

imported from the United States, when the natural conditions in this country are excellent for producing all that is required for home consumption. The Canadian output has decreased from 64,646 bbls. in 1882 to 38,535 bbls. in 1909, in spite of the fact that prices have risen 240 per cent. in the past 20 years. This degeneration of the industry is due very largely to the long-standing dispute over jurisdiction between the Provincial and Dominion authorities, which has left the oyster fisherman in such a state of uncertainty as to his holdings that he will not undertake the artificial cultivation of oysters. The article relates the experiments of other oyster-producing countries and shows that the only means of rehabilitating the industry is by definitely settling the jurisdictional dispute so that oyster culture may be confidently engaged in by private individuals.

Mr. C. W. Gauthier, a practical fisherman, in an article on "Whitefish in the Great Lakes," strongly advocates the establishment of more hatcheries for the artificial propagation of that species of fish. Maps are reproduced showing the area frequented by whitefish in each of the Great Lakes. Following these, is a statistical article on Fish Culture in Canada, which points out that last year only fifty-six per cent. of the appropriation voted for this purpose by the Dominion Parliament was expended. In other articles the fisheries of Manitoba, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia are described and measures necessary for their conservation suggested.

In the section on Game there is a full description of the game and game fisheries in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. This portion of the report will be found of especial value to the sportsman in search of good hunting and fishing territory. At the end of the section a statistical article gives the amount of revenue derived from the fishery and game resources of each province.

The Minerals section of the report opens with a summary of the Provincial and Dominion laws and regulations respecting mining. An exhaustive article on the conservation of mineral resources, by Mr. W. J. Dick, Mining Engineer for the Commission, takes up each mineral of economic importance in Canada, showing the extent of the deposits, the consumption, and the methods of mining; and recommends measures for conservation. Mining accidents in Canada and in foreign countries are fully dealt with in another article and suggestions are advanced pointing out how the heavy death rate in Canada from this cause may be reduced.

The volume is perhaps the most thorough and complete record of investigation and research that has ever been issued by any government in Canada.