

Ontario Fishery Commission.

catch ordinary whitefish and occasionally a sturgeon—has seen American tugs take fish from Canadian fishermen direct from the nets, and go direct to the American markets—Sandusky and Cleveland.

John Lang, Port Huron (page 85) says:—Near Kettle Point, Lake Huron, there is 10 miles square of rocky honeycombed spawning ground. There is a great rush of fish to this point. On these spawning grounds the Americans come with their tugs and nets and men and fish right through our close season, whilst the Canadians are keeping the close season. This fishing is wholly in Canadian waters. This was done this year by the Port Huron Fish Company. These American fishing companies claim that by instructions from the United States consul at Sarnia they could fish anywhere beyond three miles from the Canadian shores. These American fishermen fished right through the month of November. They made a wonderful catch of those spawning fish, and on account of the roughness of the season, great quantities of those fish were thrown away as unmerchantable, and many of them rotted in the water.

Capt. *John Craigie*, Goderich (page 89) says:—There is one American tug of 25 or 30 tons down here fishing in Canadian water. The latter part of the fall we have got to stop, and she can fish all she likes. This would be about six or seven miles from our shore; this has also been done at the lakes about Drummond Island.

H. W. Ball, Goderich (page 113) says:—There is great discontent among the fishermen at the present time by Americans being allowed to fish in our waters when we cannot fish in our own.

Capt. *James Inkster*, Goderich (page 106) says:—There is an American tug this season fishing in Canadian waters at Kettle Point. Have seen her.

(Q.)—EXTRACTS FROM SWORN EVIDENCE BEFORE THE FISHERY COMMISSION.

THE BLACK BASS.

LAKE ERIE, ETC.

William Grubb, lighthouse keeper, Leamington (page 40):—Does not think it right for sporting men to angle for bass in the close season. They string them and tow them about all day to see who catches most and then at night throw them away. Most of them are dead. This is done by Pelee Island anglers.

Phillip DeLaurier, Point Pelee, fisherman for 33 years (page 41) says:—Black bass spawn from 20th June, through July.

Gilbert DeLaurier, fisherman 25 years, and fish-dealer 5 years, Leamington, (page 38) says:—They catch black bass largely at Pelee Island. They spawn about June.

Ira Loop, Kingsville, fisherman 25 years (page 36) says:—Black bass spawn late in June.

W. H. Black, fisherman, Kingsville (page 32) says:—Large quantities of black bass are caught by American anglers at Pelee Island. They are caught in June when spawning. It creates discontent among Canadian fishermen.

Henry Smith, Pelee Island, angler (page 45) says:—Angling is carried on on from 15th May to 1st June, and from middle of October to middle of November. They spawn from 1st June till July. They catch from 40 to 400 per day. Fishing is better in June. If they spawn in June it is better not to kill them. The quantity of fish is small to what it was formerly. They fish with one line and several baits. They sometimes catch four at a time, but not often. They have two or three