

APPENDIX M.

SYNOPSIS OF FISHERY OVERSEERS' REPORTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, FOR THE SEASON OF 1872.

BROCKVILLE AND CORNWALL DIVISIONS.

JOHN MOONEY, *Overseer.*

JOHN WALLACE, }
HENRY HUNT, } *Guardians.*

Reference to Appendix L. shows a decrease in the yield of fish in this division. Thirty-five barrels of white fish were caught last season but more are reported to have been taken this year. Mr. Mooney accounts for this by the low state of the water in the St. Lawrence, and says that the River was four feet lower this year than it has been known to be for the past thirty years.

NEWCASTLE AND COBOURG DIVISIONS.

SAMUEL WILMOT, *Fishery Officer.*

JAMES H. CAMERON, *Overseer.*

A special report of the operations of Mr. Wilmot, who has charge of the Government Fish-breeding Establishment at Newcastle, will be found in Appendix H.

No report, statistics, or information of any kind has been received from Mr. Cameron during the year.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY DIVISION.

JOHN G. HICKS, }
WM. PLEWS, }
W. A. PALEN, } *Overseers.*
PETER HUFF, JUNR., }
JOSEPH PIERSON, }

Fishing has not been so good as usual in this division, there being a large decrease in the yield of white fish and trout. In some places the fishermen did not set a net, having become discouraged by the gradual falling off for the past two or three years. The opinion is gaining ground, however, that white fish are returning, and that stations recently unproductive, will soon regain their former prosperity. The following tabular statement compiled from the statistical returns of the fishery overseers, shows the yield of the division for the past two years :--

	1871.	1872.
White Fish, barrels.....	1,962	1,449
Trout, "	330	148