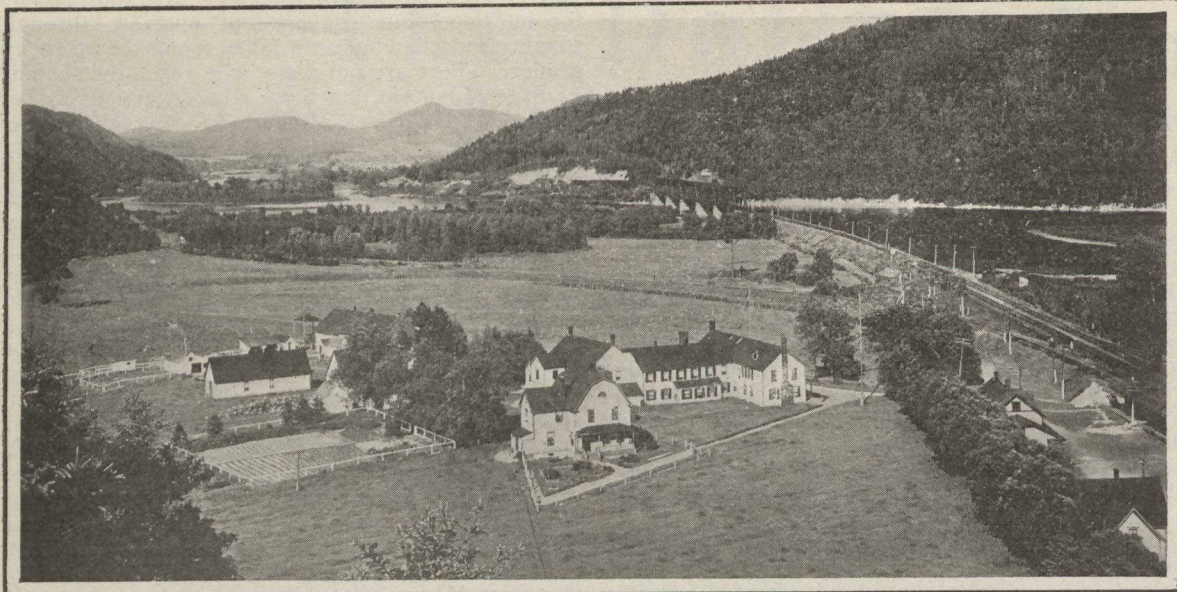




Aristocrat of Fishing Clubs—Restigouche Fishing Club, Where Gentlemen Who Can Afford a Five Thousand Dollar Fee May Hook "Exclusive" Salmon.

Fishing in the Maritime Provinces

By C. F. LANE

FARTHER west we are apt to boast of the excellent bass or trout fishing that can be enjoyed at some particular place, but we hear little about localities in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia simply because the inhabitants of these provinces are accustomed to find good fishing almost anywhere within their borders and are thus not particularly impressed with any one place. It is this plethora of good places that makes the writing of an article difficult. If a volume were being attempted it were possible to do some justice to a fair proportion of the choice fishing spots, but in this article it must suffice to mention merely a limited selection.

Perhaps the best plan to adopt is to treat salmon, trout, and tuna separately and name localities where good sport with each is a certainty. Salmon will come first, and it will be a surprise to many to learn the number of places where the king of fresh-water fish may be angled for by the casual visitor. An erroneous idea prevails that all the salmon rivers of Eastern Canada are either in the hands of wealthy individuals or else leased to some exclusive club. It is true that the majority of rivers are closed to all but the privileged few, but still enough are open to any newcomer to allow fairly ample selection.

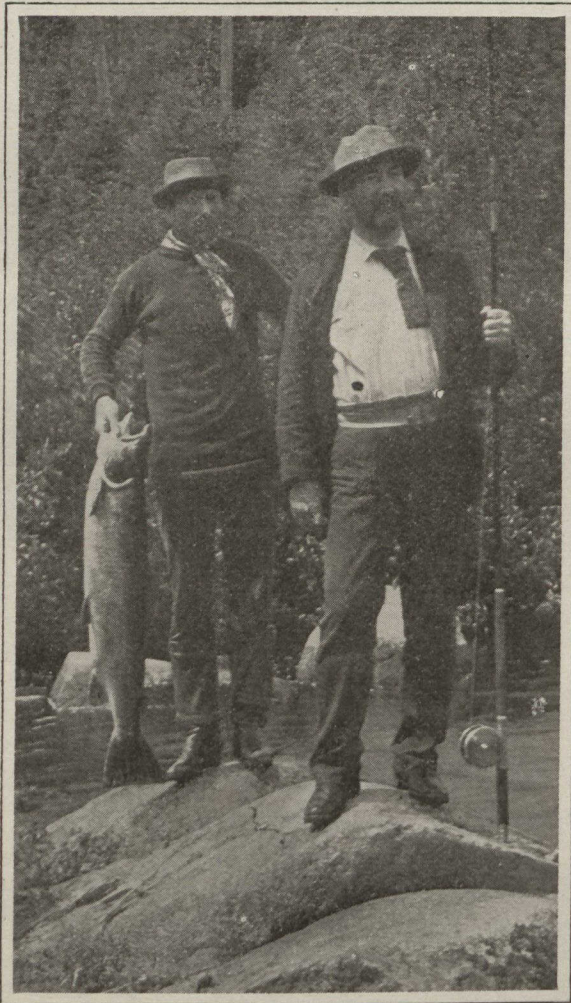
Of the rivers of New Brunswick on which the salmon fishing is still open the Upsalquitch is one of the best. Thomas Malcolm, of Campbellton, charges \$10 per rod per day to visitors. Fish here run up to 25 pounds and an occasional forty-pounder is landed. A limit of five salmon per day has been set, as many instances occurred of so-called sportsmen taking twenty-five and over. A guide and his canoe can be hired for \$2 per day, and the feeding expenses are not a serious item. The best fishing is obtained from the 15th of June till the close of the season on August 15th, and, in addition to salmon, there are quantities of sea trout on which no limit is set.

Henry Bishop owns a comfortably furnished lodge situated on a choice length of the Nipisiguit which he lets for periods of a fortnight from June 1st till the end of August. True, to have two weeks on this river, one must part with a couple of hundred dollars in addition to the cost of guides and feeding, but the sport is worth it, and as there is room for three rods a trio of friends can get the best of fishing at a far lower expenditure than obtains in many parts of the globe.

ON the main Restigouche, salmon fishing can be had by the payment of five dollars per day. Here the fishing is all done from canoe, the charge for two guides and their canoe being \$4.50 a day. The Charlo River, in the same neighbourhood, is free, but is too much fished; still there are numbers of red trout. As a guide can be obtained for \$2 and the fishing is all from the bank, the Charlo has attractions from a pecuniary standpoint. The salmon of the Jacquet run small—from four to ten pounds—but it is perhaps the best sea trout river in New Brunswick, and the fishing is well worth the \$5 per day charged.

For salmon fishing, combined with a canoe trip, the south-west branch of the Miramichi leaves nothing

to be desired. This trip starts at the Forks and ends, sixty miles lower down, at Boiestown. The scenery en route is superb, and, if the water is in trim, the fishing is of the best. Expenses on this jaunt come a little high, as guides have to be paid for their time getting home, if engaged at



When You Have Hooked, Played and Landed a 25-pound Salmon on the Miramichi, You Are Entitled to Look Like This.

the starting point, or, if they come from down river, they must be paid for the time occupied in poling up the river from Boiestown.

Salmon fishing can also be had on the Tobique, Renous and Popologan, all of which give good results.

In Nova Scotia the rivers east of Halifax all hold salmon, and most of them are free; moreover, these streams afford as fine sea-trout fishing as one can wish for. Another recommendation is the moderate cost of fishing. Take West Quoddy for instance. Henry O'Leary charges four dollars per week for board and lodging, on the understanding that his services are retained as guide at \$2.50 per day. The best of the fishing comes on in July. Quoddy and other points along this shore are

reached by steamers from Halifax, running twice a week. Mention must also be made of the rivers of Cape Breton, the northern peninsula of Nova Scotia. From Englishtown the North River may be fished without charge, and fine sport is obtained in June and July. The Margaree, on the north shore, is also a good river, but a little bit difficult of access.

WHEN it comes to dealing with speckled trout, one is almost tempted to close the matter by saying "go anywhere." Of course this is not literally true, but, all the same, it is hard to visit any point in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia where good trout fishing is not to be found near at hand. As in other parts of Canada, the very best fishing is to be found away from the habitation of men, and he who wants the best cannot do better than get in communication with a first-class guide and leave the final planning and destination in his hands. There is excellent fishing on the Nepisiguit, above the Falls, also on the Green River, the Madawaska, the branches of the Tobique and on the lakes at the headwaters of the Tobique, Miramichi, Nepisiguit, Upsalquitch and Restigouche rivers. The lakes above Campbellton also afford fine trout fishing. The main consideration is that one go a-fishing in the proper season, and June is without question the best month. Go forth in June with a good guide and all will be well.

It is not every one who wants to go into the wilds with tent and canoe, and those who want to sleep with a permanent roof over their heads will have no difficulty in finding guides who have log cabins near to good trout waters. Among many others may be mentioned Rainsford Allen, of Upper Keswick; George Armstrong, at Perth; Henry Allen, of Penniac; Arthur Pringle, of Stanley; David Ogilvy, of Oxbow; and Robert Menzies, of Strathadam.

There is one charming spot in the south of the Province, where one may be in camp twenty-four hours after leaving Montreal, a camp right in the wilds, but where a good cook is kept, where spring mattresses rest weary limbs, and where the bell on a domestic cow disturbs one's slumbers, but gives promise of cream with the porridge in the morning. The railway station is Bonny River, where the train will be met by one of New Brunswick's most genial hosts, Tom Sullivan, who owns the outlying camps, two of which, Red Rock and McDougall, are well beloved of the writer and his better half. The fishing at the former is entirely in lakes. At McDougall the stream that feeds the lake and the outlet give agreeable changes to lake fishing. This is an ideal place to take "the girl" on a first trip to the woods. For trout, wildness of scenery and comfort combined, it is hard to beat. The charge for board and lodging is only \$2.50 per day, the same figures

(Continued on page 30.)



That Famous 600-pound Cape Breton Tuna That "Jack" Ross Landed With a Light Rod and Line.