

HANTS COUNTY.

Nothing of any importance to report from this County further than the quantity of fish taken was about the same as last year's.

KINGS COUNTY.

This county shows about the same yield as last year. Overseer Bishop reports the catch of alewives to have been remarkably good, exceeding any of the last six years. The catch of other kinds of fish was comparatively fair, with the exception of salmon. Mr. Bishop cannot account for this falling off. He writes that after much difficulty he succeeded in clearing the river of the jams he referred to in his report of last year as being so detrimental to the fishing interests. That at Calder's Mills still remains, but is provided with a ladder made in accordance with the fishery regulations of Nova Scotia. This ladder Mr. Bishop is satisfied will be altogether unfit for such a large river as the Gaspereaux, and does not answer the end designed. Consequently it has been determined to have one-third of the river opened at this point, when there will be a natural pass for the fish all the way to their spawning grounds.

DIGBY COUNTY.

Overseer Morehouse reports a falling off in the catch of this county, but states that this is amply compensated by the high prices realized and the ready sales effected. Other favourable circumstance have placed fishermen in as good a position as any other class of producers in that locality. Mr. Morehouse also reports indications of the return of mackerel to the shores of St. Mary's Bay—these fish having entirely forsaken that locality for the past three years. The shad fishery of St. Mary's Bay has been very good, the catch being nearly double that of last year. The salmon fishery at Sandy Cove, which was abandoned last year was partially resumed this season, with results proving that all that is needed is proper management to make this a most profitable pursuit. The herring fishery of Digby Basin shows signs of improvement, but yet it falls far short of former years. This is much to be regretted, as that part of the Basin lying in Annapolis County has been very productive; and no other cause can be assigned for this than the large deposits of sawdust and other deleterious matter which are carried down by the waters of Bear River. Mr. Morehouse adds: "I have not been an idle spectator while the violators of law were inflicting such injuries to our fishermen. The most daring violator of the law is E. Walsh, of the firm of E. Walsh & Co. The aggregate of fines this year against this firm amounts to some \$500. Warrants have been in the hands of the chief constable since June, but by some mysterious influence Walsh has managed to preserve his liberty and his money—not a dollar having yet been collected. I regret to have to report the death of one of our Wardens, Mr. William Odell."

YARMOUTH COUNTY.

From this county, Overseer Gardner reports a slight falling off in the gross production of the fishery; yet this industry was notwithstanding very satisfactory, owing to the high prices obtained at home and abroad. Lobster fishing which contributed quite an item in last year's returns, was abandoned this season. Residents are putting up an establishment at Lower Argyle, which will be in operation next year. Salmon and alewife fishing, on Tusket River, was better than for the last twenty years, particularly that for alewives. Old fishermen say they never saw the river so full of fish as this year. This happy result must undoubtedly be attributed to the removal of weirs from the river and to its being kept clear of obstructions. Overseer Gardner, with the assistance of Wardens Hatfield and Nickerson, attended closely to the dams on Tusket river and its branches, and these streams were free from obstructions to the passage of fish, except on Carleton river, where the owners of the mill do not