

interior. Yet its vast waters contain numerous species, which must, as the country advances, become more and more important. The salmon abounds in Ontario, and is supposed by Dr Dunlop not to visit the ocean; but Mr Magrath, observing that it never ascends above Niagara, nor is found in any lake not communicating with the sea, concludes that it does perform this voyage, however long. The usual mode of taking them, learned from the Indians, is by spearing from a canoe, particularly in the night; but there is always some risk of this frail bark being upset. The most delicate creature in those waters is that called white-fish, resembling the herring, but superior. In some places it is caught by the seine, and packed in barrels of 200 lbs., which sell at from twenty-seven to thirty shillings. The herring is also plentiful, but not very fine. Other common kinds are the trout, mullet, pike, pickerel, bass—black and white and rock—and masquinongé, a fish peculiar to the country, and highly esteemed. But all of them, it is maintained, must yield to the Mackinaw trout, found only in Lakes Huron and Superior, which weighs from twenty to forty, and even ninety pounds, and has flesh of extreme delicacy. There can be no doubt of the ultimate success of this important branch of industry; though the extent of capital required, and the distance from markets, give little encouragement to any immediate attempt on a great scale.*

* Statistical Sketches, p. 49. Pickering. Backwoods, pp. 159, 160.

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