

LOTA INORNATA. LOTA VULGARIS.

French—*Lotte commune*. *Lotte de rivière*.

In Canada—*Loche*.

English—*Plain Burbot*. *Eel*. *Pout*.

the order of *Malacopterygii*, *Sub-brachiati*; of the family of *Gadidae*; of the genus *Lota*.

The size of the Burbot, better known in Canada under the name of *Loche*, ranges from one to three feet. It closely resembles the Eel, but the body is more developed.

Color, dark brown, the head being almost black; ordinary sized mouth, armed with numerous minute teeth. The first dorsal and the caudal very long. The specimen furnished to me was thirteen inches long, and the fin rays were as follows:—

D. 12.7; P. 19; V. 7; A. 64; C. 43.

The flesh of the Burbot is good. It commonly occurs in the River St. Lawrence, and is taken in brush fisheries or with the line, in winter as well as in summer.

I did not meet with the Burbot in the Gaspé and Labrador rivers, but have been informed that it often appears there; and the finest species of fish abounding in these places; no attention whatever is paid to it.