

spawned three weeks earlier than in previous seasons. The runs upon which I have heretofore depended for my supply have usually entered during the month of October and beginning of November; these fish did not enter the river at all this season, and I am satisfied from my own observation (having been on the rivers continuously for three weeks) that no run of fish took place after the 20th of September, at which time the freshet was at its height. Finding that all my efforts were availing nothing, I dismissed all the parties except that on the northwest branch, which continued seining at intervals for the purpose of ascertaining whether any fish were coming into the river. Up to the 8th November (on which date I left for Bedford) none had been taken, and I understand a subsequent attempt was made by Mr. Venning and Mr. Hogan, but with similar success.

On the 15th October the twelve fish mentioned above were ready for spawning (over 150 salmon were spawaed after the 15th November, 1874) and I collected from them 60,000 ova, which is the total number laid down in the establishment this season. These, Mr. Sheasgreen informs me, are looking well. The loss so far not having exceeded 1,000. He states that the embryo is now visible in the egg.

The establishment in all particulars was in the best working condition possible when I left for Bedford, and had I been enabled to obtain a full supply of ova I could have warranted a most successful issue.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. B. WILMOT.