

suitable localities; and they recommend that some encouragement should be held out with a view to the attainment of this object.

The Committee beg leave to express their sense of the valuable and important services of Admiral Sir George Seymour, whose judicious measures for the protection of the Fisheries have effected a considerable saving of expense to the Province, and have been attended with signal success.

The Committee call the attention of the House to the annexed Report on the subject of the breeding of fish. The Committee conclude by directing the attention of the House to the very important legal opinion before referred to, in which the right of the Colony to legislate, in respect of the waters adjacent to the Province, is fully asserted. It is evident that the eminent lawyers from whom it proceeded concur in the view entertained by your Committee of the exclusive rights of the Colony to the Fisheries within three miles of the coasts, being a part and portion of the property of the Province—a property of such inestimable value and consequence that the Legislature should at all times, in the most energetic manner, deny the right of any other authority whatever to interfere with the fisheries, or to pretend to transfer them or any participation in them to a foreign power.

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Chairman.

JOHN RYDER,
MARTIN J. WILKINS,
B. WIER,
JOHN J. MARSHALL,
HENRY S. JOST,
HENRY MARTELL,
THOMAS COFFIN.

Subject to the reference to foreign powers participating in the Fisheries, believing that equivalents can be given to make that object desirable. Also, to putting a tax on foreign vessels passing through the Strait of Canso.

B. WIER,
THOMAS COFFIN.

Excepting the recommendation of a tax on foreign vessels passing through the Gut of Canso.

H. S. JOST.

Halifax, 12th March, 1854.