

## FISHERIES

Are carried on in the interior waters and on the coast to a very large extent, and may be divided into three classes, viz., Bank Fishing, Mackerel Catching, and Shore and Coast Fishing.

*Grand Bank Fishing* is here prosecuted to a much larger extent than in any other State in the Union. A fleet is employed of upward of five hundred sail, registering thirty-five thousand tons, employing five thousand fishermen, and monopolizing a capital of three millions of dollars in this single branch of the business. A bounty of four dollars per ton is paid by the United States government on all licensed fishermen that are out in actual business four months or upwards, on all vessels of ninety tons or less. Average tonnage of Bank fishermen, about seventy tons, although they measure all the way from twenty to one hundred and forty tons.

*Mackerel*.—About two hundred and fifty vessels, measuring fifteen thousand tons, give business to two thousand five hundred men, and employ a capital of a little more than a million of dollars. The vessels engaged in this trade range very near the average of those in the Bank Fishing, and draw no bounty from government.

### COAST AND SHORE FISHING.

Where Cod, Haddock, Pollock, Hake and Halibut, &c., &c., are caught on our shore, is the Lobster, Clam and Oyster. Halibut, not being valuable as salted fish, are sold for immediate consumption.

Thus with the use of a small amount of capital a large proportion of the male inhabitants of the shore are industriously and profitably employed, giving sustenance to the community and enriching themselves at the same time, a business widely dissimilar from almost any other avocation.

*Herring*.—A large business of catching in nets, seines, and weirs, smoking, packing, inspecting and exporting, is done in this State, at which Lubec (the extreme easterly point of main land bordering the Atlantic,) takes the lead. During the last year there have been prepared and shipped upwards of three hundred thousand boxes, making a business of more than one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, giving employment, either directly or indirectly, to almost the entire male population of the town, above ten years of age.

*Alewives* are caught and prepared for sale and exportation on all our principal rivers to a large extent.

*Salmon*.—Large quantities of this delicious fish are caught in the bays and rivers of our coast, and many Epicurean tastes have been satisfied at the stately mansions and upper class hotels in our large cities without even imagining, in their wildest dreams or most sober

realities, that they were indebted to the hardy fishermen of *Away Down East* for the enjoyment of such delicious relishes.

### HERMETICALLY SEALED ARTICLES.

The pioneer of this business in the United States is attributable to the genius and Yankee perseverance of Upham S. Treat, Esq., of Treat's Island, situated in Colescook Bay, about midway between Eastport and Lubec, and belonging to Eastport. He commenced putting up sealed articles (such as salmon, lobsters, fish, beef, mutton, vegetables, &c., &c.) in 1832, but did comparatively a small business until 1842, when he enlarged his operations, and in 1846 he purchased the island which now bears his name, and removed thereto; since then he has materially enlarged and increased his business. When the California gold was first discovered and the fever of emigration raged with such unabating virulence for that *Eldorado* of dreams and realities, his orders increased far beyond any former precedent; he puts up from fifty to seventy-five thousand cans of salmon, lobsters, herring, vegetables, &c., annually, and from fifteen to twenty thousand boxes of smoked herrings. Of late quite a number of similar establishments have grown up in various parts of the State.

## MANUFACTORIES.

Within the last ten years Manufacturing in this State has considerably increased, and many establishments may be found located on the rivers bordering the coast, with capitals varying from thirty to one hundred thousand dollars. Saco, Biddeford, and Lewiston, rank first in this important enterprise. Water power being abundant, it may not be an illusive aphorism emanating from a diseased imagination to augur that, as the lumbering interest declines, manufacturing will usurp its place, becoming hives of industry and important marts of the State, infusing an additional stimulus to the agricultural interests and rural districts to supply the increased demand for the products of the soil, producing a greater blessing than the stately forest or *hum* of *saws* have, or possibly can, shower upon the inhabitants or State.

## GRANITE.

Quarries to an unlimited extent exist in many portions of the State. The granite has a beautiful color and durable aspect. The State House, Lunatic Asylum and United States Arsenal at Augusta afford specimens. Those most extensively operated are contiguous to or on navigable waters. Hence *Hallowell*, *Musquitos Mountain*, (Marsh River, Frankfort,) *Sullivan*, *Bluehill*, and