

ing all other rights. The means at the disposal of the Department were also inadequate to properly protect the large extent of rivers, estuary and coast. Of course the netters did not like to be curtailed in any manner, and it was impossible to cause the weekly close time to be observed as it required, and as usual in all such cases the officer who attempted to put restrictive regulations in force had to bear the blame.

The concession, however, of Riparian rights in Fluvial waters changed matters wonderfully, and it was soon made apparent to owners of fishery privileges, through the instrumentality of the pocket, it would be their interest to protect, instead of destroy. Consequently the greater portion of these privileges have passed into the possession of American sportsmen.

The Local Government being the largest Riparian owner, only a small portion of lands being granted, divided the rivers into sections, placing on them an upset price and leasing them at public auction for a term of years. Two of those divisions under lease to the R. S. Club, viz., the Kedgwick and Patapedia, could be angled upon for a distance of 30 miles each, but they prefer holding them as breeding streams without disturbing them. For this wise act, which must ultimately benefit other owners and netters, they certainly deserve credit. As to the numbers of rods—who have any vested right to angle—they may be classified as follows:—

Proprietors, purchasers from private parties or from the crown, including members of their families in 1888	39 rods
Rods fishing in 1888 on waters leased from private owners,	13 "
Micmac and Campbellton Club members	18 "
Members of Restigouche Salmon Club	40 "
Total	110 rods

There were not, however, over 100 rods in all the fishing season of 1888, and for which I append their scores near as possible:

Proprietors	Fish	On Leased Waters.	Fish
Restigouche Salmon Club,	499	Messrs. Brayley & Foster,	11
Micmac do.	40	" Jeffers & Hólbrook,	31
Campbellton do.	40	W. J. Florence, as reported in Canadian Sportsman,	96
Sir Geo. Stephen, Metapedia,	45	Messrs. Davis & Brown,	35
Capt. Sweeney,	113	Upsilquitch River Lessee,	50
Messrs. Sage and Lawrence,	67	Messrs Campbell & Starnes,	25
W. P. Clyde,	37		
C. F. Fearing,	60		
J. & A. Mowat,	15		248
Mr. McAndrew,	96		1271
Olcott & Lansing,	52		
Mr. Tapp,	4		1519
Messrs. Wilmot,	158	Fish averaging	21½ lbs
Mr. Rogers,	45		