

asked for information as to whether such a practice, being an imposition on the consumer, was not illegal under some of the acts relating to the "adulteration of food," etc. The matter is yet in abeyance awaiting information from the Department.

FISH HATCHERY.

In March, 1892, the Council, hearing that it was in contemplation by the Dominion Government to establish a fish hatchery in Manitoba, communicated with the Department of Marine and Fisheries and urged that the hatchery should be located in this city. Beyond a formal acknowledgment of the receipt of the petition no answer was returned by the Department. The buildings for the hatchery are now in course of erection at Selkirk.

INSURANCE OF REGISTERED PACKETS.

Correspondence has been held with Mr. A. T. Drummond, of Montreal, and the Toronto Board of Trade regarding a proposed system of Government Insurance of registered letters and packets. At present, not only is no compensation intended, but all the Government agrees to do on registration, is that if a packet arrives safely at its destined postoffice, a receipt for it will be taken from some person. As the Government exercises a monopoly in respect to the carriage of letters, it is claimed that the sender of a letter by registered post receives but a trifling return for the large fee now demanded. In Great Britain compensation is given by the Government for loss or damage in respect of registered packets according to a table, which ranges from a limit of compensation of \$25 on a 4 cent fee, to a limit of \$125 on a 12 cent fee, the fees including, in each case, the ordinary registration fee. Additional information is being sought to enable the Council to pass a final opinion on the subject.

INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE.

In May last the Board of Trade of St. John, N. B., requested this Board to join with them in urging the Minister