

The following statement of the fish taken in 1867, on the New Brunswick shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence along which the Northern Central Line will pass, compiled from returns obtained from that painstaking and indefatigable officer, Mr. W. F. Whitcher, of the Fisheries Department, will serve to show the extent of this interest at the present time :—

1,386,000 lbs. Salmon @ 10cts.	\$138,600
29,205 barrels Wet Fsh @ \$3,	87,615
20,359 qtls. Cod..... @ 3,	61,077
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	\$287,292

But if we take from the same returns, as we have a perfect right to do, in considering the effect of the Northern Central Line on the fisheries, the quantities caught in Bonaventure, Gaspé and Rimouski, they will show as follows :

	Dry Fish.		Wet Fish.
Bonaventure,....	10,076	102,336
Gaspé.....	113,699	21,782
Rimouski.....	1,598	4,102

Besides which Rimouski sends fresh to the markets of Canada 393,228 lbs., Gaspé, 2,783 lbs., Bonaventure, 6,387 lbs.

From this statement it will be seen what the Northern Central line will do for this vast region, so rich in natural resources. Here we find that Rimouski, having partial connection with the great Canadian Markets, on account of its proximity, sends no less than 393,228 lbs of *fresh fish*, while Gaspé and Bonaventure which are, at present, deprived of this connection, send only 9,170 lbs, while it is well known that these Counties offer greater facilities for this *fresh fish* trade than other portions of the Coast.

In this connection we would wish to call the attention of the Representatives of those great Constituencies of Canada, into whose daily food, fresh fish so largely enters, how much their interests will be sacrificed if mere sectional intrigues are allowed to sway Parliament in the decision of this question.

Mr. Buck places before his readers the statement of one Thomas Leach, Purser on board the "Arabian" in 1860, to show