

## LAKES.

The Province of Quebec contains a great number of lakes abounding with fish, chiefly speckled trout, grey trout, bass and whitefish.

In cases where the lands around these lakes are not disposed of, they are leased by the Commissioner of Crown Lands on favorable terms to parties undertaking to protect them from unlawful and excessive fishing.

It is considered advisable that the waters containing fish should be largely under private control, rather than that the Provincial Government should undertake the work of protection.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands is therefore desirous of encouraging as much as possible the formation of anglers' associations, and granting them five year leases of lakes and rivers or portions of rivers, with the view of preventing such destruction of fish as has taken place in the United States, and has begun and would certainly continue here if not checked.

W. W. LYNCH,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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