

CLOSE SEASON—REMARKS.

In order to afford better protection to trout in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, an Order in Council was passed fixing the close season for this fish between 1st October and 1st April.

The statutory provision relative to net fishing for salmon on Sunday was re-enacted, and the weekly close time for salmon angling in non-tidal waters made to read from nine o'clock on Saturday evening until six o'clock on Monday morning.

Owing to the heavy inroads made upon the lobster and the ultimate danger of complete extinction by over-fishing, it was found necessary to curtail this fishing so as to give lobsters some chance of breeding and keeping up the species. With this end in view a regulation was adopted fixing the close time on that part of the coast of the Atlantic extending from Cape Canso westward and following the coast line of the Bay of Fundy to the United States boundary line, between 1st July and 1st December. In the remaining waters of the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and in the waters of Prince Edward Island and Quebec (including Magdalen Islands and Anticosti), the close season is fixed between the 15th July and 31st December. It is earnestly hoped that these stringent measures will have the effect of preserving a valuable industry and preventing the depletion which is now being experienced on the coasts of Maine and Massachusetts.

In order to put some check on the growing traffic of illegally caught fish over the Intercolonial Railway, an Order in Council was adopted enjoining upon every officer, agent, or employé of Government railways to refuse for transport any fish, unless the shipper or his agent produced a certificate from a fishery officer showing that such fish were caught in a legal manner. This order is believed to have had a most beneficial effect.

BUILDING OF FISHWAYS.

Eight new fishways on the Roger's patent model were built on the following streams in Nova Scotia during the year :—

County.	Mill Dam.	River.
Lunenburg.....	Keddy's	Mush-a-Mush.
do	Krust	do
do	Nicol & Zwickers.....	do
do	Davison's.....	LaHave.
do	do	do
do	Surnchausmer	Mill Lake.
Antigonish.....	McGillivray's.....	South.
do	McDonald's.....	do

In addition to the above, costly repairs were made to fishways on the St. Croix and Magaguadavic Rivers in New Brunswick.