

to carry on the fisheries on these lines. Every provincial tug would become practically a "cruiser" and an aid to Captain Dunn and the *Vigilant* in destroying nets illegally set in our waters. Export ceasing, except under provincial management, and a supply of ice (absolutely necessary for export) not being general, irregular shipments would be practicable to a very limited extent. Canadian poaching would cease. A carefully considered report, made under authority by a competent commission, might disclose that Ontario, city, town and country, could be supplied with the finer kinds of lake fish in perfect condition at rates within the reach of all the people, the industry at the same time easily maintaining itself.

III.

The destruction of the fisheries of the Province of Ontario has been an enormous wickedness. For some years prior to 1892 representations were made to the Fisheries Department at Ottawa that the destruction of the fisheries of the north part of Lake Huron, the Georgian Bay and Lake Superior were following upon the same lines which had depleted Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, the Detroit River, and the south end of Lake Huron.

THE TUPPER COMMISSION.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, Minister of Fisheries, in 1892, appointed a commission to visit all the principal fishing points on the Great Lakes, with power to take sworn evidence and report. This commission was in all respects similar to the commission recently appointed at Ottawa, the report of which we are now awaiting.

A VALUABLE REPORT.

The report of 1892 was printed in a Blue-book in 1893, and to this day is a valuable text-book for any desiring to