

have been permitted to accumulate fortunes by making day laborers of our fishermen and depriving the people of Ontario of their rights. The province practically makes nothing and loses everything by this "give away" of our heritage. The very worst disclosures in life insurance circles cannot compare with this mismanagement. Whether the great heritage has been scuttled and pillaged by pirates or allowed to drift upon the rocks by an inexperienced crew, the position remains the same—our fisheries have reached extinction point.

#### THE HATCHERIES ACCOUNT.

For one year, ending June 30th last, \$13,378.27 was expended in maintaining the Newcastle, Ottawa and Sandwich hatcheries. This expenditure has continued annually for nearly forty years, sometimes more, and occasionally a less sum, and the entire output from these concerns has been wasted. The amateur savants in the department who now report upon the habits and condition of the fisheries should be assisted or replaced by some biological expert with special knowledge, enabling him to give a report upon the food and habits of our lake and other fish, with a view to their preservation. This can only be done by a resident officer. Prof. Prince has given us invaluable information. His duties extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but his views would always be of value, and would be freely given in consultation with an Ontario biological expert.

#### AN EXPERT NEEDED.

The necessity for such an officer is too clearly shown in the various Ontario fishery reports. The phenomenal increase of pike in Burlington Bay is there explained by one official by the carp having driven the pike off their feeding grounds. Predaceous fish make their habitat where they can get their food easiest. A biological expert would no doubt explain this phenomenon by finding that the young of the carp had become the food of the pike, and that carp were an attraction for