

WHALE FISHING.

As I have already observed, this fishing was very good this year.

NUMBER OF GALLONS OF WHALE OIL.

In 1867 .....	25,890 gallons.
" 1866 .....	12,330 "

SARDINE FISHING.

For some reason that I am not aware of, the sardine fishing in the County of Rimouski did not yield as much this year as in 1866. The fact is, that the number of this fish, as well as of caplin and smelts, resorting to our coast varies every year.

In 1867.....	1,525 barrels.
" 1866.....	2,552 "

EEL FISHING.

In 1867 .....	130 barrels.
" 1866 .....	98 "

SALMON FISHING.

It is pleasing to observe the great increase of salmon in this division; and this increase is very marked since 1865, as may be seen by the following comparative statement:—

	1865.	1866.	1867.
County of Bonaventure.....	299 barrels.	424 $\frac{3}{4}$ barrels.	536 barrels.
" Gaspé.....	217 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	278 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	414 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
" Rimouski .....	16 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
	<u>533<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> "</u>	<u>717<math>\frac{1}{4}</math> "</u>	<u>988 "</u>
Increase in 1867.....			270 $\frac{1}{4}$ barrels.

This fishing has, therefore, been better by one-third than in 1866. It seems to me that this is a very good result of the efforts of the Government, and proves that they have not been in vain. Besides this, I may mention that our rivers were visited by a greater number of salmon than usual at the spawning season.

And by adding a fifth for the salmon that would have been taken between Saturdays and Mondays if the nets had not been raised during those intervals, as required by law, and 40 barrels more that would also have been taken, if instead of 250 yards between the nets there had been only 200 as formerly, the following result of this fishing in this division this year will be shewn to have been possible:—

Quantity taken this year.....	988 barrels.
Add one-fifth.....	197 "
Lost by greater distance between the nets .....	40 "
Total .....	<u>1,225 barrels.</u>

This shows clearly that our rivers improve from year to year. I have pleasure also in being able to say that our Fishery Overseers and Fishermen have worked together for some years past, and done all in their power to secure the observance of the Fisheries Act.

TROUT FISHING.

This fishing along the coast and in the rivers, yielded 64 $\frac{3}{4}$  barrels this year.

SMOKED HERRING (IN BOXES).

An increase in the quantity of smoked herring is also observable:—

In 1867 .....	7,070 boxes.
" 1866.....	2,800 "