Mr. Darby's Memorandum.

Mr. FitzRandolph will oblige me by purchasing from the sale of the Schooner Hyades the following articles, if they can be bought below the prices named :

The Vessel as she lays at the Wharf,	£7 10 0
Jib,	1 10 0
Foremast,	1 10 0
Mainsail,	1 10 0
Fishing Lines, all in a lot, with leads and reels, not over 2s. 6d. a piece.	
The Salt, about 120 bushels, not over 6d.,	3 0 0
The Hawser, not over	4 0 0

JOSEPH W. E. DARBY.

4th September, 1848.

Schr. Hyades, and Court of Vice Admiralty,

To J. H. FitzRandolph, Dr.

For Warehouse dues upon Materials of Schooner Hyades, viz :

1848.		
May 12—3 Sails at 1s. 3d. each, 3s. 9d. ; 1 cable, 1s. ;		
Lot of running gear, 6d.	£0 5 3	
2 Compasses, 1d. ; pot, pail and axe, 1½d. ;		
2 anchors, 4d., 8d. ; 1 do. small, 1d.	0 0 11½	
Fish fork, 3 gafts, auger and dipper, 3d. ; 6		
spare leads, some leather, &c , 1½d.	0 0 4½	

May

May 12—1 spare line, ½d.; buck saw, ½d.; 11 fishing reels, lines and leads, 3d.,	£0 0 4	
3 empty barrels, 3d.; tub, 2d.; 2 nets, 3d.;	0 0 10	
1 brl. containing net, 2d,	<u>£0 7 9</u>	
		£1 18 9
For five months, is		
To wharfage of Schr. Hyades, 137 days,		
Less absent from wharf, 17		
	<u>120 days at 1s. 3d. per day,</u>	7 10 0
		£9 8 9
Paid for pumping at different times, 2s.; burying fish and ballast, 6d.		<u>0 2 6</u>
		£9 11 3

Personally appeared before me, J. B. Holdsworth, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Digby, this eighteenth day of September One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-eight, James H. FitzRandolph, who maketh oath that the above bill is just and true.

J. B. HOLDSWORTH.

Digby, 19th September, 1848.

DEAR SIR—

I am informed by Mr. Dennison that the Court of Vice Admiralty has written him that all Bills for Wharfage, Storage, &c. of Schooner Hyades, lately condemned in said Court, should be forwarded to you attested. I have accordingly enclosed my Bill, and will draw upon you for the amount.

I will feel obliged by your having it audited as soon as convenient.

Your very obedient servant,

J. H. FITZRANDOLPH.

To Jas. Scott Tremain, Esq.

Digby, October 20th, 1848.

SIR—

At the time of the sale of the Schooner Hyades, I was informed by Mr. Dennison that the Marshall of the Court of Vice Admiralty had requested him to direct the parties having demands against said vessel to forward them to the Registrar of said Court.

Having a demand against said vessel, for Warehouse dues and Wharfage, I did as requested, and drew an order in favor of Mr. Wm. Annand for amount of my bill, viz: £9 11s. 3d., which order has been returned; and Mr. Annand informs that he was told by the Registrar that no funds were in hand.

By the Provincial Act, 6th Wm. IV., cap. 8, and sec. 4th, "the produce of such sale shall be disposed of as follows: the amount chargeable for the custody of said goods, ship, vessel, or any other thing so siezed as aforesaid, shall be first deducted