

the fishermen have reaped the benefit of protection. Very few pickerel made their appearance in Big Creek last spring, except during the close season.

Mr. George A. Lacey commenced operations in breeding speckled trout in the fall of 1869 at Hillsburg. He collected 5,000 trout ova, out of which 3,000 were hatched; in 1870 he was able to place 20,000 young fry into the waters of the Credit River, and this last season he placed some 150,000 trout ova in hatching troughs, which commenced hatching out on Christmas Day. In November last Mr. W. Hull, of Erie Village, had 4,500 parent fish in the ponds, besides a quantity of ova in the breeding troughs. The speckled trout breeding establishment at Galt had 1,000 parent fish in the ponds last fall. The fishery laws were well observed in this division, the only offenders being three fishermen at Shoal Point, Lake Ontario, who were prosecuted as the law directs.

WOLFE AND AMHERST ISLANDS DIVISION.

P. KIEL, *Overseer.*

Mr. Kiel reports:—"That during the summer months white fish were caught in great numbers on their favorite feeding grounds, and of good quality and size, many of them weighing from five to six pounds each. Canadian markets were well supplied during the whole year, the surplus being exported to the United States. The following is a statement of the yield for the past two years:—

	1871.	1872.
White Fish, barrels.....	299	310
Trout, ".....	300	554
Herring, ".....	3	12
Pike and Bass, ".....	...	77
Pickerel, ".....	...	27
Coarse Fish, ".....	167	166
Total.....	769	1,146
Value.....	\$6,823	\$8,310

The large increase in the yield of salmon trout is very satisfactory. Mr. Kiel attributes this increase to an efficient protection. Public opinion has changed, and very few fishermen now object to the proper enforcement of the fishery laws. The month of November being exceedingly stormy, there were no white fish caught; nevertheless, the fishermen generally are satisfied that they have made a profitable season's fishing.

RONDEAU DIVISION ON LAKE ERIE.

JOHN McMICHAEL, *Overseer.*

The catch has been very limited this year, nearly all the fish taken being caught during the spring. The fall weather was exceeding boisterous and stormy, and the waters of the lake so rough that the fishermen were frequently unable to haul a seine or lift a pound net for two or three weeks together. One of the fishermen, after having made a few hauls with his seine, lost his boat in a storm, and was prevented from procuring his usual supply of fish. The yield is as follows:—

White Fish.....	125 barrels.
Herring.....	124 "