

Townships and Seigniories.	Area in Acres.	Not Sold, Acres
Newport.....	53,377	43,457
Grand Pabos Seigniory.....	53,649	16,935
Grand River ".....	17,883	
Percé.....	49,000	17,800½
Malbaie.....	57,300	23,282
Douglas.....	22,700	6,116
York.....	50,000	15,545
Gaspé Bay Seigniory.....	30,311	9,070
Fortin, (outlines not defined).....	5,600	5,600
Rameau.....	13,995	13,210
Baillargeon.....	47,200	29,964
Galt.....	33,800	21,863
Blanchet.....	35,800	30,800
LaForce.....	49,900	49,900
LaRocque.....	56,100	40,737½
DeBeaujeu.....	69,500	69,500
Total area.....	781,635	
	Total not sold.....	457,653

MONTREAL, Dec. 12th, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to transmit to you enclosed two tables, taken from the Report on the fisheries of Canada, 1881, indicating extent of the fishing industry in the County of Gaspé.

I would not take upon myself to speak of the County of Bonaventure ; I leave that duty to my colleague and neighbor, Mr. Riopel.

In table first, you will see that the number of fishing vessels is 40, the number of fishing boats 1,279, the number of fishermen 2,524, and of the other men engaged in the fisheries, called shoremen 1,055, and in all, 3,579 men.

In table second, you will see that in 1881 about 40,000 lbs. of salmon were taken while the catch of codfish was 78,343 quintals (112 lbs), equal to 34,470,920 pounds. thirty-four millions of fresh codfish, as it takes about 440 lbs. of fresh codfish to make one quintal of dry fish, such as is prepared for the Mediterranean and Brazilian markets.

Of common codfish oil 42,254 gallons, but most of it could have been made into medicinal cod liver oil of three times more value.

Herring, 13,160 barrels, and a large quantity of other fish, which are of great value in the fresh state.

I don't think you would find a county in the Dominion, which would offer such resources as regards the fishing industry which might be developed to the utmost extent with communications with the interior of the country ; I mean Railway communication.

I did not bring into account the large quantity of fish of different kinds which are brought from the north shore every year by the many hundreds of fishermen from the Counties of Bonaventure and Gaspé, who resort to that shore. This would greatly add to the carrying trade of a railway in these counties.

I will be able to send you shortly a statement of the quantity of land in each Township of the County of Gaspé traversed by the projected Railway, and the extent of available lands in the back country, both for farming and lumbering purposes.

You have been able to see yourself that the land throughout the County of Gaspé is generally of a superior quality, and look at the extent of it !

There are 2,933,760 acres of land in the County of Gaspé alone, while Prince Edward Island contains 1,365,400 acres, not one half.

Before closing, may I ask you if this letter of information, as well as others that you will receive relative to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway, will be presented to the In-