

Let us now look what this 1,500 salmon mean as a benefit to the County. On an average it cost each of those 100 anglers, say for canoes, guides, provisions and outfit, cost of barges, horses and men towing, at the most moderate estimate of \$330 per rod, we have

	\$35,000
Paid to Local Government for leases.....	7,500
do. for leases on private water.....	1,500
do. for guardianship of rivers by lessees and owners.....	6,500
Expressage acct. anglers fish exported 1888.....	1,700
Giving a total for the year's expenses of.....	\$52,200

Two-thirds of this amount expended in the County for what? For catching 1500 salmon. This is only a portion of the benefits the Riparian Rights brought to the Restigouche

The Restigouche Salmon Club started with a capital of \$40,000 and 40 members, some 10 years ago. To day a seat in it cannot be purchased for less than \$5000. Therefore that property alone is worth \$200,000. Fifteen different parties have purchased from the crown and from private owners fishery rights and lands at a cost of \$50,000. Buildings have been erected costing at least \$30,000 on those properties, and costing fully \$2,000 yearly to maintain. This, remember, is only actual cost. What this property might bring in the market when \$50,000 is asked for one, I will not attempt to determine. Some of it, money would scarcely buy.

Add to this the product of the Caspepias, Bonaventure, Pabos, Grand River, St John, York, Dartmouth, Nepisiguit and Jacquet rivers, allow the whole of them to equal the Restigouche River in number of rods, fish caught and expenses, and we have an annual expenditure of at least \$100,000. Whilst they took 3,000 salmon, or 60,000 lbs, the netters took 950,000 lbs. worth \$95,000; but these netters took 47,000 salmon. Therefore the anglers' fish are worth as much to the country as the netters' are, and their money is expended amongst that class who otherwise would not benefit a single dollar by our salmon fisheries. I may be termed egotistical because it is my home, but if my description is overdrawn or incorrect it is open for anyone who chooses to correct me. I do say, without fear of contradiction, that take Chaleur Bay for its cod, lobster and salmon fisheries, and can you find its equal? If so, where? It is just possible it may have an equal, so far as fish-products are concerned *somewhere*! But can it be so easily reached, and within the bounds of civilization as the Bay of Chaleur is—7 days from England and forty hours from New York, with railway and steam communication all through it?

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