

Rattler, and E. W. Merchant; total, 13 sail. A number of vessels from Eastern ports will also engage in this branch of the business.

Very few herring have been taken during the month, the weather not having been cold enough for freezing; and vessels are delayed. The last reports from Fortune Bay were that the weather was very mild.

The demand for all kinds of fish has been very light all through the month, notwithstanding prices have been lower on all varieties than one year ago—a fact that may be noted that ever since the restoration of the duty at no time have prices been as high as of late years, when free of duty. This is largely accounted for from the great reduction and present low price of other leading provisions.

Receipts of fish at Gloucester, Mass., in December, 1885.

From—	Fares.	Codfish.	Halibut.	Haddock.	Hake.	Pollock.	Cusk.	Oil.
		<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Barrels.</i>
La Have Bank.....	51	2,253,000	12,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Banks.....	20	87,000	492,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Banquereau.....	1	.....	25,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brown's Bank.....	2	38,000	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New England shore, netters.....	135	398,800	.....	.....	.....	22,150	.....	.....
New England shore, trawlers.....	85	90,500	.....	91,600	20,500	2,000	2,000	*500
Total.....	244	2,867,300	530,000	91,600	20,500	24,150	2,000	500

* From Tiverton, R. I.

43.—INSPECTION OF FISH AND OTHER MARINE PRODUCTS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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For several years a careful inspection of the marine products brought into the District of Columbia has been made under the direction of the health officer of the District. By the courtesy of that officer, Dr. Smith Townshend, the Fish Commission has been permitted to compile annual tables which show the trade in fresh fish in this city. Tables for 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883 will be found on pages 2-6 of the Bulletin for 1884; for 1884 on page 105 of the Bulletin for 1885; and for 1885 on the following page. Following is a summary table of the results:

Kinds.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
Oysters*.....	259,356	378,295	315,296	411,255	400,564	307,832	390,005
Terrapint.....	1,452	3,154	2,574	884	1,646	264	.....
Turtles†.....	454	501	117	116	95	126	55
Clams†.....	1,167,000	1,384,950	1,131,000	1,219,850	1,380,000	1,847,900	1,758,900
Crabs†.....	528,400	682,370	314,800	527,001	690,372	830,200	723,400
Shad†.....	311,585	320,799	458,368	350,292	201,478	231,111	125,458
Sturgeon†.....	1,200	1,178	1,289	1,904	1,673	1,588	1,174
Herring†.....	3,605,984	6,853,721	9,033,568	6,409,865	4,083,998	5,640,812	0,813,544
Bluefish†.....	248,295	871,988	196,853	224,040	243,025	228,420	200,330
Perch†.....	297,865	1,051,302	1,044,145	229,558	284,855	320,170	273,975
Catfish†.....	401,850	469,620	874,465	271,597	214,515	248,665	812,985
Rockfish†.....	148,215	406,138	395,370	334,865	274,800	340,400	300,915
Other fish†.....	294,427	619,622	218,512	283,046	383,775	478,085	336,904

* Bushels.

† Number.

‡ Pounds.

Monthly summary of the fresh fish, oysters, &c., inspected by the Health Officer of the District of Columbia during the year 1885.

Kinds.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Carp (number)	67		40										107
Catfish*	29,065	7,160	35,100	40,875	19,105	20,030	33,185	32,435	17,740	27,870	27,295	23,115	312,985
Chubs of North Carolina* <i>a</i>	3,675	1,800		560					555		6,650	5,400	18,640
Clams (number)	1,200				323,000	468,700	449,000	438,000	133,000	6,000			1,758,900
Crabs (number)					176,900	197,200	145,400	119,000	81,600	2,300			722,400
Croakers*						1,340	300						1,640
Drumfish (number)					9	2				3			16
Eels*	505		380	10,940	8,085	1,995	1,600	1,375	1,900	2,875	3,875	3,060	36,600
Herring (number)			42,912	5,803,703	3,912,086	54,843							9,813,544
Hogfish* <i>b</i>						105							105
Mulletts, freshwater*	6,215	1,965	5,270	4,205			1,280		380	4,815	5,490	3,780	33,400
Oysters (bushels)	42,850	22,490	27,900	14,320	750		420	600	24,325	70,050	70,700	55,600	330,005
Perch, white*	1,270	2,425	25,500	39,715	4,080	5,305	10,365	6,550	11,785	28,265	32,275	12,785	180,320
Perch, yellow*	16,720	7,410	17,665	24,650	215	1,225	785			3,665	7,775	13,525	93,635
Pike*	4,145	2,615	9,315	7,375	1,600	835	1,840	110		7,895	8,965	7,265	51,960
Rockfish* <i>c</i>	4,245	1,230	14,280	40,195	6,130	23,270	39,760	23,160	29,340	41,815	53,880	23,610	300,915
Scup (number) <i>d</i>					100	391	80						571
Shad (number)			6	55,155	68,450	1,847							125,458
Sharks (number)							2						2
Sheepshead (number)					242	302	131	269	189				1,133
Spanish mackerel (number)						1,051	1,052	829	1,036				3,968
Spots*						1,035	1,665	9,660	20,185	8,060			42,205
Sturgeon (number)				4	310	464	67	172	156	1			1,174
Tailors, freshwater (number) <i>e</i>			71	5,630	67								5,768
Tailors, saltwater* <i>f</i>					2,200	50,760	36,820	30,905	53,543	26,100			200,330
Trout*					19,850	9,605	95,585	64,540	913,155	35,455			88,190
Trout, salmon (number)									74				74
Turtles, green (number)						30	17			6	2		55
Winter shad* <i>h</i>	6,545	3,565	870							3,525	6,330	13,220	34,055

* Reported in bunches, but here reduced to pounds, on the basis of 5 pounds to the bunch.
a Or big-mouth black bass.
b Or grunts or pigfish.
c Or striped bass.

d Or scupping or porgies.
e Or hickory shad or tailor shad.
f Or bluefish.
g Reported as gray trout [or squeteague].
h Or mud shad.