

*Overseer McQueen* remarks that, the decrease in quantity of fish caught was made up by the remunerative prices obtained on local as well as on American markets. The falling off in his division, he chiefly attributes to the extremely severe winter which kept the river locked until the 20th March; then, the water remained so high, that fishermen lost a fortnight or three weeks on that account, during the best portion of the season. No violations of the law came under the Overseer's notice.

## DETROIT RIVER DIVISION.

ED. BOISMIER, *Overseer.*

COMPARATIVE Statement of the yield and value of the Fisheries in this Division.

Kinds of Fish.		1882.	1883.
Whitefish.....	Lbs.	75,000	62,500
Herring.....	Brls.	104	405
Maskinongé.....	Lbs.	600	720
Bass.....	"	.....	4,050
Pike.....	"	200	1,000
Pickrel.....	"	18,000	22,200
Sturgeon.....	"	14,200	12,800
Coarse Fish.....	Brls.	215	310
Totals in lbs.....		lbs. 171,800	lbs. 245,920
Value.....	\$	9,216	11,573 20

*Overseer Boismier* says the catch of whitefish would have been better had it not been for the heavy gales which prevailed about the 1st November, during the highest run of these fish. Herring fishing was good. Sturgeon and pickrel fishing middling.

## POINT PELÉE DIVISION.

WILLIAM PROSSER, *Overseer.*

COMPARATIVE Statement of the yield and value of the Fisheries in this Division.

Kinds of Fish.		1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Whitefish.....	Lbs.	77,000	137,000	109,375	48,244
Herring.....	Brls.	1,772	6,690	5,640	7,940
Bass.....	"	269	300	lbs. 33,725	lbs. 24,840
Pickrel.....	"	225	247	" 24,138	" 34,214
Sturgeon.....	"	218	180	" 27,670	" 69,130
Coarse Fish.....	"	.....	45	.....	.....
Fish used for local consumption.....	"	574	.....	.....	.....
Totals in barrels or lbs.....		3,443	8,147	lbs 1,322,908	lbs. 1,764,428
Value.....	\$	16,794	41,845	41,805 28	50,559 26

The falling off in whitefish noticed in this sub-division, is made up by the increase of the coarser grades of fish, *i. e.* herring, sturgeon and pickrel.