

Superior—have been planted for long periods of years with vast quantities of fine fish, and yet the old plenteousness has not been restored. Incessant over-fishing, and all kinds of destructive fishing, as well as the capture of small, immature fish, has gone on without limitation." And the professor might have added, "with unlimited extension." You will search in vain in the seven annual reports of the Ontario Department of Fisheries to find that these words of warning and wisdom had made any impression. On the contrary, everything that was wasteful and unrestricted was intensified.

#### NEVER TASTE GOOD FISH.

The people of Ontario have very largely emigrated from the British Isles, where they were accustomed to the fishes of the sea. The excellence of our whitefish, salmon trout, pickarel and others of our fresh-water fishes have been unknown to them. The limited supply coming to the cities and towns (even herring) have been so high priced as to be beyond the reach of the masses. The supply has also been undersized, tasteless, soft and spawning. Not one in a thousand has ever tasted a full-grown fish in good condition. No blame can be attributed to the present generation or to the new population of recent years for the little interest they have hitherto shown in the protection and preservation of our lake fisheries. But this throws the greater blame upon the department, where they had full knowledge of the excellence of the fish and the value and extent of the fisheries. Where there should have been activity and careful supervision there was supineness and neglect.

#### SURRENDER TO THE TRUSTS.

The great heritage has been wasted and permitted to be controlled by American trusts. The millions of fish propagated in our hatcheries at enormous expense have been destroyed before reaching maturity. The American companies