

**38.—PROPOSED EXPORTATION OF WHITEFISH EGGS TO SWITZERLAND.**

**By FRANK H. MASON,**  
*United States Consul at Basle, Switzerland.*

[From a letter to Prof. S. F. Baird.]

I am in receipt of your highly esteemed favor of December 28th, and beg to thank you very cordially for your very generous expression of willingness to contribute some whitefish eggs toward the very timely and valuable project of restocking the lakes of Switzerland. I have communicated your suggestion unofficially to several leading Swiss gentlemen, but the Government has as yet no facilities for hatching the eggs, and is only to a limited degree awakened or informed on this important subject. A gentleman of this city, Mr. Friedrich Gloser, jr., is an ardent fish culturist, and has facilities for making a good use of the eggs. If it is within your discretion to send 50,000 whitefish eggs to this consulate, I would have them delivered to Mr. Gloser, and see that they are properly used and yourself and the Government duly credited therefor. I believe that it would be a very happy and judicious courtesy to the Swiss people, and would be gratefully recognized.

BASLE, SWITZERLAND, *February 28, 1883.*

REPLY BY PROFESSOR BAIRD.

There will be no difficulty whatever in sending to Switzerland some eggs of American fish in their season. The application, however, should come officially from the Government or some of its branches, so as to have a proper diplomatic and international character. The American whitefish is very much the same as the *marane* of Switzerland, or *Coregonus marane*. Whether they would care to add this American variety to the list, it may be well to ascertain. It is too late now to make any transmissions. Applications received by September, can be filled for several varieties of *salmonidæ*.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 13, 1883.*

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**39.—FIRST APPEARANCE OF PORPOISE.**

**By CHAS. W. SMILEY.**

Under date of February 28, 1883, Mr. Henry Y. Willets, keeper of Life-Saving Station No. 34, Townsend's Inlet, near Ocean View, New Jersey, reported as follows: "The first school of porpoise made their appearance this day at this place."