

into effect. In order to attain partly that object in the localities of the South Shore of the St. Lawrence and show a good example, the then Commissioner of Crown Lands and one of the claimants, representing also the other claimants, entered into a temporary arrangement suggested by one of the Officers of that Department. It was to the effect that licences would be issued by the Government for the right of fishing salmon in these seigniories to some parties agreed between the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the claimants, under the condition that one third of the amount of rental for licenses and leases should be retained by the Government and the others two thirds should be remitted to the claimants.

This arrangement appears to have existed and worked harmoniously during a good number of years, as it must appear by correspondence which took place. Among other letters, the claimants refer to one dated the 19th december 1863, addressed to the Hon. the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SIR,

With the mutual concurrence of the Hon. P. Vankoughnet (then Commissioner of C. L.) and the Hon. Mr. Tessier, agent for the Seigniories of Rimouski and Métis, (*wherein is vested the droit de pêche*) (meaning the right of fishing) I leased certain fisheries, with the joint understanding that the Seigniors were to receive $\frac{2}{3}$ of the amount of rental, the Government to retain the other $\frac{1}{3}$ to defray any little expense that might be incurred. The inclosed is a letter that I have received in relation thereto.