

Ontario Fishery Commission.

George Larouche.—Whitefish spawn 17th to 20th November; some earlier, some later; salmon-trout, 15th to 20th October; pickerel from April to June. Herring should be protected. (p. 104, pt. II.)

Joseph Rocque.—Whitefish spawn early in November; salmon-trout about a week earlier; pickerel spawn in April; bass spawn in June; herring spawn same as whitefish. (p. 105, pt. II.)

Adolphus Martin.—Whitefish spawn about 5th November; salmon-trout about two weeks earlier; pickerel from 25th April to May. (p. 107, pt. II.)

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Nelson Couture.—Whitefish spawn from 1st to 15th November, some earlier, some later; salmon-trout from 20th October to 10th November; pickerel spawn about 15th April to 15th May. (p. 110, pt. II.)

William Kimball.—Whitefish spawn 10th to 20th November; some earlier, some later; salmon-trout, 15th to 25th October; some earlier, some later; herring spawn in November. (p. 112, pt. II.)

Joseph Gauley.—Whitefish spawn from 5th to 20th December; some spawn 20th to 30th November; salmon-trout and whitefish close season should be from 15th November to 1st January. (p. 114, pt. II.)

Angus McLeod.—Salmon-trout spawn 1st to 30th November; whitefish, same. (p. 117, pt. II.)

James Garratt.—Whitefish spawn 20th November; some earlier, some later; salmon-trout, somewhat earlier. (p. 118, pt. II.)

William McLeod.—Salmon-trout in September and October. (p. 121, pt. II.)

Thomas H. Rethanay.—Whitefish spawn end of October and in November; salmon-trout begin to spawn 15th October. (p. 112, pt. II.)

James Gauley.—Whitefish begin to spawn 25th November and on till 10th December; salmon-trout, some begin 25th October and end 5th November. (p. 124, pt. II.)

Michael Neville.—Whitefish are ripe from 25th November to 20th December; salmon-trout are ripe 25th September. (p. 125, pt. II.)

Frank Scott.—Whitefish come to spawn 18th November till 12th December; salmon-trout begin 5th October, and last three weeks. (p. 126, pt. II.)

James Glanville.—Whitefish spawn all through November; salmon-trout from 15th to 31st October; pickerel spawn 1st May. (p. 127, pt. II.)

Peter Calgiosie (Indian).—Whitefish spown whole of November; salmon-trout begin 15th October and on till 15th November. (p. 129, pt. II.)

MESHES OF GILL-NETS.

Another matter referred to the Commission was to inquire into the sizes of the meshes of gill-nets, &c.

On this subject a large amount of testimony was obtained from fishermen and other persons interested. It was found that a diversity of opinion existed amongst fishermen; but where an independent and intelligent disposition was shown by persons who were desirous of maintaining the fisheries and upholding the fishing industry in which they were engaged, it was admitted that the meshes of gill and other nets were too small and had resulted in the destruction of vast numbers of undersized and immature fish. Evidence was given (p. 172, Part I. of Report) that the reducing of the size of the gill-net mesh under the "Fisheries Act" from 5 inches to 4½ and 4 inches, had resulted most disastrously to the salmon-trout and whitefish fisheries in the lakes. By the use of this reduced-sized mesh, the standard of the fish had become lowered in the markets, both as regarding quality and price. In addition to this there was an evident falling off (p. 233, Part I.) in the quantities to be taken from the catch of former years.