

lead to the river. Not having received any instructions in regard to it at this time I had a screen made to cover the mouth of the pipe, the last and all previous screens having been broken and torn away by the flow of ice, which is very heavy here in the winter. The screen is working well at present, and I expect that I will be able to get along admirably well with it this winter.

From information received from the different fishermen along the Detroit River, I have every reason to believe that the catch of whitefish this year will be much greater than that of last year, but as the fishing season is not more than half over, I cannot give as adequate a report as might be required at the present time of writing, but will send it on when spawning time is over.

ADDENDUM.

SANDWICH, 20th December, 1884.

The spawning time of whitefish is now over, and I send my report of this fall's operation in collecting eggs, as promised.

The catch of whitefish this fall has been somewhat in advance of that of last season, and from every information received from a majority of the fishermen along the Detroit River, I am given to understand the catch has been quite satisfactory. Of course there have been some grounds that had a smaller catch this fall than last, and in consequence caused some fishermen to be dissatisfied; but if the catch had been three times what it was, these same men would have been grumbling because they did not catch still more. On the whole, the catch is an increase from that of last fall. I have just filled the hatchery with ova from the following grounds, from which I secured fifty million eggs. The numbers of whitefish eggs at each place are as follows:—

McKees, Bois Blanc Island.....	25,000,000
Reume's, Stony Island.....	24,000,000
Meloche's, do .....	1,000,000

Making the total now in hatchery..... 50,000,000

These eggs are looking well and are in a healthy condition. The improved "Wilmot jars," which we are using, do their work so well that it is very easy to detect the bad eggs in the glass incubators. On this account I expect to turn out a very large percentage of the ova now in course of hatchery.

Enclosed with this report of my proceedings will be found a memorial signed by most of the principal persons residing here, setting forth their views with regard to the benefits realized from the work done at this hatchery.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. PARKER,

Officer-in-Charge.

MEMORIAL.

SANDWICH, 11th December, 1884.

To the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries :

We, the undersigned members of the Councils of Sandwich Town and Sandwich West Township, and principal fishermen along Detroit River, and others, interested in the welfare of the County of Essex and its industries, do feel a deep interest in