

The number of visitors to the far-famed

NEPIGON RIVER

increases annually, since the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Nepigon is certainly the king of American trout streams, and it is doubtful, if the world has a stream, in which disciples of Izaak Walton can find so much sport. The fishing on this river is good for all time, if the necessary attention be given it; if not the next two years will see it badly depleted. At present American visitors only are charged a nominal fee for the privilege of fishing there. This is not right. If a fee be charged, it should be irrespective of nationality. I think it is clearly the duty of the Government to preserve the stream against the wanton slaughter which so often takes place. An overseer should be placed on the river during the season, who would travel up and down and prevent such practices as are bound to be injurious to the proper preservation of the sport. A thorough-going sportsman does no harm; he will not catch so many fish that they have of necessity to be left rotting on the banks, as has been the case often in the past.

THE CATCH OF LAKE FISH

has been better than usual this season. The fishermen complain of the scarcity of buyers, and the trouble there is to get their product to market. I think the method adopted at other fishing point of building freezers, in which the fish will be frozen and stored until winter, will have to be adopted for all the surplus catch, before the business will prove as profitable as it should.

It has been the custom, and is still, for the

CANADIAN FIRE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION

to charge an additional rate, 50% on all policies issued at what is known as long distance points, which includes Port Arthur. When western business was booming this was not of much importance, but now that it is conducted on as fine a margin as in the east, there is no reason nor is it just that the people of Port Arthur particularly should pay 50% more for their fire insurance than do the inhabitants of eastern Ontario towns of the same class. As it is now, one third of the large amount sent east for premiums should remain in the pockets of our citizens and I estimate that the direct loss annually to this community by such over charge is \$25,000, or an amount sufficient to pay our whole municipal expenditure.

A LARGE AMOUNT OF BUILDING

has been done during the past year, and many handsome new public and private buildings in consequence adorn our streets,