

nets placed below the middle of the bank (*écorre*) of any fishery channel. 11thly. That the deposition of a single witness, respecting any breach of the regulations, taken before the Inspector of fisheries, or any Justice of the Peace or Commissioner, should be sufficient. 12thly. That the Indians employed by the whites to make use of nets or seines above the limits fixed for the stands, in any Salmon fishery river, may be competent informers against any person inducing them so to act, and furnishing or causing to be furnished, the nets or seines for that purpose. 13thly. That the Indians, offending against the regulations, being usually unable to pay any pecuniary penalty, may be imprisoned for a stated time. 14thly. That the sworn Inspector be obliged to inspect, or, in case of his being sick, to cause to be inspected, all the stands at least once a week. 15thly. That the said Inspector be strictly prohibited from receiving any present or gratuity whatever, either in money or fish, from the fishermen or their servants or hired people. But all these Regulations will have little or no effect, unless with the effectual concurrence of the Province of New-Brunswick, whence I infer that it would be right, after having prepared the Fishery Bill, especially in what relates to Salmon, to request the Government of this Province to communicate the same to that of New-Brunswick, in order to induce them, after having examined the same, and made their observations, to concur therein.

SATURDAY, 8th February 1823.

Mr. TASCHEREAU in the Chair.

Mr. Nicolas Brunet dit Dauphiné, appeared before your Committee.

Q. Do you know the Cod fisheries of Labrador and Esquimaux Bay, and where do they commence?

A. I know those in the upper parts. They commence at the river Goudebout, thirty-five leagues above the Seven Islands, and continue as far as Esquimaux Bay, and thence as far as the Hanoverian Posts, which are about one hundred leagues farther North than the Esquimaux River. But all that is included within the Government of Lower-Canada, is that part which terminates at the River Romaine, which is about one hundred and thirty leagues below the River Goudebout.

Q. Are those Cod fisheries beyond the River Romaine very considerable?

A. They were not very considerable about thirty years ago when I was there. Fifteen or twenty small craft came thither to fish. They may have increased since that time.

Q. Are the Cod fisheries which are below the River Romaine, and as far as the Hanoverian Posts, and within the Government of Newfoundland, considerable?

A. Yes, as considerable at least as those of Chaleur Bay.