

of these fisheries let them to Englishmen, to receive half the produce. Very soon the English did not deliver the half, and ended by giving nothing at all. An "armateur" then stated, that two only of the Newfoundland salmon-fisheries had been sought at any time for the favourable results they might afford to the grantees. All the rest were merely asked in the hope of drawing some profit by re-letting them to the English. The proposed fine was rejected unanimously by the meeting, and the President then delivered a strong opinion as to the impropriety of re-letting the salmon fisheries to the English, and sharing the products; intimating, very plainly, that parties bringing into France the salmon so obtained, would run great risk of losing the bounty on their cargo of cod.

By Article 42 of the Imperial Decree, the mode of taking salmon at Newfoundland by the French, is expressly confined to "barrages" in the rivers and streams: they are not allowed to take salmon along the coasts. The "barrages" are frames of wood, very like an ordinary stable-rack, which are put directly across the streams, at their confluence with the tide, and effectually prevent either the ascent or descent of fish. To these "racks" are attached pounds or places in which the salmon are retained until taken out by the fishermen. The "racks" are put up early in the season, and allowed to remain until the end of September; in consequence, the female fish are prevented from ascending to their spawning-beds, and if they escape being taken, the ova drop from them in the tideway, and are lost. On the other hand, the "slinks," or spawned fish of the preceding year, are prevented from returning to the sea; and the writer was informed, by more than one fisherman, that, at times, hundreds of these spent salmon had been seen dead along the streams above the "racks," where they had perished from inability to reach salt-water. Anything more destructive than this mode of fishing by "barrages" can scarcely be conceived.

On the whole of the west coast the French themselves fished only one river this season; that was the River of Ponds, to the westward of the Bay of