

A Sturgeon sent to the King



A sturgeon weighing 35lb and measuring 3ft 10in in length was caught on the Lyme Regis fishing ground during Thursday night by Messrs J Hodder and J Homyer, two Lyme Regis fishermen. According to custom they telegraphed the King to inquire whether he wished to accept the sturgeon, and they received the following reply from the Master of the Household: "I am commanded to thank you for the sturgeon which you offer for his Majesty's acceptance. Please send it to Buckingham Palace, London." The fish was sent off last night. ⁽¹⁾

..... About 16 years ago Mr George Gush, of Lyme Regis, caught one weighing 18lb, and a previous catch was that by Mr Thomas Seager about 30 years ago. These three sturgeons appear to be the only ones caught in and around Lyme Regis during the past 30 years. ⁽²⁾

A Royal Catch ⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ The Daily News, April 26, 1924

⁽²⁾ Western Morning News, April 28, 1924

⁽³⁾ Van H Allen's newspaper cuttings scrapbooks