

PELÉE ISLAND:

JAMES CUMMINS, *Overseer*:

COMPARATIVE Statement of the yield and value of the Fisheries in this Division.

| Kinds of Fish. | | 1880. | 1881. | 1882. | 1883. |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Whitefish..... | Lbs. | 84,400 | 115,224 | 95,970 | 62,884 |
| Herring..... | Brls. | 1,772 | 557 | 1,170 | 1,437 |
| Pike..... | " | | 55 | | |
| Sturgeon..... | " | 170 | 208 | lbs. 60,000 | lbs. 18,200 |
| Coarse Fish..... | " | 64 | | 187 | 326 |
| Fish used for local consumption..... | " | 311 | | | |
| Totals in barrels or lbs..... | | 1,869 | 1,396 | lbs. 423,370 | lbs. 433,684 |
| Value..... | \$ | 10,178 | 8,289 | 17,195 60 | 14,429 72 |

LAKE ERIE DIVISION.

JOHN McMICHAEL, *Overseer*, Lake Erie frontage, Co. Kent.

ALEX. McBRIDE do do Co. Elgin.

DAVID SHARP do do Co. Norfolk.

W. A. McCRAE do do Co. Haldimand.

W. P. CROOME do do Grand River and tributaries,
from Brantford upwards.

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| Whitefish..... | Brls. | 113 | 251 | | |
| do..... | Brls. | 21,600 | 7,700 | Lbs. 78,000 | Lbs. 110,600 |
| Herring..... | Brls. | 1,596 | 1,862 | brls. 3,061 | brls. 1,684 |
| Maskinongé..... | " | 10 | 30 | 1,200 | 2,800 |
| Bass..... | " | 78 | 208 | 48,600 | 86,600 |
| Pike..... | " | 95 | 200 | 28,300 | 30,800 |
| Pickarel..... | " | 483 | 553 | 234,700 | 154,200 |
| Sturgeon..... | " | 1,455 | 422 | 68,200 | 135,200 |
| Coarse Fish..... | " | 185 | 1,099 | brls. 2,378 | brls. 3,318 |
| Fish used for local consumption..... | " | 77 | 18 | | |
| Totals in barrels or lbs..... | | 5,312 | 4,683 | lbs. 1,543,800 | lbs. 1,520,100 |
| Value..... | \$ | 23,035 | 27,129 | 52,892 00 | 53,440 00 |

The yield of whitefish and bass in this division shows a noticeable increase, while herring and pickarel have fallen off. The total value slightly exceeds that of 1882.

Overseer McMichael reports a falling off in the yield of his division. This is neither ascribed to a scarcity of fish nor to a less vigorous prosecution of this industry,