

Your mountain trout or cut-throat is a splendid game fish, and your grayling, which has quite a wide distribution north to the waters of the Athabasca, these merit attention first. Both are superb game fish, and the introduction of a new, non-native fish might be a danger to the fine species you already possess. Australia introduced the rabbit, North America introduced the European house sparrow, and both have become a serious pest. Your western provinces have the pickerel, or pike-perch, (called doré in the east), also fine jack-fish and some yellow perch, and many United States anglers regard these as species worthy of the angler's attention.

Western Commercial Fisheries will develop.

From a commercial standpoint you have most promising regions awaiting development, and vast northern waters not yet utilized. In Alberta and Saskatchewan at least 40,000 square miles of lakes and rivers are open to fishery enterprise, as compared with 75,600 exploited on the Great Lakes, and 15,000 square miles of Manitoba waters. Many of your lakes are stocked with the finest White-Fish to be found on this continent, and, as I have said, with Pickerel or Doré, and other good table fish. The re-stocking of western waters with native fish, and the planting of new kinds, is a subject upon which the Fisheries Commission in the West, of which Commission I have the honour to be Chairman, is at present drawing up a report and I need not go into further details on this occasion. Indeed, the eagle eye of my distinguished colleague on the Commission, Dr. Sisley of Calgary, is upon me, I observe, and I dare venture to say no more. (Laughter).

Small Value of Western Fisheries at present.

That the fisheries of this Province will witness a great development, I cannot doubt. The whole value of the fisheries of Saskatchewan and Alberta was given at \$50,000 in 1883, but they are now valued at \$200,000, of which amount Mr. E. W. Miller, the able and zealous Dominion Inspector of Fisheries for the Province, present with us to-day, credits Saskatchewan with \$152,795 last year. Who shall say what will be the annual return ten years hence, or fifty years hence, with the building of railways in the northern areas of the Province?

Save the Fish from the Buffalo's Fate.

I will not weary you with a further enumeration of dry statistics, as this is not a suitable occasion for exhaustive remarks. What are the points which, in closing, I desire to impress upon you? I would mention the waste that has taken place. As with so many valuable Canadian resources, such as the reckless destruction of forests, &c., the fisheries have suffered from prodigal waste. They have suffered not only from wilful waste, over-fishing, poaching at spawning times, and other abuses, but also from neglect, so that one feels inclined to agree