



FISH WORTH CATCHING.—This picture, which was taken a few years ago, shows the size of fish (Maskinonge) caught at St. Anne de Bellevue, near Montreal. The big fish weighed over 50 pounds.

me he did not need any assurance, that he could invest his money as well as any assurance company could invest it for him. After listening to him, I said: 'Your arguments are the very embodiment of egotism and selfishness. Of course you can invest your money, and an assurance company can do no more. But it is not your business to invest money: your business is to practise law. At that business you are very successful, but do you not think it would be better to hand your money over to the men who make it their business to invest money? And, of course, you prepare work for yourself by so doing, because there is litigation in connection with assurance as in connection with everything else—that cannot be avoided. You are one of the necessary evils of society, but you must pay for what you get. But in another way you are still more egotistic and selfish. You have a wife and children. You have been lucky enough to reach a good age and have been able to invest your money so that you have a fair competence. Life is always uncertain, as we all know, and death comes to us like a thief in the night. Had you been unfortunate enough to be taken away at an earlier age, you would have left your family unprovided for.'

"I believe in life assurance. (Renewed applause.) When I was a young man I was in very delicate health. But, thank the Lord, my health is good now. (Hear, hear, and loud applause.) If this was a political meeting, I would say the Lord is good to His own. (Loud laughter and renewed applause.) But though my health is good now, it was not always so. I was thirty years of age before I could get any assurance on my life. I made application to this and that company, but always—I do not blame them, for all the signs were against me—they would not grant me assurance. At last, in the year 1878, when I was just thirty-six, the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada thought they would take a risk upon me. Once the ice was broken, it was easy for me to get assurance in other companies, and, after all, I do not know that I have proven a bad risk, for I have been paying premiums ever since. (Applause.) My policy in the Sun Life has been paid up for twenty-five years, and I have only to die to get the money. (Laughter.) But, in spite of the offer of so much money, so far as I have any say in the matter I intend to go on living for some years more." (Laughter and loud applause.)