

in quantities sufficient for home consumption, but none are exported. Considerable quantities of these fish are consumed in this and King's Counties, but it is impossible to get complete returns of the yearly catch. Overseer Deacon reports that salmon are becoming more numerous in Shediac River, and will require close attention to prevent destruction by poachers. The lobster fishery is being pursued with considerable vigor, and the returns show a large catch. The shad fishery yielded above an average catch, and the quality was better than usual. Overseer Davidson, of Bay Verte district, reports the establishment of a lobster canning house, near the mouth of Tidnish river, which did a fair business. The herring fishing in the bay was not so good as last season, owing to the late breaking up of the ice. Bass are becoming more plentiful in Tidnish river, but are caught only with hook and line for home consumption.

## ALBERT COUNTY.

Overseer Akerley reports a slight falling off in the catch of shad in this county owing to a very late spring, but he states that the quality was very superior. Herrings were plentiful, but this fishery is pursued only for home consumption, and the quantity taken was small. Salmon and alewives continue to increase in German-town Lake, and promise to become as plentiful as formerly. As in all other localities, salmon were scarce in all the rivers in this county. He reports the fish-ways in good order on Coverdale, Pollet and Salmon Rivers; that on Point Wolf River he found defective, and ordered repairs which will be made next season.

## VICTORIA COUNTY.

Overseer McCluskey reports as follows:—"I am pleased to inform you that this season salmon have been more plentiful in the Tobique than for many years past, and the height of the water has been favourable to their protection. The spawning grounds up the Serpentine have been well stocked, and there is reason to hope that this river will continue to improve." I am strongly of opinion, however, that the improvement in this river has been caused by the very small quantity caught in the Counties of York and Carleton, where running logs and mill-rubbish prevented nets from being set.

## CARLETON COUNTY.

Overseer Harrison reports a great falling off in the yield of fisheries in this county, which he attributes to two causes; first the great quantities of logs running during the fishing season, second; the vast quantities of saw-dust and mill rubbish thrown into the river from the thirty-three saw and shingle mills in that county. He says:—"Many of the fishermen would not give me any account of the number of fish caught by them, stating that as the law could not be carried out against the mill-owners, it could not be enforced against them. I have endeavoured, to the best of my ability to get as near the quantity as possible." I submitted a special report from Overseer Harrison on this subject, and as I can rely on his statement, I would respectfully ask for it your early attention. I have in former reports expressed my conviction that the rigid enforcement of the saw-dust law is absolutely necessary to prevent the speedy destruction of the salmon fisheries on the St. John River.

## YORK COUNTY.

Wardens Campbell and Brown report the worst fishing season they have ever known in this county, which they attribute to running logs during the whole summer. These and the refuse from mills above are no doubt seriously injuring the fishing in the whole course of the county, and but little inducement is offered to pursue it.

## SUNBURY, QUEEN'S AND KING'S COUNTIES.

The fisheries in these, as well as in the two counties above, are pursued only for local consumption by the inhabitants near the river and lakes. Salmon, shad and alewives