THE UNION ADVOCATE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1875.

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zeal characteristic of all neophytes."
We are not therefore surprised that
the remarks of any opposition paper
which do not accord with the slavish
times, and as the Reporter puts it,
we were informed a day or two ago
that in all probability many of the
young fish in the establishment near
Newcastle will be transferred to P.
E. Island rivers. We strongly object to being taxed for the benefit of
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been committed, and in a most unfair manner, upon the people of those Provinces. It appears by the Orders in Council, published in the last Official Gazette, in relation to the River and Bay fisheries of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, that a tax of one dollar per two hundred pounds weight of fish is imposed upon all salmon and bass, the principal fish caught in the rivers of the Maritime Provinces, while no corresponding Provinces, while no corresponding tax is imposed upon the fisheries of Ontario. The catch of salmon and bass is no small item in the industry of those Provinces; their export brings a vast amount of wealth into Canada;

of those Provinces; their export brings a vast amount of wealth into Canada; and we can see no reason why a special tax should be imposed upon the fishermen, who, as a class, are but ill able to bear it. Most of the fishermen own the properties on the shores of which they prosecute their calling, and have either inherited or purchased them in the belief of and upon the faith created by immemorial usage that the right of the shores carried with it the right of fishing from them. Such belief has existed and such right been enjoyed in these Provinces for nearly a century, and in many cases the original proprietors, and their descendants for three generation, have thus occupied and enjoyed undisputed what these orders in council have now deprived them of.

The fisheries of the Maritime Protinces were regulated and restricted as to the manner and time of fishing, by the Legislatures of the Local Provinces prior to confederation; but in no case did these Legislatures ever attempt to interfere with the right of those owners, or attempted to levy a tax, as a rental, as is now proposed for the privilege of these fisheries. Mr. Mackenzie is probably not aware that the salmon fishing of those Provinces is already very much depressed. The fishermen for several years past have been in the habit of getting from twenty-two to twenty-five cents a pounds, and the people who preserve them have been in the habit of getting from twenty-two to twenty-five cents a pounds, and the people who preserve them have been in the British and American markets when preserved in cans. Now those engaged in preserving are The colories of the colories o