

REPORT ON FISHERIES.

The subject of the Fisheries is, at present, invested with more than ordinary interest, as the Commissioners are soon to assemble in Halifax, when the amount of compensation due for the liberty granted to the American fishermen to fish on the Dominion coast, will be fully discussed.

The report now before us for the year 1876 is a very bulky volume. We expected to find embodied in it a masterly exposition of the whole subject to which it relates, but we have been disappointed.

The gross value of the Dominion fisheries during the past year has been \$11,147,590. During the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1876, the total value of fish, and products of fish exported from the Dominion has been \$5,501,221.

The County of Queen's has three vessels according to the returns before us—in the trade, and that of King's, five. Prince County has four hundred boats in the trade, manned by 1342 men; Queen's 285 boats, manned by 1178 men; and King's 306 boats, with 1311 men—making in all 991 boats, having 3,831 fishermen.

The river fishings of the Dominion have been greatly injured by the enormous quantity of sawdust which has been allowed to accumulate and rot on the spawning ground. If the river fishings are not to be entirely destroyed, stringent laws must be enacted to prevent the wholesale destruction occasioned by this nuisance, which is practised with impunity in almost all sections of the Provinces.

as a rule, enforced. Mill owners should be compelled to prevent the mill offal from falling into the mill streams.

There is one part of the report before us which is not only written with marked ability, but which indicates a pretty thorough knowledge of the interesting subject to which it relates. We refer to that portion of it which deals with the fish culture establishments of which Mr. Wilmot has charge. There are in the Dominion seven establishments of this kind—one in Nova Scotia, two in New Brunswick, two in Quebec, and two in Ontario, and we can imagine no reason why there should not be one in Prince Edward Island.

THE HALIFAX FISHERY COMMISSION.

The Halifax Commission, which is to meet on the 15th inst., will be thus constituted, according to the Toronto Globe:—

The British Commissioner is Sir Alexander Tullock Galt, K. C. B., for some while Finance Minister of Canada. The Commissioner for the United States is Judge Ensign H. Kellogg, of Massachusetts. The third Commissioner is M. Maurice Delfosse, Envoy Extraordinary of Belgium to the United States Government.

The Hon. L. Davies of P. E. I. and Mr. Thompson, Q. C., of this city, are among the legal gentlemen employed. It is supposed that after meeting and organization the United States Commissioner will present the views held by that country, and that then an adjournment will take place to enable the representatives of Great Britain to make a rejoinder.

No formal statement has yet been presented by Great Britain embodying the amount of compensation which she will claim. Its claim on this subject will be based of course upon the number of the American fishing vessels, the yearly product value, &c. The American agent will naturally seek to cut down this estimate as much as possible, and the old question of the rights of each party under former conventions and international law will have to be discussed in order to ascertain how much Great Britain actually conceded under the Treaty of Washington.

The Toronto "Globe" states that it will be represented at the Commission. If so it must be the intention to admit the Press, a matter about which there has been some doubt.—St. John Telegraph.

THE WAR.

If the dispatches telegraphed to this side of the water are to be believed, the Turks and the Russians are enacting the parts originally enacted by the Kilkenny cats—eating each other up with uncontrolable fierceness. News from Russian sources is always of one character—defeat after defeat has been inflicted on the Ottoman troops by the children of the Czar; fortifications are stormed; towns taken; positions carried, and all this with surprisingly little loss of life on the side of the victors, and an equally surprising great loss on the part of the vanquished.

TURKEY'S CHANCES.

The Vedette is one of the most important Austrian military organs, and for this the fact is significant that it is the only German paper we receive which declares itself clearly and decidedly against Turkey. In its issue of the 27th April we meet with the following paragraph, in a long article on the chances of Turkey: "The struggle will no doubt be a long, and perhaps, an ever-changing one; but, since Turkey will be compelled to undertake all at once the defence of its entire and long stretch of boundary from the Adriatic to the borders of Persia there can be no reasonable doubt as to the result."

MASONIC.—The dedication of the Masonic Hall in Halifax, on Thursday last, was one of the grandest Masonic displays ever witnessed in that city. The evening previous the hotels were crowded with Freemasons and their families, who took part in the celebration. The different Lodges assembled at the Drill Shed at 2 o'clock, and formed in procession. They marched through the principal streets to the Hall, where the ceremonies were carried on in the grandest style.

FRESH Bedeque Oysters, by the quart or bushel; or served up at all hours, stewed, fried or raw, at "The Confectionery, Lunch Room.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

It is already quite apparent that the amount of emigration to the North-west during the present summer will be very great. Those who have already arrived at or in the vicinity of Winnipeg can not be much short of 2,000, and the stream is constantly increasing in volume. Under these circumstances it is well to bear in mind what classes of immigrants the Prairie Province needs and what classes it has no room for.

The immigration of past years has possessed far too little of the agricultural and far too much of the would-be 'genteel' element. Time again have we warned all those in search of a 'soft job' against coming to Manitoba. It is doubtful whether there is a less promising field for such people than this Province. Our population is already surcharged with 'talent' of that sort, hence possessors of that commodity are bringing their wares to a glutted market.

The Free Press also states that 500 men are wanted on Section 14 of the Canada Pacific Railway, 500 on the Pembina branch, and the same number on Section 15. The wages of these laborers is two dollars a day, board being procurable at four dollars and a half a week.

A BRIDGE DISASTER.

LONDON, June 6.—Sixty persons were drowned at Bath by a bridge over the Avon giving way during an agricultural show today.

LATER.—The Bath and West of England Society's centenary was celebrated at Bath today. The Wedcombe Suspension Bridge fell, and about 100 persons were precipitated thirty feet into the Avon. Eight bodies have been recovered, and it is feared others have perished. Many are injured.

Another account represents the disaster to have been much more serious. The details are not sufficient to say whether it is exaggerated or not.

STILL LATER.—A despatch from Bath gives the following additional particulars of the accident this to-day: About half-past ten o'clock this morning, on the arrival of a train load of excursionists on the Weymouth branch of the Great Western railway to attend the agricultural show, between one and two hundred persons, belonging mostly to the well-to-do farmer class, rushed upon the toll bridge leading from the railway platform. The bridge was wooden, of light construction, and narrow, about thirty feet long, and between thirty and forty feet above the river Avon, resting on posts morticed into stonework at either end, and without centre support.

BATH, Evening, June 6.—It is now estimated that twelve persons are killed, and fifty-one injured, some fatally, by the fall of Wedcombe bridge.

WANTED.—A situation by a man of 30, capable and willing to work; store preferred. Address C. M. C., EXAMINER Office.

Local and other Items.

THE City of Yarmouth, N. S., celebrated its 110th anniversary on the 9th inst.

There will be a meeting of the B. I. Society this evening at 8 o'clock at St. Dunstan's Reading Room.

LABEL SUIT.—The libel suit of Wordsworth versus Blackadars, in Halifax, has been settled by an apology from the defendants.

SUICIDE.—A young man, named Thomas Cowan, of Windsor, committed suicide at his father's residence, by cutting his throat.

F. & M. ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the Farmers & Mechanics' Co-operation Association will be held in Scott Hall on the 29th inst.

LAW SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the Law Society of this Island will be held in the barrister's room in the New Law Court on the 26th inst.

This evening, in Victoria Division, the Sons of Temperance are promised a description of J. B. Gough and his Halifax Lectures, by Councillor Millner.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE DAILY EXAMINER solicited. Terms: Six months, \$2 50; Three months, 1 25; One month, 46; One week, 12. Payment strictly in advance.

MR. ANGLIN'S RESIGNATION.—The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery having received notification of the resignation of Mr. Anglin, member for Gloucester, N. B., a new writ was issued and despatched yesterday to Sheriff Vail. Nomination for a new election, Monday, the 25th.

FISHERMEN AND MILL OWNERS.—We direct your attention to the following from the fishery Overseer of Queen's County, which has been for some time needed:—All persons setting Weirs or Fish Traps in the Streams and Waters of the Island without first obtaining special license; also any Millowner allowing saw dust or any other Mill rubbish to be thrown into the stream, will be prosecuted as the law directs.

NUISANCE.—A cat in the prime of life was caused to expire, some six or seven days ago, near the south-west corner of Hillsborough Square. The animal is so exceedingly dead that a pedestrian will become acquainted of the fact some twenty thirty yards away from the pump very near to which this rotten cat flesh is speedily changing to dust. This nuisance has been allowed to remain in the street for a week. The inhabitants in that part of the City have been daily expecting some of the City authorities to come and take it away.

H. F. PERLEY, Esq., Dominion Public Works Engineer, arrived on Monday evening last, and on Tuesday in company with P. Sinclair, Esq., M. P., and Mr. Cunningham Railroad Engineer, went to Montague to see about the working of the dredge there. On Wednesday they went to Victoria Harbor at Wood Islands, inspected the breakwater at that place, and saw where the dredging is required. When the Provincial Government have expended the amount voted for extending the present work, when about 500 feet of a breakwater on the opposite side is built, and when the dredging is done, it is supposed that there will be ten feet of water in the channel at ordinary tides. On Thursday Mr. Perley went West to Prince County, and after visiting the Public Works going on there he intends returning by Shediac on Saturday, June 8.—Patriot.

AN INTERESTING EVENT.—Gen. Warner, the popular U. S. Consul at this port, was made the recipient this afternoon of an elegant testimonial, presented by a number of his friends in St. John. The testimonial was in the shape of a silver casket, having a red granite base, silver mounted. It is altogether twenty-two inches in height. The base, in front, has a silver plate, bearing a suitable inscription; while on the reverse is a plate with an engraving of a fishing scene.—"The Last Struggle of a Salmon." At each side is a wreath of flowers in silver. In the front of the casket is the city coat of arms; on either side the British and American shields, and on the reverse, General Warren's monogram—all beautifully done in gold. Above these are four fishing scenes at Grand Falls. Fern and spruce wreaths encircle the casket. The cover is of solid silver, and is surmounted by a moose stepping over snow in the forest. At the presentation, which took place at the Victoria Hotel, appropriate remarks were made on behalf of the gentlemen who originated and carried out the affair, and General Warner replied in his usual felicitous style.—Globe.