

12. "Catch small herring and bass, six and seven inches long, they are cast over-board." (p. 68, pt. I.)
13. "Have known *two and three tons of small fish taken out of nets—majority buried.*" (p. 8, pt. I.)

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The following is said in evidence regarding pound-net meshes in Lakes Huron and Superior:—

14. "Uses $2\frac{3}{4}$ -inch mesh in pots for pickerel, whitefish, trout and herring. This will let half pound whitefish through. One pound salmon-trout may get through." (p. 85, pt. I.)
15. "The 4-inch mesh should be used in pots." (p. 113, pt. I.)
16. "The mesh of pots in pound-nets should be the same as gill-nets." (p. 161, pt. I.)
17. "The $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{3}{4}$ -inch mesh is the right one in pots of pound-nets." (p. 207, pt. I.)
18. "Should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh in the pots of pound-nets, the $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{3}{4}$ -inch mesh will catch a great number of small immature whitefish and salmon-trout." (p. 263, pt. I.)
19. "A 5-inch mesh should be used in pound-nets, it will take the large fish and let "the small ones out." (p. 298, pt. I.)
20. "Uses 4-inch mesh in pots of pound-nets." (p. 77, pt. II.)
21. "Uses 4-inch mesh in pots of pound-nets." (p. 79, pt. II.)
22. "Uses 4-inch mesh in pots of pound-nets." (p. 80, pt. II.)
23. "Uses 4-inch mesh in pots of pound nets." (p. 82, pt. II.)
24. "Uses 4-inch mesh in pots of pound-nets." (p. 83, pt. II.)
25. "A 4-inch mesh in pots should be ussd." (p. 92, pt. II.)
26. "The 4-inch mesh in pots of pound-nets is right." (p. 97, pt. II.)
27. "Uses 4-inch mesh in pound-nets." (p. 104, pt. II.)
28. "Uses 4-inch mesh for pots for trout and whitefish." (p. 127, pt. II.)

Regarding the size of meshes in pound-net pots in use in Lakes Huron and Superior the general size admitted to be in use by the fishermen was much larger than in Lake Erie. In summing up the evidence:

The testimony was that 16 used 4-inch mesh.

The testimony was that 3 used $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh.

The testimony was that 2 used $4\frac{3}{4}$ -inch mesh.

Some of the testimony was that the $4\frac{1}{2}$ or $4\frac{3}{4}$ -inch mesh was the right size mesh for the pots of pound-nets.

As matters stand at present in the department, there is no Order in Council to regulate pound-nets, or the meshes to be used in them. There was a circular however, issued on January 9th, 1894, stating that the meshes in the pots of pound-nets, shall be from 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches "extension measure." This could only take effect from January 1894; whereas all the evidence regarding meshes in pound-nets referred to in these pages is in relation to pound-nets previous to 1894, when the regulation mesh for the pound-net was 4 inches and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

From the destructive character of the 2 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh in pound-nets as shown by the testimony of the fishermen using them, it would appear almost imperative for the department to establish by an Order in Council, some proper mesh that would stop the evident destruction of small and immature fish now going on, by the use of the 2 or $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mesh which is permitted by some misconception under the circular of January, 1894.

The testimony abbreviated from the minute in the general report of the Ontario Commission, giving the names and places is hereto appended, in so far as relates to the pound-net question.