

R E T U R N

[IN PART.]

To an Address of the House of Commons, dated 4th May, 1868, relative to the state of the Fisheries of the River St. Lawrence, from Rimouski, to head of tide on the South Shore; and from Betsiamis, including River Saguenay, to head of tide on the North Shore; with the Reports of the Agents of the Department of Fisheries, during the last five years.

By Command.

HECTOR L. LANGEVIN,

Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, .

Ottawa, 14th May, 1868.

[In accordance with the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Printing, the Tables attached to this Report are not printed.]

REPORT OF ALFRED BLAIS, FISHERY OVERSEER.

FROM 1ST JANUARY, TO 30TH JUNE, 1867.

To the Honorable the
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following Report :—

According to instructions received from the Department, dated the 8th April, 1867, relative to the Fisheries of the Island of Orleans, I left St. Thomas to proceed thither on the 15th April last.

15th April.—Left St. Thomas and passed the night at Quebec.

16th April.—The rain having ceased in the afternoon, I left Quebec, proceeding to the Island of Orleans on foot, in consequence of the bad state of the roads. I passed the night at St. Pierre de l'Île.

17th April.—I continued my journey, visiting those proprietors who are in the habit of setting up Fisheries, giving them all possible information. I also visited the owners of seines, taking care to make them acknowledge in conversation that their seines had been used in contravention of the law. These acknowledgments were the only means of bringing them to destroy their seines without prosecution. I found this method to succeed everywhere.

The following are the names of the owners of fisheries whom I succeeded in seeing, and also the names of the owners of seines which were by them destroyed in my presence :—