

industry less capital is required than in the prosecution of the canning business, and a broad field is thus opened for the industrious fishermen of moderate means. * * * Everything indicates the expansion of the British Columbia fishing interest, the great value of which is gradually being recognized. The rapid advance of the Canadian Pacific Railway warrants the assumption that, ere long, direct communications with the Eastern Provinces will be available, and it is easy to conceive, at least partially, the impetus which this much-desired communication will give to all the industries of the Pacific coasts." (Report of 1882.)

XII. TROUT, WHITE-FISH, ETC.

Trout of all kinds abound in every Canadian river, and the best are the sea trout and the salmon trout. White-fish and trout fisheries are carried on on a large scale, chiefly on the lakes of Ontario. The area covered by Lake Superior alone is thirty-one thousand square miles, and Lakes Erie, Huron and Ontario form, when put together, an expanse of fifty-two thousand square miles. Many rivers empty their waters into these inland seas, and these rivers, as well as the lakes themselves, are full of different kinds of food fishes, the delicacy and flavor of which are well known. The Ontario fisherman has the salmon trout, weighing as much as eighty pounds, and the white-fish, the flavor of which is considered equal to that of the salmon. The sturgeon, the pickerel, the pike, the bass, the perch, etc., form other varieties of fishes found in Ontario.

The fishermen of our Canadian Lakes use gill-nets and trap-nets, and their vessels are either sailing boats of from twenty to thirty feet in length, or small steamers called "fishing tugs." Two models of these small steamers were much admired last year at the London Fisheries Exhibition. Those fishing tugs are generally fifty feet long and have twelve feet beam. They are the property of fish merchants, who hire men to fish for them on wages, without any share in the profits of the industry. Sometimes they will receive a bonus from the proprietor in cases of successful catches. The great advantage of those tugs over the sailing boats is easily seen. While some of the men on board are busy taking in the nets set the day previous, the others are engaged in setting out clean nets. These two operations finished, the tug hastens to the