

plan of sounds and intervals, forming words, would in a great degree be as intelligible to the properly initiated, as Morse's mode of telegraphing by electricity; and we have little doubt, when his suggestions on this head are mooted to scientific minds on the other side of the Atlantic, they will be taken up and established as indispensable precautions against collisions at sea in foggy weather.

"Mr. Foulis' plan of different sounds and intervals at different Light Stations on land, is on the same principle as revolving lights with different colored glass, but having the advantage of making them also telegraphic.

"Respectfully submitted.

J. H. GRAY.
GEORGE KERR,
JAMES BOYD.

Committee Room, 11th April, 1864."

Ordered, That the Report be accepted.

Mr. Williston, from the Committee appointed on the 18th day of February last, to take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries, submitted their Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

"The Committee to whom were referred all matters relating to the Fisheries of the Province, beg to make the following report—

"The Committee have had under their consideration the Petition of George and Alfred Smith, Samuel L. Bishop, James Smith, and ninety seven others, inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying a repeal of that part of the Fishery Act of last Session, and Regulations made thereunder, which lays a tax upon Salmon Nets, and requesting the notice of the Legislature to number eight of the General Fishery Regulations.

"Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition, and the Members of Gloucester, as also Mr. End, a Gentleman from the County, in reference to the allegations set forth therein, and notwithstanding their strenuous advocacy of the Petition, your Committee cannot at present recommend the repeal of the Law, exacting a tax on nets, on two grounds,—first, that the Law having been in operation but one year, it cannot possibly have had a fair trial, and—secondly, as the principal has been clearly established and recognized by the House, that in the protection and preservation of the Fisheries, those engaged in the business should, to some extent, contribute to their protection; in this view of the case, the Committee cannot recommend any alteration in the Law and Regulation in that respect.

"Your Committee have examined the second ground of complaint as set forth in their Petition, in which the Petitioners complain that as Rule No. 8 prohibits the erection or setting of traps or engines in the Counties of Gloucester, Northumberland, and Kent, within three miles of the mouth of any River, Bay, or Inlet; and as from the peculiarity of the Coast of Gloucester, indented by so many Bays, Rivers, and Inlets, that regulation amounts to a prohibition of the Fishery; your Committee recommend that the number of miles be reduced to two.

"Your Committee observe that the County of Restigouche is omitted from Regulation No. 8, which omission is stated to have been supplied by local legislation. Your Committee are of opinion, and recommend that the same Regulations should be established for all the Counties on the Bay Shore. Your Committee have ascertained that the duties of a Warden in this County, over Districts No. 9 and No. 10 are very laborious, extending over a long sea-board, with a number of extensive Rivers running into the County,