

25.—FOREIGN FISHERIES IN 1885.*

The Gaspé fisheries were not so productive as in 1884, as the summer fisheries yielded 66,300, and the autumn fisheries 28,300, in all 94,600 quintals, or 4,805,000 kilograms [about 10,575,000 pounds].

The Newfoundland bank fisheries were very good, while the coast fisheries were below the average.

In Labrador there were good average fisheries. Some of the fish caught were lost in the storm of October 11 to 13, during which about 60 vessels were lost. The total loss of fish was estimated at 3,000,000 kilograms [about 6,600,000 pounds].

The Dundee seal and whale fisheries: Seven vessels were engaged in the Newfoundland fisheries, the yield being 73,390 sealskins and 900 tons of oil; 4 vessels were engaged in the Jan-Mayen fisheries, the yield being 10,750 seals and 41 bottlenoses, producing in all 252 tons of oil; and 12 vessels were engaged in the Davis Strait whale fisheries, catching 28 large whales, 220 narwhals, 200 whitefish, 14 bottlenoses, and 192 walruses, yielding in all 359 tons of oil and 10 tons of whalebone.

The Scotch herring-fisheries yielded about 40,000 crans [about 8,000 tons] less than in 1884, or 100,000 more than in 1883.

The statistics of the Scotch fisheries for the period from 1880 to 1883 are as follows:

Year.	Quantity.	Exported.
	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>
1880.....	1,473,600	1,000,800
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1882.....	1,283,000	820,000
1883.....	1,269,400	890,800

The Lowestoft herring-fisheries began later than usual, the yield being 6,638 loads [about 13,275 tons], against 10,015 in 1884, and 7,765 in 1883. In September and October there were very rich mackerel-fisheries, 120 mackerel selling for from 9 to 18 crowns [\$2.41 to \$4.82].

The French fisheries: In November and December there were unusually rich herring-fisheries. The Newfoundland cod-fisheries were good, while the Iceland fisheries were below the average. The 90 vessels from Dunkirk brought home only 3,100,000 kilograms [about 6,820,000 pounds], while in 1884 they brought 4,800,000 kilograms [10,560,000]; in 1883, 6,700,000 [14,740,000]; and in 1882, 5,000,000 [11,000,000 pounds].

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The sardine fisheries were small, but better than in 1884. The stock of roe on hand in France is estimated at 13,000 tons.

There were good cod fisheries in the North Sea.

The Dutch herring fisheries yielded about the same as last year. The following are the statistics for the period of 1881 to 1884:

Year.	Number of vessels.	Total number of fish.		Exported.	
		Plain herring.	Salt herring.	Salt herring.	Smoked herring.
			<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	
1881	407	61, 100	198, 000	134, 600	41, 400
1882	406	63, 400	240, 500	139, 500	34, 000
1883	409	47, 600	255, 300	156, 800	22, 700
1884	466	63, 500	339, 300	191, 000	29, 800

The Emden herring fisheries were carried on by 14 vessels, and yielded 11,925 tons of herring.

The Bohus (Swedish) fisheries yielded 288,000 hectoliters [about 816,000 bushels] of herring, valued at 400,000 crowns [\$107,200].

The Iceland cod fisheries were not very productive, and large fish were particularly scarce.

The fisheries on the Murman coast (Russia): A total number of 2,386 persons visited this coast in order to engage in the fisheries; among these there were 22 women and 416 boys. In all there were 604 persons less than during the previous year. The fisheries did not begin in good earnest till April 18, and were not very productive, the total quantity of salt and dried fish brought to Archangel amounting to 725,207 poods [26,107,452 pounds], against 920,613 poods [33,142,038 pounds] in 1884.

26.—THE NORWEGIAN FISHERIES IN 1885.*

The seal fisheries near Jan-Mayen engaged 22 vessels. The yield was 47,000 young seals and 24,400 old seals, valued in all at 800,000 crowns [\$214,400].

The bottlenose fisheries: Number of vessels engaged, 20, including 5 steamers, with an average tonnage of 110 tons. Total number of fish caught, 800.

The Finmark whale fisheries: Number of vessels, 31; total number of whales caught, 1,287; yielding 4,300 tons oil, 120 tons whalebone, and 2,200 sacks of guano; valued in all at 1,500,000 crowns [\$412,000].

The shark and other fisheries near Vardöe: Number of vessels, 35; yield, 6 walruses, 786 seals, 10 polar bears, 30 reindeer, 13,000 cod, 18

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