

*Overseer McFayden* states that, fishing on the Saugeen commenced only about 1st July, owing to the height of water. Trout are reported to be as abundant as ever. The sawdust nuisance is steadily decreasing. Out of over fifty sawmills on that stream, only one owner was found guilty of deliberate violation of the law, and was fined in accordance.

*Overseer McKinnon's* statistics show a decided increase in the yield of the fisheries in his division. The demand for fresh fish food in the local and American markets, is so brisk that few are pickled. Pound nets set in the neighbourhood of Kettle Point, for sturgeon fishing principally, proved a complete failure, owing to stormy weather; some of them being washed ashore three times successively by heavy waves. Only one violation of the law came under the *Overseer's* notice: a case of selling pickerel during the close season. The offender was prosecuted and fined.

*Overseer McMaster* has made no report.

LAKE ST. CLAIR AND THAMES RIVER DIVISION.

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J. B. MOODY,  
P. McCARRON,  
PETER McCANN,  
ANGUS BRADY,  
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COMPARATIVE Statement of the yield and value of the Fisheries in this Division.

Kinds of Fish.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
			Lbs.	Lbs.
Whitefish.....Brls.	43			
do .....Lbs.	8,800	24,400	16,600	20,200
Trout.....Brls.	35	175	29,600	57,000
Herring....."	350	300	brls. 291	brls. 462
Maskinongé....."			400	600
Bass....."	167	344	85,400	85,800
Pike....."	38	64	12,200	50,200
Pickerel....."	571	512	141,400	88,800
Sturgeon....."			600	200
Coarse Fish....."	699	818	brls. 1,568	brls. 1,084
Fish used for local consumption....."	392	211		" 374
Totals in barrels or lbs.....	2,339	2,546	lbs. 657,000	lbs. 686,800
Value..... \$	10,864	20,640	25,695	27,334

The catch of whitefish in this division, although larger than last year, still falls below that of 1881. The yield of trout is almost double that of the previous year.

*Overseer McCann* states that for some unexplained causes, pickerel fishing on the upper division of the Thames River was a complete failure. This was, however, more than made up by a good catch of bass and coarse fish. Heavy freshets either carried away the mill dams or so badly damaged them that they had to be rebuilt. The owners were notified to have proper fishways placed on their dams. No violations of the law came under the *Overseer's* notice.

*Overseer Brady* reports a great falling off in the yield of his division, owing to spring floods