

Professor Prince is, no doubt, the greatest living authority on this subject. He has made our lakes, rivers and fishes a special study. He says "the American methods of fishing without restriction and at all available seasons have been *disastrous to their fisheries and upon strict inquiry of very little injury to ours.*"

"That this has been demonstrated very clearly in Lake Erie and the Detroit River; that our side has been the chief resort for spawners, partly consequent upon the pollution of the waters on the American side. The numerous factories, the sewage, and other deleterious matters cause the whitefish at all times to seek the purer waters on the Canadian side."

This applies to the whole American coast of Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair, the connecting rivers, and one may truthfully say to our entire fishery frontage. From Port Huron to Detroit, Toledo, Sandusky, Cleveland and on to Buffalo, it is now one long succession of large cities and towns, with constant disturbance and pollution of the waters, and unrestricted fishing. The corresponding frontage on the Canadian side is, comparatively, in an all but primeval state.

The fatal policy of endeavoring to emulate the Americans in the destruction of fish is all that has prevented the fisheries in all the Ontario lakes and rivers from maintaining their pristine wealth.

Some great writer has said, "In difficult cases no argument is more effective than examples, the impression is more quick and penetrating than that of words, the possibilities and advantages of performance are made clear."

The Americans being surely our equals in intelligence, the future of the fisheries of the Great Lakes will always be largely influenced by the adoption of well considered regulations by the Canadians. There is in the States at the present time a large and influential party battling, as we should be battling, to put an end to all improper and wasteful methods of commercial fishing.

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