

no time to go, having made an appointment at this place with other fishermen who desired to take out licenses.

I met the Hon. Mr. Tessier in the afternoon. He begged me to go to Lake St. Simon on my return, in order to ascertain whether the complaints made by tourists against the lessee, Thomas Charest, were well founded; I promised him that if I were detained at Rimouski until Monday, by the south-west wind, I would drive to St. Simon so as to return in time to put my boat on board the steamer.

27th July.—Strong wind from the west. I continued my office work and notified the Department that I had left Matane.

28th July.—Sunday.

29th July.—I engaged a carter to take me to St. Fabien. At the request of the fishermen of the lower part of the river forming the outlet of Lake St. Simon and Malau-bais, I demolished four eel fisheries which obstructed nearly the entire channel. I went on the same night, to the fishway of Lake St. Simon, and fixed the limits of the eel-fisheries there. I had long been expected at this place; Thomas Charest had been asked to have the place cleared, but he did not come; I saw several poor persons to whom T. Charest had refused leave to fish at the time appointed by law. I reported the fact to Mr. Tessier, who told me that the lake had been let subject to the condition that the people of the place were to be allowed to fish at the lawful season. At his request, I made enquiry for a reliable person who would take charge of this fine lake, and make it his duty to visit the spawning grounds regularly in the fall. The most reliable information pointed to Joseph Berger, who lives to the north-east of the lake, as the best person to select. This man, though poor, is not in the habit of fishing at any time; he is anxious to do his duty. From what I have been enabled to ascertain concerning him, I feel justified in recommending him to the Department and to Mr. Tessier.

30th July.—I returned by the shore of St. Simon, the salmon fishermen were not at home to pay their licenses; all the nets had been taken up, for I saw them spread on the fences at their houses; I notified them that they must make payment to Notary Dumais of Trois Pistoles, within a few days from that date. I returned the same evening to Rimouski, after having given fishing licenses to those who took salmon at Bic.

31st July.—Xavier Parent, of Anse au Sable, who thought he was about being prosecuted for not having made it known that he had taken salmon in his fishery, came to take out a license this morning. I received a letter from Mr. Blais, of Matane; during the night of the 26th, he caught an Indian and a Canadian committing the grave misdemeanor of torch fishing, and wished to await my return to that locality in order to punish them as they deserved. I begged him to prosecute them at once, lest the Indian should move off before I had occasion to return to that river.

1st August.—Having put the boat on board the steamer *Advance*, we left Rimouski at 3 P.M. When off Ile aux Grues, Captain Simard having stopped his vessel in order to enable us to disembark, in a few moments we took leave of him. As the *Advance* was in the north channel opposite Ile aux Grues, we were compelled to row to the island and thence to St. Thomas, where we ran in at 6 P. M.

3rd August.—Having failed to secure the men I required to do the blasting at the basin of St. Thomas, in order to prepare a place to facilitate the ascent of the salmon, I proceeded to St. Pierre to get a man of practical experience in the work.

4th August.—Sunday, at St. Thomas.

5th August.—The river having risen we were unable to blast.

6th August.—The river being high we were unable to blast.

7th August.—We commenced work. I kept my man with seven others, at their work; one at 5s. per day, two at 4s. the others at 3s. 6d.

8th August.—Ten men to-day.

9th August.—Ten men to-day.

10th August.—Having been requested to go to St. Louis de Kamouraska by L. Miller, merchant, and Notary LeBel, in connection with a fishing matter, I left my men under the care of J. Blais and D. Tétu, and after having shewn them the work to be done, I left St. Thomas for Kamouraska.

11th August.—Sunday, at Kamouraska.

12th August.—Being upon the spot with the parties interested, Miller and LeBel, I