

peninsula in order to collect as much information as possible respecting the value of these rivers with regard to fishing privileges, and the course it would be most advisable to adopt in dealing with them."

Mr. Mackenzie's report shows that he left Quebec on the 6th July, 1883, and stopping at Rimonski, Amqui, Casupscull, Matapedia (Campbellton), Carleton, New Richmond, New Carlisle, Port Daniel, Pabos Mills, Little Pabos, Grand River and Gaspé; ascending the rivers Ristigouche (38 miles), Casapedia (50 miles), Bonaventure (15 miles), Grand Pabos (11 miles), and Dartmouth (about 12 miles), took notes and information about these and other rivers on his way, and returned to Quebec on the night of the 24th of August.

After describing the then existing conditions of the various rivers visited by him, Mr. Mackenzie made the following recommendations in regard to the proposed leasing of angling rights, and supported them, as will be seen below, by carefully considered arguments and thoughtful reasoning:—

MR. D. C. MACKENZIE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

"The present value of several of the rivers visited, if not absolutely NIL, is much lower than it might be if efficient guardianship had been maintained. A few years' neglect seems sufficient not only to ruin a salmon river as such, but also to induce a belief among the inhabitants of the vicinity, that they are at liberty to do as they please with every fish they see in it. Private guardianship is, however, likely to be much more effectual than any instituted by the Government. It would therefore seem advisable, apart from any question of revenue, that every river should be leased and in such a way that each lessee would have a particular interest in guarding his river during the whole term of his lease, more especially if it be only for a single year. As leases are now made to expire on the 31st of December, a lessee who is uncertain as to whether he can have the same river next year, or who may not wish to retain it, has (as