

Owing to its large extent, it was found necessary to divide this fishery district last summer; Mr. James Dickson being appointed Overseer for that portion of Lake Superior extending from the mouth of Pigeon River to Slate Island; the lower portion from Nepigon River to Thessalon River, remaining under charge of Mr. Wilson.

Overseer Wilson reports that he visited the fishery stations of his division, and found the law and fishery regulations well observed. There is no falling off in the yield of fish. The quantity of fish used for home consumption in this division is about 950 barrels, valued at \$5,700. Nepigon River afforded excellent sport last season, although the fish did not average as large as usual. Any amount of large speckled trout could be seen in deep water, but only the small ones would take the fly. Fifty-eight special fishery permits were issued to anglers in Nepigon River.

Overseer Dickson reports that a larger quantity of fish were taken in the spring than was usual in his division, but owing to the stormy weather which mostly prevailed during the fall, parties engaged in fishing were unable to visit their nets as often as they would have done had the weather been favourable. The stations at Fort William had to be abandoned, being deserted by the fish, owing probably to the dredging of the bar at the mouth of the river and the running of the steamboats. Victoria Island, Grand Shaganash and Roche Debout stations were used principally as fall fisheries; and as that part of the season was very stormy—the prevailing winds coming from the lake—the fish kept out in deep water. For these reasons the decrease in the yield of fishing in this division as shown by the above statement, is not to be wondered at. The law was well complied with.

LAKE SIMCOE DIVISION.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the yield and value of fisheries in this division:

	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Whitefish, brls.....	60		116	124
do No. fresh.....		4,940		
Trout, brls.....	46		308	347
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Herring, brls.....	7		30	20
Maskinonge, brls.....		1		
Bass, brls.....		75		
Pickerel, brls.....		2		
Total.....	113	78	454	491
Value.....	\$1,010	\$1,677	\$4,390	\$4,830

The above statement shows a slight increase over the yield of last year. This increase would have been larger had it not been for stormy weather.

The close seasons were well observed, and give general satisfaction.