

Extracts from 19th century local newspapers relating to fishing for crabs and lobsters

EYEMOUTH - Most of the boats have been for this last week to the Clyde for mussels, consequently there has not been much doing in the fishing here, the boats that were fishing here being most retarded by bad weather. The price is for haddocks averaging from three shillings to three and threepence per score. There has been some very strong takes of crabs here, but in consequence of a rather unaccountable delay in the delivery of them by rail, the sales of several lots were materially damaged. No blame is attached to the North British Railway, every attention being invariably paid by their obliging station-master at Burnmouth, of whom our merchants speak in terms of the highest commendation.

Berwick Journal
18th October 1856

THE WHITE FISHING - The weather this week has been more favourable for those who have to gain a livelihood by the produce of the sea, than at any other time this winter, consequently the boats were off more frequently, and the takes on each occasion have been the largest obtained this season. The greatest catch was 33 stones of fish, and the average wholesale price given was 2s per 14 lbs. A few crabs were also got and sold at 3s 6d per score.

Berwick Advertiser
17th December 1875

THE FISH TRADE - The cobles have at last got to sea, having been off twice during the week. Their takes were fair, haddocks selling at 2s per stone; and crabs at 3s per score. Few lobsters are being landed. The Greenses fishermen have lost many of their crab pots, which were set just before the bad weather broke, but the Spittal fishermen generally found their creeves unmoved.

Berwick Journal
22nd March 1888