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James A. Pettes, fisherman and hotel-keeper, of Grand Manan, was called on behalf of the Government of the United States, sworn and examined.

By Mr. Trescot:

Question. You live at Grand Manan?—Answer. Yes.

Q. How long have you lived there?—A. Since I was 7 years of age.

Q. Where were you born?—A. In Boston.

Q. What is your present occupation?—A. I am a hotel-keeper and I fish in winter.

Q. Do you fish yourself, or buy fish, or fit out fishing-boats?—A. I fish and I buy fish.

Q. How long have you been keeping an hotel there?—A. I could not say exactly, but I have done so for 10 or 15 years. I live at North Head, Grand Manan.

Q. What is the population of Grand Manan?—A. It is somewhere about 2,000; it is now some time since the census was taken.

Q. What proportion of its people would you say are engaged in fishing?—A. I should think less than one-fifth of the population do so, or 330 people.

Q. What fisheries are prosecuted there?—A. The cod, hake, pollack, and herring fisheries, besides haddock; but very few of them are taken; and smoked herring are put up, and frozen herring in winter, and some few pickled herring.

Q. With regard to smoked and frozen and pickled herring, who are the fishermen employed to catch them? Where do they come from? — A. These are mostly natives of the island.

Q. Is there any large proportion of Americans employed in fishing there?—A. No; not a large, but a very small proportion is so engaged.

Q. In your long experience in the island, how many American vessels go there for the purpose of fishing?—A. Of vessels, scarcely any come there; but small open boats, of something like from 3 to 5 tons, come there occasionally from Eastport and Lubec.

Q. Then the herring fishery is exclusively a fishery in which the natives are engaged?—A. Yes; nearly altogether.

Q. Do you know whether the bulk of the smoked herring is sent from there?—A. It mostly goes to Boston and New York. This year I think that it nearly all has gone there.

Q. How do they get to Boston and New York?—A. Vessels owned at the island are employed in this trade. I think that four vessels owned there are constantly running to those points, and occasionally a vessel is chartered in this trade.

Q. What sort of a trade, in the way of smoked herring, is done between Eastport and Grand Manan?—A. Small vessels and little vessels run over there from that place occasionally; and some of the smaller fishermen, perhaps, take their fish over in small boats.

Q. You know something about Eastport and its neighborhood? — A. Yes; I ran a packet there for four years.

Q. Do you know of any body of people—Americans—living along that coast, which depend for their livelihood on fishing in British waters? —A. No; not to depend on fishing in British waters; I do not.

Q. Have you been able to form anything like an estimate which you think is a just one concerning the value of the whole Grand Manan herring fishery, including the hake and pollack fisheries?—A. I should know this pretty well, as I am among the fishermen constantly.

By Mr. Thomson:

Q. What is that paper which you have now in your hand?—A. It contains some notes which I have taken down.

Q. From where?—A. For Grand Manan.

Q. From what?—A. They concern the quantity of fish taken there.

Q. What did you take them from?—A. My own observation, and from the amount of fish shipped, and the quantity of hake sounds taken.

Q. When did you make them up?—A. Since I came here.

By Mr. Trescot: Q. Can you make your statement without using this paper?—A. Yes. There are about 10,000 quintals of hake taken, and about 8,000 quintals of codfish; about 400,000 boxes of herring are smoked on the average; about \$17,000 worth of frozen herring are shipped in winter; about 4,000 barrels of pickled herring—this is a large estimate—are shipped; and the catch of herring which are sold for bait, and other kinds of fish, such as lobsters, haddock, and pollack, &c., would aggregate in value probably to \$10,000.

Q. To the best of your judgment, what do you think that the Grand Manan fisheries are worth annually?—A. Well, to the natives alone?

Q. Yes.—A. I should say that \$150,000 a year would be a large estimate for the native fisheries.

Q. Do you know anything about the fisheries prosecuted on Campobello and Deer Islands and from thence to the main-land, and from Letite to Lepreau!—A. Of course I am not so intimately acquainted with this fishery as with the Grand Manan fishery; but I should say that the Campobello and Deer Island fishery would probably equal ours in value, and the fishery on the north shore, say from Letite to St. Andrew's, would probably come to something near the same sum.

Q. Suppose I were to tell you that in this fishery, from Letite and Lepreau on the mainland, and over at Grand Manan, there were caught annually fish valued at \$1,500,000 by British fishermen, and fish valued at \$1,500,000 by American fishermen, all in British waters, would you think that it would be a correct statement?—A. No; I would not.

Q. Have you any idea that such a thing could be true? —A. I think that the man who made that statement must have been mistaken.

Q. Do you know anything about Gloucester vessels coming down stopping at Eastport, and going over to Grand Marian with Eastport fishermen and seines prepared to fish? —A. I never knew of a case of that kind in my life.

Q. Have you had some opportunity of knowing whether such could be the case?—A. Yes; because I am myself engaged in this fishery in winter. I have known them, however, bring some boats from Campobello in one or two instances.

By Mr. Thomson:

Q. I suppose that you are not an American citizen?—A. I was born in Boston, and I have not been naturalized.

Q. Then you went when quite young to live at Grand Manan?—A. I think I was about 7 years old when my parents moved there.

Q. And you have lived there ever since?—A. Yes; I have been, however, in vessels on short trips.

Q. I suppose that your dealings are chiefly with the Americans?—A. No; I ran a packet for 4 years between Grand Manan and St. Andrew's; that was up two years ago.

Q. But your fishing transactions are mostly with Americans?—A. Yes; we deal mostly with them when selling our fish.

Q. The people who live on Grand Manan are ordinary white people and British subjects; you call them natives?—A. We call them so. They compare favorably, I suppose, with the fishing population generally in New Brunswick.

Q. You say that all the smoked herring which are caught chiefly go to New York?—A. Yes, and to Boston. Boston, probably, takes the larger share.

Q. How are they shipped?—A. In our own vessels mostly ; 4 vessels, owned on the island, run constantly to those ports.

Q. Is there any particular trade between Grand Manan and Eastport, in these fish?— A. Yes; there is a small trade carried on by the poorer class of fishermen, with their small boats; they get more money for their fish by taking them to Eastport.

Q. And the better class of fishermen are engaged in the smoked and frozen herring business, and shipped directly to the States?—A. Many are not shipped by the natives; Gloucester vessels generally come there and buy them.

Q. Why do you persist in calling the inhabitants of the island natives?—A. I will call them either way to suit you. I call them natives because they are born there.

Q. What other fish are shipped by the inhabitants!—A. Hake are shipped.

Q. What about pickled fish?—A. There are not very many pickled fish shipped anywhere; there are not very many put up.

Q. I understood you to say that a quantity was put up?—A. Yes; 4,000 barrels.

Q. What are they worth a barrel—\$3, I suppose?—A. When you add the cost of barrel and salt, the cost may come pretty well up to that; these fish are generally sold fresh, and what is considered will make a barrel then brings \$1.25.

Q. I am speaking of these herring when put up: 4,000 barrels of pickled herring are put up at Grand Manan?—A. Yes.

Q. These must be worth at least \$3 a barrel?—A. Yes, when you add barrel and salt.

Q. I am speaking of them barrelled as you sell them f—A. Well, \$2.75 is a large average price for unpickled fish.

Q. Are these herring sent to New York or Boston, or where?—A. They are sent all round the country more or less.

Q. Where are they sent?—A. Some few go to Boston; I know of some having been sent there this season; and some go to St. John, New Brunswick, and up to this year some have gone to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Q. Are many sent to Eastport?—A. Very few go there.

Q. I understand you to say that from Grand Manan itself very few fish of any kind are sent to Eastport, save a few caught by the poorer classes?—A. It makes in the aggregate, however, quite a considerable sum of money in value, because there are quite a number of poor fishermen.

Q. What is the value of fish thus sold?—A. I could not tell you exactly.

Q. But you come up to give the value of these fisheries?—A. I have given you the value of the fisheries, but I cannot go into the details; no man can.

Q. How do you make up the aggregate value without knowing the details?—A. I can make up the aggregate as to the fish caught. Take hake, for instance; I know the number of hake sounds which were brought there this year, and the number of quintals of these fish that have been taken; I know the number of sounds which so many quintals of fish will make.

Q. Do you know the number of quintals or quantity of fish that have been taken by poor people to Eastport?—A. I should say that not more than one-quarter of the fish that has been caught there has been taken to Eastport.

Q. Have 40 quintals been so taken?—A. I say not more than one quarter of the whole quantity.

Q. Will you swear to one-quarter?—A. No, I would not.

Q. Will you swear that one-quarter does go there?—A. I give that as a rough estimate.

Q. Had you ever heard attention called to this matter at all before you came here?—A. No, not particularly; but I ran a packet there, and I then used to carry a good many fish as freight.

Q. If there is so little trade between Eastport and Grand Manan, how could a fish merchant in Eastport know, by reason of the business so done, what the extent of the trade of the island was?—A. Well, if he was intimately acquainted with Grand Manan fishermen he would probably ask them from time to time about it, as he saw them.

Q. For information only?— A. Probably so.

Q. If Eastport fishermen stated that the great bulk of the fish from Grand Manan passed through Eastport hands, would that be true?—A. This is not the case.

Q. Or anything like it?—A. No; of course not.

Q. You put the value of the whole catch around Grand Manan at \$150,000. I do not see how you get that, according to your figures. You put down 10,000 quintals hake ; what are they worth?—A. About \$2.50 a quintal, as they are taken from the water; that price includes sounds and livers.

Q. That makes \$25,000?—A. Yes.

Q. Then you take 8,000 quintals of cod?—A. Yes. Q. How much are they worth?—A. \$4 a quintal would be a large estimate. Q. That is \$32,000?—A. Yes.

Q. Then there are \$10,000 worth of herring (used for bait) and miscellaneous fish?—A. Yes.

Q. Then there are \$17,000 worth of frozen herring?—A. Yes.

Q. What else is there?—A. The pickled herring.

Q. These 4,000 barrels would be worth, at the outside, \$12,000?—A. They are only estimated to be worth \$1.25 when sold fresh.

Q. What are the 400,000 boxes of smoked herring worth?—A. 15 cents a box would be a large estimate this year; that is rather above the regular price.

Q. That makes \$156,000; and you put down \$150,000 as the value of the whole catch of the island?—A. Yes; and I think it is a large estimate.

Q. A very large estimate?—A. I did not say very large, but large.

Q. You are making allowances, are you not?—A. I think that is a large estimate for the season.

Q. And you undertake to say that the Campobello and Deer Island fishery is worth about the same, though you know nothing about it?—A. I did not say so.

Q. You said you were not very well acquainted with it. Did you ever ascertain what their catch was?—A. I have been around those islands considerably, and been among their fishermen, and I know that they are not more successful than our fishermen.

Q. They may have a better catch?—A. I do not think it I know that the heft of their fishermen come a great deal over to Grand Manan for fish.

Q. You say that no American vessels come to Grand Manan to fish? A. Very few indeed do so.

Q. When do they come; in the spring?—A. Well, they do not come at any particular season. When they hear of a school of fish about Grand Manan, a few vessels from Lubec and Eastport will run over.

Q. There is no such thing as a Gloucester fleet that comes down there in the spring or fall?—A. I never saw one. I never knew one vessel to come there from Gloucester and fish inshore.

Q. Where do they fish there?—A. Off on the Banks, and at different places.

Q. You have seen them fishing on the Banks?—A. They come there and get bait, and that is the last we see of them.

Q. They come to the Banks and get bait?—A. They come there and get bait.

Q. Where?—A. From there they go we do not know where.

Q. Where do they come for bait?—A. To Grand Manan. They do not catch the bait, but buy it.

Q. They never fish around the island, within three miles of the shore?—A. I have never seen any so fish.

Q. You have never known this to be done in your life?—A. I have never known a Gloucester vessel fish around Grand Manan.

Q. You never saw American vessels fishing around the island in your life?—A. Within three miles of the shore; no.

Q. Although you have lived there since you were 7 years old?—A. Yes.

Q. How old are you?—A. Forty-one.

Q. During all this time, 34 years, you have never seen an American vessel fishing within the three-mile limit?—A. I never saw cue do so myself.

Q. I suppose that you never heard of one doing so?—A. I do not know as I ever did—that is, a Gloucester vessel.

Q. The boats do sometimes, I suppose, come over from the American coast to fish there?—A. Yes, but very few; these have always been small, open boats, with cuddies.

Q. Then the American people who live along the shores about Eastport and Lubec, and away on towards the westward, you say, do not send boats over there at all?—A. I did not say that they did not send them at all.

Q. But you say very few do so? —A. Small boats come over there from different places; there is not a very large fishing population on that coast.

Q. Why do they send boats over there, if they have good fishing on their own coast?—A. I do not know that they have; I did not say so.

Q. Do you think that they have good fishing on their own coast?—A. At certain seasons they may have a considerable herring fishery up that coast in the fall. %

Q. In your judgment, is the herring fishery better on the American coast than it is around Grand Manan?—A. It is not so long. There is a body of herring—which comes on the sea-coast along from Mount Desert to Cape Cod, to spawn, late in the fall; this is a very heavy body of fish, but they do not last a great while.

Q. They come on the American coast altogether?—A. They come on the American coast.

Q. In the neighborhood of Eastport?—A. No.

Q. Is there any good fishing at Eastport, and westward of Lubec?— A. Their fishing, I should think, is very poor there.

Q. With respect to all kinds of fish?—A. Yes; from Mount Desert to Eastport.

Q. In this quarter fishing of all kinds is poor?—A. Yes. Q. You only put down 400 people as engaged in the Grand Manan fishery?—A. I think that is a large estimate—400 men engaged in fishing.

Q. Has it been your special business to find out how many quintals, barrels, and boxes of fish are taken at Grand Manan?—A. I judge in this regard by former years. I used to trade considerably. I bought nearly all the hake every season.

Q. Are the results of former years a good guide when the fisheries change every year?—A. We can tell that this year—5,000 pounds of sounds have been prepared.

Q. Do you buy the sounds?—A. No; but I am acquainted with the men that buy them, and I know how many pounds they buy.

Q. Where did you get the figures which you have on your paper, from?—A. I took them down from my memory.

Q. Why did you so put them down, if you took them from your memory?—A. I did so to refresh my memory.

Q. What object could you have in refreshing your memory, if it can enable you to put such figures down without looking at any papers?— A. If you examine the papers, you will find that I have made no mistakes.

Q. What did you take them down for?—A. To refresh my memory.

Q. From what paper?—A. I did not get them from any paper.

Q. Did you read any of the evidence which has been taken before the Commission, before you came here?—A. I read several of these depositions.

Q. Whose?—A. I read that of Walter McLaughlin.

Q. Do you know Walter McLaughlin?—A. Yes; I am acquainted with him.

Q. Is he a respectable man?—A. Yes; very.

Q. He is fish warden there?—A. Yes.

Q. He goes around and collects information from the inhabitants as to the quantity of fish taken?—A. I have heard of him doing so in years past.

Q. Is he a truthful man and well spoken of where you are?—A. He never told me a lie that I know of.

Q. Have you ever been on the mainland at all?—A. I have.

Q. Have you ever been in the neighborhood of where Mr. James R. McLean carries on business?—A. I have been up there occasionally.

Q. How long since you last were there?—A. I came by there in the steamer the other day.

Q. I don't mean coming by in the steamer, but when were you there?— A. I don't know that I have been there for two years on shore.

Q. Were you ever at his place of business?—A. Never, I think.

Q. Where is his place of business?—A. Letite and Back Bay.

Q. How long since you were last at Back Bay ?—A. I never was ashore in Back Bay in my life.

Q. Were you ever ashore anywhere from St. George to Lepreau?— A. Yes.

Q. Where?—A. I have been ashore at Beaver Harbor.

Q. Is Beaver Harbor a large fishing place?—A. They have some vessels.

Q. How long would you stay there?—A. I went into harbor there.

Q. You went into harbor? Is that the extent of your knowledge of the mainland?—A. No. I am acquainted with McLean and with a number of fishermen that belong over on that shore.

Q. From your personal knowledge? Have you any personal knowledge apart from what you may have acquired talking to these people! A. I have quite a knowledge of how many are engaged in the fishing, and I know they are not more successful than our own fishermen.

Q. How long since you last were there on the mainland?—A. Well, it has been, I suppose, two years.

Q. You know McLean?—A. I know McLean, not intimately. I am acquainted with him. I have met him at Eastport and at our own place this summer.

Q. Did you ever talk to him?—A. Yes.

Q. I suppose it is possible he is as well informed as to the value of the fisheries on the mainland as you are?—A. He may be.

Q. Probably better?—A. He probably has his idea and I have mine.

Q. That is not the question. I ask you whether he is any better able to give an opinion as to the value of the fisheries on the mainland than you?—A. He may be better able.

Q. Have you any doubt that he has better means of information than you?—A. I don't know that he has better means.

Q. Although he resides there and carries on business there?—A. Well, there is a large extent of coast. He is located at one place, and he is as far from the extremes as I am.

Q. What part of the coast of the mainland have you any acquaintance with there?—A. Deer Island and Campobello.

Q. Do you call Deer Island a part of the mainland?—A. Well, St. Andrew's; I have run a packet there three or four years.

Q. And running a packet would give you a knowledge of the fishing business, you think. When did you stop running the packet?—A. I have not run it for two years.

Q. How long were you running it before that?—A. Four years.

Q. For the last two years you have stopped?—A. Yes.

Q. Ami the only means of information you have as to the fisheries at St. Andrew's is that you have run a packet between Grand Manan and St. Andrew's?—A. Yes; and bought fish while I was running.

Q. What other places have you knowledge of?—A. What other places do you want a knowledge of?

Q. I want you to tell me what knowledge you have. I should want you to have a knowledge of the whole mainland before you come here to contradict other witnesses.—A. Do these witnesses have a knowledge of the whole mainland?

Q. Those who have given evidence have. What other places do you know between St. Andrew's and the headwaters?—A. With the whole of St. Croix River I am more or less acquainted. St. Stephen.

Q. St. Stephen is not a fishing place at all.—A. If you will name any particular place.

Q. If you have a knowledge of the mainland, you are better able to name them than I.—A. I have told you I was not very well acquainted with Back Bay.

Q. Are you acquainted at all with the fisheries at Back Bay?—A. I am acquainted with the fishermen.

Q. Then you put your opinion as regards the mainland fisheries against the opinion of James B. McLean, do you, or Mr. Lord?—A. I have nothing to do with Mr. McLean's opinion whatever. I give my own opinion. I did not come here to come in conflict with any other man's opinion, but simply to give my opinion for what it is worth, to the best of my knowledge.

Q. And you admit that your means of knowledge can't possibly be so good as those of a man who is engaged in business on the mainland? — A. They are as to Grand Manan.

Q. I don't mean that.—A. Why do you confine yourself to the mainland?

Q. Because that is part of what you spoke of, and I cannot refer to half a dozen things at once. I will come to Grand Manan in a minute. — A. I didn't give the mainland so accurately. I said I thought it was so.

Q. You said a person was mistaken if he would undertake to say

A. I say that if he would undertake to say it was so large he was mistaken.

Q. You put that opinion against men who have been engaged on the mainland?—A. If I had time I could prove it.

Q. Do you swear that your means of information in reference to the mainland fisheries are as good as the means of information of persons engaged on the mainland in these fisheries?—A. I don't know that I have any business to swear to any such thing at all. I didn't come here for that.

Q. If any person came here to swear that the fishery around Grand Manan was worth \$500,000, or \$350,000 more than you put it at, that is beyond all reason according to you?—A. Well, I can't figure it out where they get it.

Q. Do you say it is beyond reason?—A. I should say it was.

Q. You say it is beyond all reason to put it at \$500,000?—A. I do. There are 400 men; and if they catch \$1,250 worth of fish a year, each man—some men are not very fortunate fishing; some would catch

\$500 and others would have to catch \$2,000—then it is most successful fishing on this coast or anywhere else I know of.

Q. Any man who swears that, in your judgment, must either be wilfully stating what is false, or else has not the means of information?— A. I have nothing to say of anybody else's statements.

Q. Did you see that some of the American fishermen had themselves put it at five hundred thousand dollars a year?—A. No.

Q. Wouldn't it have altered your views if you had?—A. No; my views are fixed.

Q. They were fixed before you came!—A. I didn't come to make any mistatements.

Q. Where did you read the evidence?—A. Some of it in the other room.

Q. Whose evidence did you read?—A. McLaughlin's and McLean's, and part of Fisher's.

Q. Did you read Lord's?—A. No.

Q. Have you read Fisher's?—A. I read part of it.

Q. Now, Fisher says, in answer to Mr. Trescot—I suppose he has a knowledge of the island, has he?—A. He should; he has fished there a considerable many years.

Q. He is asked, "What would be the annual value of the fishery at Grand Manan, taking the opposite coast, and taking the neighborhood generally, from your experience as a man of business with some practical acquaintance with the operations yourself as a merchant f What would be the annual value, including Grand Manan and the coast from Letite to St. Andrew's and Lepreau P And he answers: "I should set the value of the fish caught at Grand Manan at not over \$400,000. They might go \$500,000, but I think if I had \$500,000 I would have some left."—A. I should think he would.

Q. You see he puts it at \$500,000?—A. He says " not over \$400,000."

Q. He says it might go 8500,000. Do you mean to say that he would state it was not over \$400,000, and it might go \$500,000, when it was only \$150,000? Would he cover that meaning with those words?—A. I have nothing to do with any other man's statement here. If what I say conflicts with any other man's statement it is not my fault.

Q. You won't give any judgment upon that point?—A. I have nothing to say.

Q. Well, why did you answer Mr. Trescot when he put questions to you as to other persons coming here and making particular statements?

Mr. Trescot. I did not do it.

Mr. Thomson. You said you would not give him any particular names, but if persons came here and swore that such and such was the case, you asked him if that would be correct.

Mr. Trescot. Quite so.

By Mr. Thomson: Q. Then Mr. Fisher is entirely astray according to you?—A. His statement is large.

Q. What is the extent of your business? You say you kept a hotel during the summer and fished in the winter. Where did you fish whenever you went?—A. For herring ?

Q. Yes. What is the extent of your catch?—A. Well, I could not say exactly—I never kept any minutes—but I might have got \$200 worth for my share.

Q. Is that the extent of your fishing?—A. Yes.

Q. Now, there is Mr. Lakeman. Do you know him?—A. Yes; I am well acquainted with him.

Q. This question is put to him :

Q. How much do these several totals make?—A. \$133,450.

Q. Think a little, and I think what you meant by telling us a few minutes ago that in your opinion, the value of the catch of the fisheries of Grand Manan Island only amounted to \$50,000 or at the most to \$60,000 ?—A. \$500,000 I meant; did I say \$50,000 ? If I did, that was a slip of the tongue, and if I said \$60,000 I meant \$600,000.

Q. That is the annual proceeds of the Grand Manan fisheries?—A. No; the value of the hake-sounds is yet to be considered.

He puts it down at \$500,000 without the hake sounds. You think that is quite wild?—A. I think you must have confused him.

Q. No. This was Mr. Trescot examining him?—A. I think his head was not clear.

Q. He was entirely wrong about that?—A. I think the statement was wild when he says \$500,000 or \$600,000.

Mr. Trescot. Didn't he try afterward to give the items and find that he could not bring them over \$160,000 ?

Mr. Thomson. Did you bring this gentleman to show that Lakeman was entirely wrong ?

Q. Then you say you catch \$200 worth in the course of a year? Do you buy any?—A. I am not engaged in buying at present. I have bought.

Q. How long since you were last engaged in buying?—A. When I was running a packet I bought more or less.

Q. For the purpose of cooking in your vessel?—A. No; to sell again.

Q. How many would you buy?—A. I never kept any minutes of what I bought or sold. I don't know what bearing it has on this subject.

Q. Just this. That you were pleased to state in answer to Mr. Trescot that you engaged in buying and selling. I want to see to what extent you bought and sold. You got two or three barrels of fish and sold them at St. Andrew's?—A. No; we sold them at Eastport. It would glut the market at St. Andrew's.

Q. Do you make the statement that two or three barrels would glut the market at St. Andrew's? That is a town of 3,000 or 4,000 inhabitants, and yet you say it would glut the market?—A. I say we sold them at Eastport.

Q. How many did you sell?—A. I never kept any record of what I sold.

Q. Can you swear to 50 barrels?—A. I can't swear to any particular quantity.

Q. Will you swear you sold as many as 50?—A. I will swear I have sold as many as that.

Q. And what did you catch those herring for, those you fished yourself?—A. I caught them to sell.

Q. When you say you fished in winter, did you make a business of it?—A. We went fishing in winter.

Q. You say "we." Are you speaking of yourself personally?—A. We generally fish in company there; two or three boats fishing.

Q. And your share amounted to \$200, probably, a year, and with this experience you come and say that the fishery is only worth \$150,000, and that you have lived there 34 years, and yet during all that time you never saw an American vessel fishing around Grand Manan.—A. I said a Gloucester vessel.

Q. I put the question to you whether you had seen an American vessel.

Mr. Dana. And every time he answered he confined his answer to Gloucester vessels.

By Mr. Thomson:

Q. You told me in so many words that during that whole time no American vessel fished within the limits, and that you never heard of it.—A. I said Gloucester vessels. You asked me if there was not a large fleet of Gloucester vessels.

Q. I asked you as to American vessels.—A. As I understood, you referred to the Gloucester fleet; if there was not a large Gloucester fleet that came down.

Q. Then I understand you now to admit that American vessels, not from Gloucester, do come?—A. I said a few small vessels and boats.

Q. What do you call a few small vessels? Just exclude the boats from your mind altogether.—A. Well, perhaps there might be a dozen. There might be a dozen vessels from Lubec.

Q. At one time?—A. Yes.

- Q. Fishing?—A. Fishing off and on. Sometimes they would set nets for bait and go away off.
- Q. Would they fish within three miles?—A. They would not cod-fish within three miles.
- Q. That is an evasion. Who asked about cod-fishing?—A. I said they set their nets inshore and took bait.
- Q. Would they fish within three miles?—A. No; they would only set their nets for bait to catch line-fish.
- Q. That is what the Gloucester vessels did, didn't they?—A. No. I never knew Gloucester vessels set nets to catch bait for themselves.
- Q. How many Gloucester vessels come down to catch bait?—A. It's hard to average. Some years more and some years less.
- Q. What season is it that they come down?—A. Along early in the spring they begin to come, after the frozen season is over, and along through the winter occasionally a vessel.
- Q. How many would come down at one time?—A. I may have see: ten vessels lying at one time—never more than that that I recollect.
- Q. Will you swear you have not seen as many as 25 or 30?—A. I would be quite safe in swearing so, I think.
- Q. Is ten the largest number you are certain of?—A. Ten is the largest number I think.
- Q. How long would they remain?—A. It depended upon the bait
- Q. Did they come in and give their orders for bait?—A. They came in and tried to engage a boat.
- Q. Did they tell each fisherman or a number of fishermen how many barrels they wanted?—A. Yes.
- Q. And then these fishermen tried to catch bait for them?—A. Yes.
- Q. They would come down in fleets of ten at a time?—A. I said ten was as many as I had seen.
- Q. And their place would be supplied with ten more when they went away?—A. Well, it might happen once in the year that there were ten. I said they came down quite early in the spring.
- Q. Didn't you tell me a while ago that you never heard of the Gloucester fleet coming down there at all?—A. No; I said not to fish.
- Q. You didn't swear to me that you never heard of the Gloucester fleet coming down to Grand Manan?—A. I said fishing.
- Q. Is there not a certain fleet that comes down there and is well known to come down there?—A. I have known as high probably as ten.
- Q. Do they come down every year?—A. They come down every year.

Q. Is that known as the Gloucester fishing-fleet among the inhabitants of Grand Manan?—A. It is known as the Gloucester fleet as far as it goes.

Q. And these vessels come in, and the skippers engage the inhabitants to fish for them and supply them as fast as possible?—A. Yes.

Q. How much do they pay a barrel?—A. So much a hundred generally.