

ate nothing," neither would we "set down ought in malice." This year, when the fishing privileges were withdrawn from the Indians of the Restigouche, the "Indian Department" gave five hundred dollars for the purchase of nets, to be used in the Indians' behalf. The salmon taken in them were to be sold, and the proceeds divided among the Indians. Two good spots were selected for placing the nets, the stakes were planted, and the nets were to have been superadded, free of cost, when one night in June the stakes were cut down. Can one wonder at the poor fellows expressing their resentment against the treatment they had received at the hands of the Government, and doing so in this simple way? Economically, it was to their disadvantage: for the chances of the first run of fish, which is usually the best, were over, before the stakes were restored and the nets spread: but anger and prudence are often dissociated. The Indians, as our men told us, didn't care for the paltry dollar or two that would come to them from the sale of the fish: they wanted the salmon and loved *their* sport as dearly as the white man prizes *his*. We sympathize with them. If the instinct of sport, which the *savans* say is the inheritance from our savage state, has not died out of civilized man with centuries of culture, how strong may we suppose it still to be in the children of the forest! You cannot drive out nature with a fork or with an Act of Parliament. We have written at greater length than we intended, and have given these facts on trustworthy authority. In some of the details of our figures, we may be subject to correction: the general drift of them cannot be impugned. We will further only say that we expect to see the time when the interests and rights of all parties will be fairly consulted; when the "open" time of our Canadian rivers shall be extended from thirty-six to forty-eight hours per week; when the net-fishing will yield an appreciable revenue to the country, while the fisherman prospers; when the Indian will, under reasonable restriction, rejoice in his traditional sport, and supply his simple wants by the use of the time-hallowed spear; and when in our summer tours, we shall meet many more brethren of the rod than we are wont now to encounter. We believe that the rivers of Canada, properly cared for, can meet all these requirements, and still preserve, for the sportsman's delight, and the people's boast and enjoyment, in the shape of cheap and exquisite fish dinners, the character of being in the very front rank of the salmon-rivers of the world.