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INLAND FISHERIES.

We gather from our exchanges the result of the sale of the right to fish with the rod only on fishing grounds in front of ungranted Crown Lands. Leases were granted as follows:—

Restigouche River, from Toad Brook to Almon grant, at Indian Brook.—A. L. Light, Toronto, Ont., \$285; from Almon grant, at Indian Brook, to Tracey Brook.—A. A. Mason, New York, \$500; from Tracey Brook to Mouth of Kedgwick.—H. R. Ranney, St. John, \$600.

The River Kedgwick from its mouth up to Quebec boundary.—H. N. Habersham, Savannah, Georgia, \$510.

Nepisiguit River, from its mouth to Indian Reserve.—J. W. Nicholson, St. John, \$300; from Indian Reserve upwards.—J. W. Nicholson, St. John, \$360.

Upsalquitch River, from the mouth to Great Falls, no bid; from Great Falls upwards.—H. N. Habersham, Savannah, Georgia, \$510.

Main North-West Miramichi from the Head of the Tide up, no bid.

Patopedie, from its mouth up to Quebec boundary, no bid.

Jaquet River, H. R. Ranney, St. John, \$130.

The total sales amounted to \$3,435. The Surveyor General announces in the *Royal Gazette* that leases for fishing on the Chario River, Restigouche Co., Restigouche River from Toad Brook down to Mouth of Upsalquitch, and from Mouth of Upsalquitch up to Head of Restigouche River will be sold at auction to-day. The proceeds of this sale, it is expected, will swell the amount to about five thousand dollars. This is a snug little sum to place in the estimates yearly, and with care, as the competition increases among the disciples of Isaac Walton, it is not at all improbable that the amount may be doubled. The Government are to be congratulated on this position of affairs, as this is the first time such a source of revenue has been available since the Union. But for the position assumed for so many years by the Dominion Government with reference to the rightful control of these inland fisheries, this income would have been sooner available.

Former Governments would only have been too glad to gather the amount into the Provincial coffers had they been in a position to do so.

Now that the Dominion authorities have been forced to abandon their attitude with reference to riparian ownership, the Province is in a better position to regulate the fishing lots fronting on ungranted Crown Lands, which gives however no occasion for the attempt on the part of some of the Government parties to contrast the late with the present local administration, to the disparagement of the former.

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Magge asked that the regulation prohibiting the removal of animals from the ground be modified so as to permit owners to take the animals to the ground at night, and return them in the morning. The opinion of the Board was decidedly against the alteration. Mr. Magge withdrew his application. Mr. Inches read a letter from Messrs. Robins & Sadler, a Montreal firm, offering to provide free of charge the driving belts for the machinery haul, and suggesting that a separate section should be reserved for Montreal exhibitors. Several members were of opinion that it would not work well to make distinctions in favor of large cities in setting sections apart. The matter was finally left to the Committee. It was decided to accept, with thanks, the offer of Messrs. Robins & Sadler, of Montreal, to provide belting free of charge. After some discussion with reference to the buildings and grounds, Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the law relating to agriculture make the Secretary of this Board, Treasurer of the Board, and the following:—

Resolved, That all monies granted for the Exhibition be held in October, next, in the City of St. John, and all receipts be placed in the Bank of New Brunswick to the credit of the Secretary, and that all accounts of expenses incurred in carrying on the Exhibition, after having been approved by an audit committee, be drawn from said bank by cheque of the Secretary of the Board.

Carried. Mr. Brown then moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the following resolution:—

Resolved, That each member of the Board of Agriculture be authorized to recommend to the Secretary of the Board the names of seven persons from each constituency represented by said members, to act as assistants to the Secretary, and that the Dominion Exhibition be held in St. John in October, 1883.

This resolution provoked some discussion, the members differing as to its effect.

Mr. Swin was of opinion that if this resolution was passed it would harmonize the feeling between the people in the country and the city. It would give them an interest in the Exhibition. If this resolution was passed, it is only giving the country half the appointments at the Exhibition, it is to be concluded that the rest of the persons will come from the city. Everything seems to be working for the success of the Exhibition.

Mr. Brown carried his resolution to read six, instead of seven, in which form it passed.

The report of the Atlantic Agricultural Society, Northumberland, as disclosed by a report submitted last meeting of the board came up, and after consideration was referred to the Secretary, who had some recent correspondence with the board.

The Board acted judiciously in authorizing Julius L. Inches, Esq., to proceed to P. E. Island, in order to explain to the exhibitors the liberal changes that had been made in the premium list. That this is necessary is seen in the fact that the P. E. Island papers have referred not only to the premiums but also to the "senseless classification of animals," (see *Examiner*) as likely to operate against the success of the Exhibition. The Secretary will do a good work in straightening out these matters to the satisfaction of the exhibitors. It was the opinion of the Board, however, that the Secretary should visit the Island at his earliest convenience, and who made a motion to that effect.

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Methodist District Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Miramichi District took place at the Methodist Church, Newcastle, commencing on Thursday morning at 9 a. m. The following clergymen were present:—Rev. D. Chapman, (Chairman of District), I. N. Parker, Thomas Hicks, Isaac Howie, R. W. Weddall, A. B. C. Wells, G. F. Dawson.

The proceedings opened with singing and reading of scriptures, after which Revs. Howie and Wells engaged in prayer. The Rev. R. W. Weddall was then elected Secy and Rev. Thomas Hicks Assistant Secy. The business of the District was then proceeded with. The usual questions relating to ministerial character were asked and satisfactory answers were given in each case. The Rev. G. F. Dawson, who has labored during the past year with success on the Tabernacle mission, was subjected by the chairman to a most searching theological examination, which, terminating satisfactorily, resulted in his recommendation to the Conference to be continued on trial as having travelled one year.

The reports of the members as to membership, finances and Sabbath Schools, were most gratifying, and speak well for the future. The following items are given in each case:—The Rev. D. Chapman, Circuit receipts \$4,333, being an increase on last year of \$355; Missions \$200, being \$60 in advance; last year, Educational \$100; Superannuated \$100; Fund, \$54.50. The value of Church property in the District is estimated at near \$24,000. The following