

Another reason of failure is also to be found in the stormy weather which prevailed during the fishing season to a much greater extent than in 1874. The close season for the several kind of fish were strictly complied with. Railways and Express managers issued strict orders to their agents not to carry salmon, trout or whitefish during the close time. A very few contraventions of the laws occurred in this division, and these were rapidly discovered and effectually punished.

The largest and finest whitefish were caught in Lake Ontario, opposite the Township of Grimsby, and commanded the highest prices on the market. Lake Ontario salmon seemed to attract more attention on the part of fishermen at several places in Lake Ontario. One of these fish, weighing fifteen pounds, was caught at Toronto Island in a seine. Another, weighing two pounds, was caught at Burlington Beach in a herring gill net, and four near Four Mile Creek.

One spawning bed was discovered in Highland Creek last fall. The Big Rouge showed five and the Little Rouge three salmon beds, which is an increase over previous years. The salmon observed in Duffin's Creek were larger and more numerous than usual. Some of the fish noticed by the guardians appeared to be twenty pounds in weight. Sixty-three spawning beds were counted. The River Credit is reported by the local Overseer as being well stocked.

The saw mills on Twelve Mile Creek made alterations and improvements so as to stop sawdust and mill rubbish from falling into the stream.

GRAND RIVER DIVISION.

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The various close seasons were well complied with and appear to give satisfaction to residents. Anglers report this year as having been one of the best for bass and pickerel fishing; and this improved state of things is attributed to the well-timed and well-observed close seasons.

NORFOLK, HALDIMAND AND ELGIN DIVISIONS—LAKE ERIE.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the yield and value of the fisheries in this division.

	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
White Fish, brls.....	235	174	73	182
do lbs.....		21,300		
do No.....		106		
Herrings, brls.....	82	96	163	1,027
Pike and Bass, brls.....	40	114	96	98
Pickerel, brls.....	212	136	129	724
Maskinonge, brls.....		10	19	52
Coarse Fish, brls.....	319	182	65	460
Total	888	812	545	2,543
Value	\$5,044	\$5,063	\$2,781	\$14,652