

The range of the North Pacific salmon is wider than that of the Western Atlantic salmon. Some of them range from California to Northern China. Salmon of the same species differ markedly in quality in the different rivers of the North-West, but it cannot be said that the salmon of any one of the large rivers, taken altogether, are specially superior. The average quality is about the same.

The trade hitherto has been in canned and salted salmon, but fresh salmon, frozen, have been sent, by way of trial, to Eastern Canadian markets, and no doubt exists that this will grow to an immense trade, in other fish as well, as soon as the Canadian Pacific Railway is finished.

The oolachan is a valuable delicate fish about seven or eight inches long, which comes to the shore in spring. It enters Fraser River in May in great numbers. Farther north it is fatter. It is extremely oily and is caught by the natives in great numbers, who extract the oil and use it for food grease, as some tribes do whale oil. These fish are also dried and then burned for candles, being on that account known as "candle-fish." The oil has been bottled and exported to some extent, and is pronounced superior to cod-liver oil for medicinal purposes. This fish is most abundant in British Columbia.

The black cod, a superior food fish about which little has heretofore been known, abounds from Cape Flattery to the Arctic Ocean. The fish is very fat and oily, some of the native tribes catching it for its oil in the place of oolachan. Some experiments in salting the black cod and sending it to eastern markets have been highly successful.

In 1878 a few shad were planted in the Sacramento River, and now this fine fish is occasionally caught in the waters of Puget Sound, British Columbia, and Alaska.

The native oysters of the province are small, but the large eastern oyster imported in the fall of 1883 is thriving. The cultivation of the latter has already been undertaken in our waters on a considerable scale. The eastern lobster should be introduced. Its food is much the same as that of the crabs, which are numerous on the coast of the province, and the lobster, like the oyster, would be of great value commercially.

HUNTING AND ANGLING.

To the sportsman and angler the province is attractive. The sportsman has his choice of easy shooting in the more settled districts, where various kinds of grouse, prairie chickens, quails, ducks, snipe, and geese abound, with the common deer; or, if he loves hard sport, the mountain goat, mountain sheep, cariboo, American elk, and bears, both black and grizzly, will try his endurance and prowess. The fur-bearing animals of the zone are numerous. An experienced trapper can make good wages in many parts of the province. Excellent angling streams abound. In the lakes, above said, sturgeon, white-fish, and many varieties of trout and perch, may be caught.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Public Schools are in the hands of the people—free to all, without distinction of race or creed—strictly non-sectarian—highest morality inculcated—no religious dogmas or creeds taught—uniform text-books—Public School Fund voted every year by the Provincial Assembly—School vote, 1885, over \$102,450—a Superintendent of Education, who visits and inspects—School Districts where there are 15 pupils between 5 and 15 years—the people choose every year from among themselves three School Trustees or six in cities, to manage schools—Female suffrage in the election of Trustees—Trustees get money from "Public School Fund," on application endorsed by Superintendent of Education—Teachers, three grades—appointed or removed by Trustees—must have certificates of qualification from the Department of Education.

The settler will well know how to estimate the capabilities of this school system. There are excellent High Schools at Victoria, and New Westminster.

There are very good church schools and private schools, for both sexes, in several of the large towns. An education befitting the children of gentlemen can be obtained for both boys and girls at Victoria, New Westminster, Nanaimo, &c., on reasonable terms.