

removed the sides and bottom were lined with a solid wall and floor of concrete twelve inches thick; the pond was then covered with a substantial wooden building. This work cost \$1,000 more than the sum appropriated."

EVIDENCES OF THE INCREASE OF FISH BY MEANS OF THE SANDWICH HATCHERY, ONT.

The following letters from practical fishermen throughout the country, have been given to Mr. Parker as strong evidence of the fact that the great increase of the whitefish now taken, is mainly due to the operations at the Sandwich Hatchery:—

Remi Laframboise, River Canard, a fisherman of twenty-one years' experience, in a letter says:—"During my first years, fish were plentiful but were declining rapidly until the establishment of your hatchery. It is generally admitted by fishermen of experience that the hatchery has greatly contributed to our success, as for instance, Lake St. Clair was considered heretofore a poor place, but this year was fair."

Capt. Joseph Allen, Petite Côte, says:—"I have been on this (Detroit) River fishing for the last fifteen years, and as far as I am concerned, can say that if it wasn't for the fish hatchery we would be obliged to stop all fishing here, but after the good catch this season, I give your hatchery credit for the increase. Take Lake St. Clair, where we never catch but a few whitefish, the catch was extra good, as was also Detroit River this season."

C. W. Gauthier, writing from Detroit, Mich., says:—"I take pleasure in informing you that my catch of whitefish on the Detroit River this season, will amount to one hundred per cent. more than last year and that from information I have obtained from the largest fish dealers in Toledo and Sandusky, on the south side of Lake Erie, the catch of whitefish is quite one third larger than last year. This is without doubt a gain caused by the young fish hatched at your fish breeding establishment at Sandwich, and I would like to see it enlarged, as the result would be an increased benefit to the fishermen on Lake Erie and Detroit River."

Mr. Payne, Port Stanley, says:—"When I commenced fishing here some nine years ago it was very seldom we caught any yellow pickerel (a very valuable fish) and when we did get any they were generally very large, in fact many of them too large for marketable fish. Now they get the same kind of fish right along and of a smaller size and a far better marketable fish and I can account for it in no other way than the planting of the fish here. The same may be said of whitefish, they are now smaller fish but more plentiful. I also can say that the fish are more numerous."

E. B. Paxton, writing from Fighting Island, says:—"I have been in the fish trade for some years; have noticed the sudden decrease of fish from 1874 to 1884. Since 1884 they have steadily increased year by year, so that now we on Detroit River and Lake Erie are catching fairly."

Jos. Boismier, fishery overseer, says:—"I take pleasure in noticing the large increase in whitefish this year. The increase is about from thirty to thirty-five per cent. larger than last year. By the report of the fishermen they are convinced that the hatchery is the cause of the great increase. Also, the catch of pickerel is greatly increased all owing to the hatchery. I think it would be a great benefit to the Government to enlarge the hatchery."

WHITEFISH INDUSTRY.

In connection with the very satisfactory evidences which have just been related regarding the increased catches of whitefish in the Detroit River and Lake Erie, resulting from the operations of fish breeding at the Sandwich Hatchery here I also add the views expressed by portions of the press and inhabitants of the adjoining States of the Union, on the wonderful increase of whitefish taken by American fishermen, which is attributed to the output of young whitefish from the fish-breeding