

"Provided always, that actual settlers shall enjoy the privilege of fishing with a rod and line in manner known as fly surface fisheries in front of their own properties."

And yet after this the hon. gentleman tells the House that the Minister is ignorant, that fish do not go there to spawn, and that this is an invasion of riparian rights. I have shown the ridiculous position in which the hon. gentleman stands in two matters. Let me continue it. I will show the House how much we can depend on that hon. gentleman's great knowledge and great experience, when it comes to a question of temper. The hon. gentleman says that this outrageous Bill contains another more objectionable clause than the one which has been under discussion, and he says it is a terrible thing that any fishery officer may determine the length and place of each net or other apparatus used in the waters of Canada. That was the law in the hon. gentleman's own time.

Mr. MITCHELL. No, Sir.

Mr. TUPPER. That is the law on the Statute-book. That is the law of the Revised Statutes, and the hon. gentleman, if he wishes, can easily see that this is the law that he, himself, administered, or was bound to administer.

Mr. MITCHELL. It is not the law.

Mr. TUPPER. The hon. gentleman says it is not the law, and I do not wish to take up the time of the House by further contradictions. I appeal this time, in proof of what I say, not to the *Hansard*, not to the lease of the hon. gentleman, but I appeal to the statutes themselves, and he will find that, in that respect, there is no alteration, proposed, or suggested, in the present law of this country. The hon. gentleman is very fond of having the adjournment of the House moved, in order to display his wonderful erudition, and to show, if he can, the ignorance of any hon. gentleman who dares to differ from him. I think the next time he ventures to make an explanation of this kind, he should take more time, and exercise more patience, in a careful and calm deliberation of the question.

Mr. MITCHELL. I rise to one explanation.

Several hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. MITCHELL. I have a right to speak when I am misrepresented. The hon. gentleman quotes the lease in which I expressly reserved the riparian right of fly-fishing. The right of net fishing is regulated by the statute and requires no regulation. I stated that I had this reservation in the lease, although I only spoke from memory of a transaction that took place years ago. With reference to this provision which he says I objected to, about giving the fishery officer power to regulate the length of the nets, I may tell him that by statute that has existed for over 70 years. The net fishing from the mouth of the river upward is limited by metes and bounds which cannot be got over.

House divided :

YAYS :
Messieurs

Armstrong,	Edwards,	McMullen,
Bain (Wentworth),	Eisenhauer,	Meigs,
Barron,	Ellis,	Mills (Bothwell),
Beausoleil,	Fiset,	Mitchell,
Béchar,	Flynn,	Mulock,
Bernier,	Gauthier,	Neveux,
Blake,	Gillmor,	Paterson (Brant),
Bourassa,	Gusy,	Perry,
Bowman,	Hale,	Platt,
Brien,	Holton,	Rinfret,
Burdett,	Innes,	Robertson,
Campbell,	Jones (Halifax),	Rowand,
Cartwright (Sir Rich'd)	Kirk,	Ste. Marie,
Casey,	Landerkin,	Scriver,
Casgrain,	Lang,	Semple,
Charlton,	Langelier (Quebec),	Somerville,
Choquette,	Laurier,	Sutherland,
Cotter,	Lavergne,	Trow,

Cook,
Couture,
Davies,
De St. Georges,
Dessaint,
Edgar,
Lister,
Lovitt,
Macdonald (Huron),
Mackenzie,
McIntyre,
McMillan (Huron),

Tureot,
Watson,
Weldon (St. John),
Welsh,
Wilson (Elgin),
Yeo.—72.

NAYS :
Messieurs

Amyot,	Doyon,	Masson,
Archibald,	Dupont,	Mills (Annapolis),
Audet,	Foster,	Moffat,
Bain (Soulanges),	Freeman,	Moncrieff,
Baird,	Gigault,	Montplaisir,
Barnard,	Girouard,	O'Brien,
Bergeron,	Godbout,	Patterson (Essex),
Bergin,	Gordon,	Perley,
Boisvert,	Grandbois,	Porter,
Bowell,	Guillet,	Prior,
Brown,	Haggart,	Putnam,
Burns,	Hall,	Riopel,
Cameron,	Hesson,	Roome,
Cargill,	Hickey,	Ross,
Carling,	Ives,	Rykert,
Carpenter,	Joncas,	Scarth,
Caron (Sir Adolphe),	Jones (Digby),	Shanly,
Chouinard,	Kenny,	Skinner,
Cimon,	Kirkpatrick,	Small,
Cochrane,	Labelle,	Smith (Ontario),
Cockburn,	Landry,	Stevenson,
Colby,	Langevin (Sir Hector),	Taylor,
Costigan,	La Rivière,	Thérien,
Coughlin,	Macdonald (Sir John),	Thompson (Sir John),
Coulombe,	Macdowall,	Tupper,
Curran,	McOulla,	Tyrwhitt,
Daly,	McDonald (Victoria),	Wallace,
Daoust,	McDougald (Pictou),	Ward,
Davin,	McDougall (C. Breton),	Weldon (Albert),
Davis,	McKay,	White (Cardwell),
Dawson,	McKeen,	White (Renfrew),
Denison,	McMillan (Vaudreuil),	Wilnot,
Dessaulniers,	McNeill,	Wilson (Argenteuil),
Desjardins,	Madill,	Wilson (Lennox),
Dickey,	Mara,	Wood (Westmoreland),
Dickinson,	Marshall,	Wright.—108.

Amendment negatived, and Bill read the third time and passed.

ELECTORAL FRANCHISE ACT AMENDMENT.

House again resolved itself into Committee on Bill (No. 4) further to amend the Revised Statutes, chapter 5, respecting the Electoral Franchise.—(Sir John Thompson.)

(In the Committee.)

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I will ask the Committee to return to section 2, and to concur in an amendment to the section which I laid on the Table, and which was debated when the Bill was last in Committee. At the request of hon. gentlemen opposite, we agreed that the revising officer should be restricted, as to the information on which he could make up his list, to official records and to statutory declarations. I think the Committee will agree with me that declarations of that kind, made *ex parte*, should not be acted upon for the purpose of striking a name off the roll. I have, therefore, redrafted the section, for the purpose of enabling the revising officer to avail himself of those declarations for the purpose of making additions to the roll, but omitting the provision that he can use them for striking names off the roll. The Committee will remember the various provisions of the Act providing that the party whose name it is proposed to strike off the roll should be given notice, and the leaning is generally in favor of retaining a name on the list. If the revising officer availed himself of the statutory declaration for the purpose of striking off, the burden of proof would be reversed, without any notice being given to the person affected.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). I think it is to be regretted that solemn declarations, based on information or belief, should be admitted. A father may testify as to the quali-