

LEASING AND LICENSING FISHERY STATIONS.

It will be recollected that, in accordance with the policy of this Department in the past, the undersigned has persistently urged the further extension of this system to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The reasons why it should be done and the circumstances which render the present an opportune occasion to establish some kind of uniformity in the system of controlling these fishing privileges under the *Fisheries Act*, are so fully set forth in my previous reports, that it appears most convenient to refer attention to them again.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. F. WHITCHER,

Commissioner of Fisheries.

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES.

FISHERIES BRANCH,

OTTAWA, 31st Dec. 1875.