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As I noticed last summer that a considerable proportion of the salmon caught were gilled in the leaders of the nets, I would suggest that an experiment be made with a piece of gill-net which, commencing at the shore, should run out into the lake, say for half a mile, varying in depth, so as to fish from top to bottom of the water the whole distance, the expense would be small, and I do think the result would be satisfactory. Whilst on the subject of nets I would say that extensive repairs are absolutely necessary on those the Department have here, as the points into which the fish have to be driven before taking them out have become so rotten as to be utterly unfit to hold a salmon. During last season quite as many fish went through the nets and escaped as were caught.

Hoping I have not wearied you with my lengthy remarks,

I remain, very truly yours,

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