

minnows, a couple of flies, a spoon bait and three to five hooks. Thinks pound-nets have helped to destroy bass fishing, but has not seen one lifted for five years; could easily see one lifted. Does not know what they catch.

LAKE SIMCOE.

Alexander B. McPhee, Barrie (page 267) says:—Black bass should be protected for the benefit of the public generally. Would like to see the close season extended to the 1st July. Caught earlier, they are sluggish and not fit for food. They are sluggish even in August. Caught in proper season, prefers black bass to any other fish.

Samuel Wesley, Barrie, publisher (page 274) says:—Black bass are good in September. They are sleepy before 1st July. The close season should be extended till 1st July.

John Hines, Barrie (page 276) says:—The Buckskin Club from Buffalo come to the Severn River in the summer and catch large quantities of bass. The settlers said they caught them in piles and let them lie on the rock. Some places were stinking with fish. They caught them for sport.

GEORGIAN BAY.

Samuel Fraser, Midland (page 231):—Regarding black bass fishing, it is carried on largely by tourists and anglers who catch them in great numbers and throw a great many on the rocks to spoil. This is done by campers out, principally. These fish should have a close guardianship. They are taken amongst the islands where they are not observed by the officers. These tourists are not of much service to the localities to which they come. They bring their supplies and camp out.

J. A. Smith, fisherman, Midland (page 235):—Bass will spawn in May, not so much in June. They may watch their beds and young in June and July, and this would lead to the impression that they were spawning then. Some of the tourists who come up here are very injurious. They catch more bass than they can consume, and fish are left upon the rocks to spoil—sheer wanton waste.

John Yates, fisherman, Midland (page 241):—There has been great waste by persons leaving black bass on the rocks to spoil. Bass are a fish that spoil very quickly unless iced. A close season for bass should be thoroughly enforced.

LAKE ONTARIO.

Daniel McGwyn, Burlington Beach, fisherman (page 303) says:—Black bass are not fit for food in July and August, they spawn from May till June. They are caught in the summer when not fit to use,—in July and August—it is waste to catch them in Burlington Bay before November. It is not the fishermen who catch them, it is the sports. They are wasted. When fit for food they bring 10c. and even 12½c. per pound.

William Depew, fishermen, Burlington Beach (page 308) says:—To catch black bass in July and August is simply a waste of the fish. They are not fit to eat. They do not spawn until June.

Jonathan Corey, Burlington Beach, fisherman (page 311) says:—Black bass are hardly good in August. A first-rate fish in September, October and November. Does not think they should be supplied to the public as food before September. City people troll in the summer and throw away the fish.