

CANADA'S FISHERY WEALTH.

Considerable attention has been recently drawn to the proprietary rights of Canada in the fishery products drawn from waters within her boundaries. Respecting our absolute ownership of those products, and their value, there appears to be some misapprehension, as the measures adopted by Canada to protect her properties from marauders have been spoken of in public as "unfriendly to a foreign country." It is essential to a clear view of this matter for this fact to be fully understood, that the proprietary rights of Canada over the fish living in the waters she owns are indisputable. There would have been no irritation, or little, caused by our effectively protecting our rights, if the American fisheries had also been prudently guarded. But, in the waters of the United States, unrestricted fishing was carried on most recklessly until the fisheries were almost destroyed, as they would be in our waters were there not armed cruisers constantly on the watch. It takes a force of 700 men to keep poachers at bay during the fishing season, and to protect the fisheries from lawless operators during the close season. The movements of foreign fishing vessels, which are incessantly trying to trespass on our preserves, keep our cruisers busy, and call for their utmost vigilance. This being the situation, we submit that those who are perpetually menacing our rights, who are ever on the watch for opportunities to steal the property of Canada, and who do steal it in spite of our diligence, who necessitate our spending over \$100,000 a year in marine police in self-protection, have not the slightest claim to our consideration when they need any form of accommodation for pursuing their operations. The complaints made against Canada for her alleged unneighborliness in refusing to supply bait, stores, provisions, etc., to American poaching vessels, are on par with complaints that might be made by burglars against householders who refused to afford them any assistance in carrying on their nefarious business. American fishermen who are not poachers, who are willing to obey our laws, can obtain a license to purchase "bait, ice, seines, lines and all other supplies" in the waters of Canada, the license being, very justly, forfeitable if such supplies are re-sold to an unlicensed vessel. The table we publish in connection with this shows that, ever since Confederation our fishery harvests have steadily increased in value, the increase in the last twenty years being from \$10,350,000 in 1875 to \$26,719,000 in 1894. A large amount of the increase is the direct fruit of diligent protection given to our own fishermen, and the strict enforcement of a close season. Owing to the neglect of this policy the American shore and lake fisheries have been ruined. Those who revel in large figures will enjoy our calculation based on official returns, that the total weight of fish caught and reported in 1894 amounted to over 300 millions of pounds, salmon constituting about one tenth of this vast total, and herring about a twelfth. Besides edible sea products, a large sum is yearly realized from seals, fish oil, fish guano and other by products. Fisheries which yield annual harvests worth twenty millions of dollars are too important a source

of national wealth and of business to be left to the mercy of those prodigals who, having destroyed their own fisheries by the recklessness of greed, are now trying to threaten or wheedle Canada out of her exclusive rights over her treasures on the sea-board, and on those parts of the great lakes which are owned by this Dominion.

A CHAMPION OF THE JEWS.

THE imputation cast on the Jews as addicted to incendiarism has called out a defence of this race by Mr. Max Dembufsky. He read a paper in "The Evolution of the Jew" at the recent Session of the Fire Underwriters' Association of the North West, in which he eloquently upheld the claim of this people to a high position in all that is honorable citizenship. "If the measure of success in life is determined by such attributes as frugality and thrift, keen intellect, unbounded physical energy, supreme chastity of the female sex, love of family, commercial sagacity, and an exalted regard for honorable intercourse, the Jew," said Mr. Dembufsky, "must be accorded a position in life second to no other nationality. The noblest trait of the Jew, benevolence and charity, is the proudest badge that can adorn the breast." He went on to show how the people of Israel had been made clannish by persecution, but in modern times had assumed every public function, and fulfilled all the duties of citizenship. As to the Jew's alleged love of fire, while 90 per cent. of the wholesale liquor houses in Chicago were owned by Jews, the loss ratio in this business in past five years was only 2 per cent. The Indemnity Exchange of Kansas City insures millions of dollars of Jewish property scattered among the largest cities, yet in all its years it had never sustained a Jewish loss. Mr. C. C. Hine, whose anti-Jew articles provoked the above rejoinder, highly complimented the speaker on the ability of his address. The truth in this matter is this, no more worthy citizens are found, nor abler, than those Jews whose capital is engaged in legitimate, mercantile enterprises. But a certain class of this people, corresponding to a class in other races, are largely drawn into occupations of a more or less doubtful character, where only a very precarious income can be realized, and where consequently the temptations are strong to wrong doing. Men of evil character "most do congregate," Gentiles as well as Jews, in cities like New York, and to lay the blame of their deeds on their race is unjustifiable. In this city we have a number of Jews who are universally respected, whose honor as business men is beyond dispute, and whose benevolence to their own poor as well as to those of other races is indeed, as Mr. Dembufsky said, "the proudest badge that can adorn the breast." Those Jews who engage in incendiarism do not do evil because they are Jews, but because they are a disgrace to their race by unfaithfulness to the moral teaching of the Scriptures which the Israelite as well as the Christian regards as divinely inspired. The official criminal statistics for City of New York report that amongst all the races in that city the Jews have the best record for freedom from offences against the law.