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## Miramichi Advance.

### CHATHAM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1877. The Smelt Fishery

The following despatch was received n Saturday last by fishery officer Wyse, from W. F. Whitcher, Esq., Fishery

oner, Ottawa: "Minister decides to allow Smelt fishing free with unlicensed nets actu-ally in use to the middle of February any in use to the middle of rebruary subject to fishery laws forbidding des-truction of young fish which must be restored alive to the water and obstruct-ing channels and keeping nets reason-able distances apart and against leaving able distances apart and against added fish to waste, also restricting catch of all kinds to commercial uses and food, hook and line fishing allowed through-

Smelt fishing matters. SHIPPEGAN MAIL MATTER will have attention next week

CHATHAM'S SHIPPING LIST, in full, vill be found on our first page.

The Chatham Agency of the Bank of Montreal, being about to remove to the new office in Wel-lington St., the Building on Wel-ter Street, lately occupied, is NEW FISHERY OFFICER. -Finlay Mc-

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### The Fishery Inspector's Letter.

of its roughs.

A letter from W. H. Venning, Esq., ceptions of facts and the results of in- aided judgment. correct and interested views, we shall take the liberty of dealing with some of

its points. For more than two years we have found it necessary, in the discharge of self-imposed duty, to appose views entertained or acts due by both the fishery authorities and the fishermen, themselves, and because we have criticised both as we thought right, we have had Canned Mackerel, Lobsters and Chests & Half-Chests TEA. more intelligently treated. When those taxes were reduced, in compliance with 500 POUNDS FRESH BUTTER and the Minister of Fisheries gave his of-"IBERIAN." was stirred up in the County imfrom a departmental stand point, been ascend them in Spring, says:-from a departmental stand point, been guilty of claiming too much for the fishermen, while, in the fishermen, while, in the fishermen while, in the fishermen what some of them were led to think was a contest for their "rights". Another phase of the fishery question now comes up and the Inspector intimates that we are acting from a combination of interested motives and ignorance of the facts, and, if we were not of opinion that when both parties immediately interested are in guilty of claiming too much for the guilty in appearance and having the mesh of seines being entirely within the power of the Department to regulate, the "very large quantities of young bass too small for the market" ought to escape through them.

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As we have given sufficient reasons for our belief that the Inspector's four wholes and ignorance of the facts, and, if we were not of opinion that when both parties immediately interested are both parties immediately interested are larged and the fishermen, while, in the fishermen, while, in the fishermen's way of the market of the mesh of seines being entirely within the power of the Department to regulate, the "very largequantities of young bass too small for the market" ought to escape through them.

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Belgrade, Inholate a time when they cannot be sent to the mesh of 45 feet. Several passengers were badl WINCEYS! Hair Pins and Combs! both parties immediately interested are uselessly exterminated EVERITT & BUTLER,

ers who do not agree with him.

cisely as in Napan. I informed all persons fishing with bag nets, or interested in their use, that they were illegal, except under License, but that under the circumstances of the sudden growth of this fishery, and the absence of any specific regulations bearing upon it, I would not enforce the law until I had reported all the facts to the Minister and received instructions from head quarters; and I advised them to apply at once for Licences. In doing this I do not see in what way "my zeal got the better of me." better of me."

As our informant was W. H. Ven-

ning, Esq., himself, and he said most distinctly that he had prohibited smelt fishing with bag nets in Bathurst har-Editor" Miramichi Advance." Chatham. N B. Esq., of Derby, and the editor of the AD-VANCE in a conversation at the front door of Mr. Phillip Murphy's house in

Napan on Thursday, 28th Dec.-just three weeks ago to day. Notwithstanding Mr. Venning's ideas respecting the pleasures and profits of fishing for smelts with a hook and line through holes in the ice in our rigorous climate, we have good reasons to assume We observe that the News character- that he has not made out a case against ises the above despatch as ambiguous, hag nets if fished under some such reand stating that Inspector Venning, to he - very disingeniously, we think, whom it applied for an interpretation, -has omitted to deal with in his letter. was equally incapable of construing it. The fact that a few bag nets are used in We presume the News failed to put its so large a place as the area covered by questions on the subject as clearly as it the smelt fishing grounds of Bathurst should have done, or the Inspector harbor, does not prevent hook and line would have enlightened it. The des- fishing by those who either hold Mr. patch is not considered ambiguous by Venning's high opinion of its enjoyments officer Wyse or any other person who and profits, or are too poor to provide can understand English, and the News' themselves with nets. Poverty and impertinent remarks respecting some- want are subjects which very properly body being asleep at head quarters are excite our sympathies, but the Inspecaccording to law and the instructions vert them into a reason for preventing received from Mr. Whitcher, who as legitimate fishing, They lose their hold well as the Minister, seems disposed to upon our sympathies when they are act intelligently. We hope the Depart- made engines for the oppression of those ment will not allow itself to be alarmed | who are not poor, and the Inspector of ing than the fact that the extremely poor cannot afford to indulge in it. We presume, however, that our valued correspondent has satisfied himself that there is no lack of additional argument in his letter, so we turn to what he says on the subject of species, reproduction,

The Inspector is a positive man. He powers vested in them. Dominion Inspector of Fisheries for field for intelligent enquiry, and we strongly of the theories of a positive New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, ap- have, at times, felt that the Inspector has mind unaccustomed to the discipline pears in this issue of the ADVANCE and marred some of his best purposes and and light of discussion on equal terms. as it is intended to show that our edi- intentions as an officer, by stubbornly In dealing with our article on the torial articles of 4th inst. on "Pro- adhering to prejudices which might bass question the Inspector is categoritection of the Smelt Fishery" and "Bass have been removed by necessary en- cal and we will, as briefly as possible.

fishery" were the offsprings of miscon- quiries and less reliance on his own un- deal with the "facts" as they are pre our motives misunderstood, and that Inspector does. We referred to the writer opened and carefully examined to a great extent. When we directed by all the evidence that we can gather -- contained ova. Four contained milt, our efforts towards showing that the and until the Inspector gives us some- but it showed no sign of ripeness, being taxes imposed on the catches of salmon and bass in the Spring of 1875 were ex-shall treat it as the best on the subject quiries among those engaged in the bass orbitant, and especially so in view of -in continuing to believe that smelts fishery in Napan, together with our own the riparian privileges which had long spawn from about the first week in Jan-experience, therefore, lead us to the conbeen enjoyed by many of our fishermen, uary until May and even June. We clusion that breeding or mature fish are we know that the Inspector differed know that the Bathurst smelts are of scarce in Napan in May. It is also a from us and that our motives for what larger size than those of the Miramichi, fact not to be disputed that the bass any more than the fact that Cascapediac in the Northwest. salmon being larger than those of the the prayer of the fishermen's petitions Miramichi, proves them to belong to a difthat the bass caught in Napan in the have at least secured attention." rian privileges should be respected, we ty, which we never referred to at all, Northwest in the winter. were blamed by some of the fishermen and we wonder at the manner in which satisfied with the Department's position asserting that the variety at Bathurst fish" as mentioned by the Inspector in the matter, and especially so because was the same as that at Napan, etc. under head of "first fact," they would guided by the light of legal decisions He may rest assured that we are quite be very poor food fish, and their capand the common rights of every British | well aware of the difference in variety, ture and destruction would be as "tersubject—we opposed the absurd and and he ought to know that it is one dewicked "riparian rights" agitation which pending on place and not on season, as is carried on the Northwest and Main mediately after, and has practically end- however, referring to the "run" of smelts fact" the Inspector ought to be coned as we said it would. We have, thus, now in our rivers and those which vinced that his premises are not entire-

Inspector as well, perhaps, as from oth- upper Miramichi waters and observe the for food, we cannot see the difference fish as they are taken from the rivers between catching a breeding bass in The Inspector appears to have a bad he will see that they are "black backs," March and in May. In both cases the but Jack Frost seizes them almost as progeny are destroyed and if that is to Your informant was in error in stating that I had "decided not to allow fishing for smelts in Bathurst harbor with bag nets similar to those in use in the vicinity of the Miramichi." In Bathurst I did precisely as in Napan. I informed all persons the reverse which empty themselves near the same times which would render protection smelt is also visiting us, but it frequents the rivers which empty themselves near destroyed and it that is to soon as they are on the ice and converts them into "greenbacks," and very pale protection and no fishing—a state of ones at that. The "silver backed" smelt is also visiting us, but it frequents the rivers which empty themselves near destroyed and it that is to be entirely prevented we must have all protection and no fishing—a state of ones at that. The "silver backed" smelt is also visiting us, but it frequents the rivers which empty themselves near destroyed and it that is to be entirely prevented we must have all protection and no fishing—a state of ones at that. The "silver backed" smelt is also visiting us, but it frequents the rivers which empty themselves near destroyed and it that is to be entirely prevented we must have all protection and no fishing—a state of ones at the rivers which empty themselves near destroyed and it that is to be entirely prevented we must have all protection and no fishing—a state of ones at the rivers which empty the rivers which would render protection. the rivers which empty themselves near- destruction of Bass caused by seining er the pure salt water, which accounts for Gaspereaux we have nothing to say for that variety being found at Ba- at present, further than that the Dethurst. The Inspector misinterprets partment should make every effort to us when he makes us appear as as- visit such offences with such punishserting that the same smelts now in ment as would make their practice very our rivers continue in them all winter. unprofitable. Do we understand the We intimated the spawning season was Inspector to mean that because some from January to June. The fish which rascally fishermen will not let bass go spawn in January return to sea to feed when they are caught in their gasper-

codfish, haddock etc. (not herring or eaux seines out of season, the gaspermackeral, however, as those fish do not eaux fishery with seines ought to be eat smelts) and, with the next full tides stopped? We are not well up on this come another run which spawn and go part of the subject just yet and only bor-"stopped it altogether"—we took to sea again, to give place to the next ask for information. it for granted that he meant what he run. The fishermen know that these The Inspector's statement that "over nets similar to those in use in the vicinity ed in all their petitions on the subject. asid. As however, we now have the monthly "runs" of smelts may be exnine tons of Spawning Bass were taken in close of Sp said. As however, we now nave the monthly "runs" of smelts may be expected and they prepare to catch them.

Napan last winter" is an exaggeration fishing with bagnets, or interested in their the time the spring smelts come. All this formant was in error in the matter and It is a fact generally known, also, that which we cannot too strongly condemn. that he did not prohibit bag-net fi hing the fuller the tides the greater the bulk When a fishery officer in Mr. Venning's in Bathurst harbor, we cheerfully withof fish, not because there are any less
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"if left to the tender mercies of the tor sought to know that the proattention to the mode by which protection to the mode by the mode professing that it cannot understand it strictions as we proposed, and which sire on the part of the fishermen to catch S. markets, and had therefore to be put and agricultural operations,) earning from in regard to Miramichi and Bathurst stronger argument against bag net fish-

a matter on which there can be no man- and that the size of the mesh be regulat- ence to allay and harmonise them, as at times, to treat others, who may have such regulations and suggested that larities, as if they were incapable of the Inspector given us his ideas on those ments of facts and the administration of fullest knowledge of subjects which be that are to follow a state of natural and number." long to a class presenting a very wide other facts which partake a little to

sented by him. We, therefore, say-The Inspector tells us "your perso- Reply to "first fact" :- On the 24th "nal observations and the evidence of May 1875, when the question of extend-' their attention are very much at fault lower Miramichi waters was being dis-" in supposing that the Smelts now be- cussed, the writer, accompanied by one ing caught at Bathurst are of the same of the best angling sportsmen of the "variety as those that ascend your rivers | Miramichi, proceeded to Napan and "in May and June to spawn, and on brought to Chatham about twenty bass "this error your whole argument is out of a hundred or more which were " based." We did not put it just as the taken in that river with a seine. The

ferent variety. It is, however, the In- Spring have not previously been caught

he erroneously states. The Inspector, River, but from our reply to "first

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Believing you to be sincere in making this assertion of a reshould take no further active interest smelts he would not, we believe, have River in the month of May, for we know far in concessions to the Porte, and that statement, I will now mention a few de- volver at a man named Johnston, who in the matter. Believing, however, that written the above. Practical smelt the contrary to be the case, but we beinder the circumstances, it is our duty fishermen will tell him that the smelts lieve the proportion of them taken face of Turkey's delay and resistance were can very readily convince youself with but After shooting at Johnston he discharged to follow this matter up, we shall not be deterred from an attempt to hold our frequenting Napan River, Black River, the Nothwest only a few weeks earlier pared the force of its collective action.

Interest Fact.—

Contrary to the dignity of Europe and impared the force of its collective action. own ground, regretting, at the same and the other upper tidal waters of the in the season, and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and we must confess the interpretation of the season and the other upper tidal waters of the interpretation of the season and the other upper tidal waters of the interpretation of the season and the other upper tidal waters of the interpretation of the season and the other upper tidal waters of the interpretation of the season and the other upper tidal waters of the interpretation of the season and the other upper tidal waters of the interpretation of the season and the other upper tidal waters of the interpretation of the season and the other upper tidal waters of the interpretation of the interpretation of the season and the other upper tidal waters of the interpretation of the inte

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We are quite as anxious as the Inknow that the returns in his own(or the labor and ex-

fishermen themselves, its fate is not portion of breeding fish would not be past month, and seen the poorest class of fish to an extent which endangers the on the markets of Chatham, Douglas- \$1 to \$3 per day, cash in hand, you would

tant office. Dairmaid, Esq., of Napan, has been ap- is strong in assertion and, too often. We proposed, in one of the editorials Those who think that the Advance bag net must make on the breeding fish as few joint owners. They took the bulk of pointed Fishery Warden for Napan and Black River. which the Inspector has reviewed, that to say a thing is so, it thereby becomes bag-nets for catching smelts be legalised County, instead of using its influ-OUR TELEGRAPHIC NEWS is not as ner of doubt. Unfortunately, also, for ed so as to provide for the escape of the the Inspector intimates in closing his prolific as it is, will, in a very few years. tons of spawning Bass were taken in Napan, full as usual this week, most of it being crowded out by matters of more local he were the sole and exclusive custohe were the sole and exclusive custodian of all experience and knowledge of
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parts for food—be prohibited.
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Not only are the full grown parent nsn
destroyed, at the very time when they
should be protected,—during their spawnkeep them frozen, and they were put given as great study and attention as he others might be added to them. It leges,"on the other, we see nothing to be killed by wholesale. This burning of the town, Newcastle, Nelson, Bathurst and to certain fishes, their habits and pecu- would have been as well, we think, had gained by anything short of plain state- candle at both ends must soon consume it. other places, and under cover of this conforming intelligent opinions, on them. propositions in place of marring a letter such advice to both as we may be able valuable addition to our exports, and a Such a characteristic must, of necessity, which contains some excellent points by to give, with a view of securing "the great boon to the poor, it becomes a questime was evaded in the North West, that prevent its possessor from obtaining the highly-colored pictures of consequences greatest good to the greatest possible tion of the greatest importance how best possible tion of the greatest possible tion of the greatest importance how best possible tion of the greatest possi

### TELEGRAPHIC

MONTREAL, Jan. 11 .-- The annual meet-

the streets of the city have dispersed. The political situation is without change. LONDON, Jan. 11.—Reports from the be decisive. \*

The Post makes the following announce-Reply to "second fact."-We admit have been telegraphed to the Porte, which ligent Editor to educate them up to more \$100,000 to induce him to plead guilty.

> will leave next week. New York, Jan. 12.—Near Alexandria. tion against both these practices,—and broken rail. Fifteen passengers were in-

not make further enquiries before acting upon what may be erroneous imwerther a curt despatch, criticising the seines in the lower waters to any damaging upon what may be erroneous imwerther a curt despatch, criticising the

### Correspondence.

breeding fish-some of them having dep

then in very poor condition, and all the rest

simply to examine a bass taken in the month

of May, and the whole question is settled.

As you cannot now get a May Bass, it is only

necessary for you to examine the ovaries of the large female Bass now being 'taken

in great numbers on the North West, and

judge, from their present state of develope-

ment, what will be their condition four

Second fact. - The Bass caught in Napau

in the Spring are those that have escaped

previous winter. These fish go there to

feed on the first run of "black-back" smelts

people know this, and the fact is mention

Third fact. - The taking of this fish in any way at that time and in their condition.

is not only destroying a very poorfood fish,

very existence of the species in the river.

Fourth fact. - In addition to the mature

parent fish and all their progeny thus des-

troved while in the very act of procrea-

tion, the seines then used destroy very large

This, I think, needs no further proof.

months hence.

ed their spawn and milt, and con

There can be no particle of doubt of this fact--it is easily verified--there is no mystery

### Letter from the Inspector of Fisheries.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. SIR. -In your issue of the 4th inst. editorial articles on the "Protection of the Smelt Fishery,"and on the "Bass Fishery,"contain some errors, which, with your the terrible overfishing pursued in the permission, I would like to correct, and I will feel obliged if you will give the folprevious winter. These fish go there to lowing remarks a place in your next issue. Your informant was in error in stating that enter Napan and Black Rivers on the that I had "decided not to allow fishing breaking up of the ice. All the Napan for smelts in Bathurst harbor with bag use, that they were illegal, except under is so easily proved that I think it unness

spector can possibly be to have our smelt fishery protected and while it is, doubtless, true as Mr. Venning says, "that less, true as Mr. Venning says, "that in Napan last winter? The Inspection Bathurst harbor any day during the honestly deny. mercial fish. This, no Napan man car "fishermen themselves, its fate is not adoubtful one," there is an undoubted ed tendency on his part to pay too little ed tendency on his pay too little ed tendency o attention to the mode by which protection is secured. We hold that the detion is secured. We hold that the description is secured. We hold that the description is secured. We hold that the description in this fishery.

Somewhat and had therefore to be put and agricultural operations,) earning from this fishery.

But, Sir, this wholesale destruction of But, Sir, th existence of a particular fishery is more town, Newcastle, Nelson, Bathurst and probably think it not bad remuneration to which this valuable fishery is exposed. excusable than the adoption by an In- other places, and that bass were then for the work of that class of people. Seeing The practice of seining for Gaspereau in spector of harsh or ill-considered means | illegally caught in the Northwest river | this, and seeing also the great destruction | the Spring kills large numbers of spawn to prevent it, for while fishermen, as a rule, are not qualified to "trammel up the consequences" and cannot therefore the consequences are the consequences ar be expected to look far beyond their own immediate interests, an intelligent officer should make due allowance for such a state of things and be careful to do nothing by guess-work, which may as fiction. While it is true that a pordo nothing by guess-work, which may as fiction. While it is true that a porbody being asleep at head quarters are entirely uncalled for. The Smelt fishentirely uncalled for the method of the supposing that the Smelts has an effort been made to stay this waster and the supposing that the Smelts has an effort been made to stay this waster. upon him as anything but a friend. well known that most of them were con now being caught at Bathurst are of the same ful work. Our experience leads us to believe that veyed to Burnt Church and frozen by variety as those that ascend your rivers in You think it is hardly fair to deprive reasonable but firm treatment by public the patent process at Messrs. Loggie and May and June to spawn, and on this error the lower parts of the County of "priviofficers will almost always command the Anderson's or Morrison's establishments your whole argument is based. They are leges." But is it fair that those "privirespect of the people, and fishermen are there. Those gentlemen would, pro- a distinct variety from these, differing leges" should be enjoyed by a comparament will not allow itself to be alarmed by either the News or its correspondents who are not poor, and the Inspector of the people, and named and having very by nomeans an exceptional class. While by either the News or its correspondents who are not poor, and the Inspector of the people, and named and having very by nomeans an exceptional class. While the best judges as to whe greatly in appearance and having very different habits. They are now either the most valuable resources of the people, and named are not people are not peop one of the most valuable resources of the we, therefore, agree with the Inspector ther nine tons of in-conditioned that "it is one of the duties of an intel"ligent editor to educate the mass of the mass "the people up to more intelligent the Inspector is not happy in his judgwe have said enough to show, the people up to more intelligent the Inspector is not happy in his judgrivers for six months of the year, as you say, but will return to sea soon after desay, but will return to sea soon after dein prime condition as food, and are bringing the duty of those charged with the control of class, as well as general interests to further the efforts of such editors by an equally intelligent exercise of the unfortunate one for a man in his impor- This being the case, you will readily pre- last Spring, and a few stake nets. These ceive how great a drain the destructive four seines were worked in company by a fears indeed that this variety of the Smelt,

be quite exhausted, if the present wasteful \_\_the great bulk of this large quantity by -but the half grown ones are on the home markets of Chatham, Douglas As this fishery promises to be a very cession to the Napan people, I have only

to protect and foster it. I suppose you are well aware that if left to the tender and Chatham as Napan fish. Of course mercies of the fishermen themselves, its the officers could not detect the wrongfate is not a doubtful one. doers, and could not distinguish which tist

All your reasoning on the great fecun- were caught in Napan. ing of the Montreal Telegraph Co., was held to-day. The President read the an-supply, and the impossibility of exhaust-leave you to draw your own conclusions. nual report which showed that during last ing it, being based on the false premises I from them, and I earnestly hope these year the company had realized a profit of have above pointed out, the conclusion you conclusions will lead you to give your aid \$141.563, out of which dividends amount- have arrived at is fallacious. The des- and assistance in abating the serious evils ing 71 per cent. had been paid, besides a truction of the smaller variety of smelt I have pointed out and in protecting the large sum at the credit of the contingent that comes into your rivers to spawn in tishermen of Miramichi from their own account, and the statement of the assets the months of May and June, is most fool- stupid greed and short sighted ignorance. "those who have given the subject ing the season for bass fishing in the and liabilities shows the company to be in ish and reprehensible, and if your people I was brought up in Miramichi till my a favorable position. The directors elected for the ensuing year are Sir Hugh Allan, fisheries, they would perceive that the Dr. G. W. Campbell, Andrew Allan, Peter vast quantities of spawning smelts des- one of the oldest anglers on the South Redpath, Hon. E. G. Penny. The assets troyed for the purpose of impoverishing the West Branch, and know intimately what as valued show a large increase on the land, is depriving the deep sea fishes, such the state of the river and its fisheries has capital of the company. The increase of as the Cod, Mackerel, Bass, Haddock, been for the last 35 years. I assisted to offices during last year was eighty-one. Pollock, Herring and others, of the food draft the Provincial Liaw of 1863 in the New York, Jan. 11.—Dr. Charles that brings them to the coasts. As food time of Governor Gordon, and I watched Phelps, has been committed to jail for producers for these fish, the smelts are of its working and its defects until it was resing so, what there was of reason and smelt generally and not to Bathurst seven of the largest fish, which averaged thirty days for retusing to testify before far more value than as a fertilizer, and placed by our present Fisheries Act. I can right in our utterances was lost sight of smelts in particular, and we are justified five pounds weight each, and not one the grand jury in relation to the late duel. their wholesale destruction will most as-In obedience to the request of General suredly be followed by the failure of the the fisheries of the Province, except to do Auger, commanding the Federal forces in outside fisheries. If your people were the duties of my office, which is a most New Orleans, the armed bands parading alive to their own interests they would not onerous and thankless one, in a manner permit this stupid waste of the most at- creditable to myself and beneficial to them. tractive bait that your River produces, but would protect and foster it with jeal-men generally, and particularly those of East indicate that to-day's Conference will ous care, knowing that when smelts are my native County, to catch more fish than abundant on the coasts and in the Bays, they now do, and to leave the fisheries, the deep sea fishing is always good, and greatly improved, as a rich heritage to ment very prominently :- "We have that when they are scarce, it is always their children. This result is possible, but we then said were unjustly impugned in quarters where they should have been in quarters where the quarters where in the last few days urgent representations I consider it one of the duties of an intelenlightened views. Until a more healthy lead to efforts of one section to get an OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—Mr. Barber, the state of public opinion and feeling is brought advantage over another, but they should ficial assurance that the fishermen's ripa
spector who raises the question of varieby the fishermen of the Main River and

Montreal Bank embezzler, pleaded guilty

about by an enlightened press, I almost not influence an intelligent journalist, yesterday, at Toronto, and was sentenced despair of seeing our fisheries as production nor lead him to champion either section at

county are much to be deplored, since they Reply to "third fact" :- If the fish to five years penitentiary. It is rumored tive and profitable as they might become. the expense of the resources of the whole because we did not continue to be dis- he attempts to put us in the position of taken in Napan in May were "mature that parties implicated with him gave On the subject of your other editorial county. While it is true that the Napan article, viz: the Bass Fishery, I beg leave people cannot, from natural causes, share in MONTREAL, Jan. 12. — About fifteen to make the following remarks. You say, the benefits of the bass fishing, it is also true French immigrants, who claim to have the questions, whether Bass ought to be that the main river and North West people been brought out by false pretences leave taken in Napan and Black Rivers, up to the cannot participate in those of the melt fish to-night for France, aided by the Govern- 25th May, and whether seining for Bass ery, and the latter, under judicious regulament and the French societies here. More in those rivers ought to be allowed, tions, will soon exceed the former in value are being agitated, growing out of a Peti- so that, in this case, the gifts of a beneficient Providence are fairly distribute Va., two sleeping cars on a passenger train | you add that if such a Petition is being | and each section should, without jealousy were thrown down an embankment by a circulated, it will turn out to be from the or strife, join the other in fostering and people of the North West and South West | protecting the blessings they severally en to prevent Bass from going into the market joy; each should aid the other in conservat a time when they cannot be sent from ing and perpetuating for their children the sources of wealth in which they themlearn that at length a portion, at least, of your people are opening their eyes to the your people are opening their eyes to the fact that this fishery, in common with all these local jealousies, should use its in fluence to allay and harmonize them. I am, sir, your obedient servant,

W. H. VENNING Inspector of Fisheries St. John, Jan. 9th. 1877.

At Guelph, Ont., on Wednesday evenmonstrable facts, of the truth of which you was on the street with Baker's wife,the revolver three times at the woman. First Fact.—All the mature bass taken Jealousy was the cause of the act. None in Napan and Black Rivers from the open- of the shots took effect. Baker was ing of navigation to the 25th of May are promptly arrested.