

Federal Government introduce a system of hatcheries and unrestricted fishing to supply the Americans with 95 per cent. of the catch, and our fishermen reduced to a condition little better than that of "the man with the hoe"? The suggestion is too absurd for a moment's consideration.

ONTARIO'S THREE HATCHERIES.

There are now three hatcheries in Ontario. The first was founded by the late Samuel Wilmot in 1867, at Newcastle, and purchased by the Government of that day. Another is at Sandwich, on the Detroit River, founded in 1876, and one at Ottawa, in 1890. From these three hatcheries 600,000,000 whitefish, salmon trout and pickerel fry have been planted in our Ontario waters, and where are they? All that survived to be as large as herrings were caught in our fishermen's small-meshed nets and shipped to the States.

INADEQUATE RESULTS.

It is not possible to report any satisfactory results from the planting of these millions of fish in our waters, nor can any return of any kind be discovered to warrant this great expenditure of money. On the contrary, up to this date it has been an encouragement to the American trusts to keep control of our fishing industry, and rake in the "substantial profits." If the great heritage can now only be preserved to us through the instrumentality of hatcheries, a clean sweep must be made of the present wasteful system of fishing and export prohibited of all fish artificially propagated.

AN EXPERT OPINION.

In reference to this, Professor Prince says: "As I have repeatedly pointed out in various Blue-books, it is useless to expect results in artificial stocking of rivers and lakes unless proper protective measures are taken to prevent the fish being exterminated. The Great Lakes—Erie, Ontario, Huron and