

On the 22nd of June, I started again by the same steamer. I sent ashore eight cans of fry at Grand River, and proceeded myself to Grand Pabos with twelve cans, containing about fifteen thousand fry. I planted these very well and with scarcely any loss, having taken a good supply of ice and renewed the perforated covers with some on the way up. The people at Pabos were surprised to see the young fish looking so lively. Unfortunately the only scow available for the purpose at this place is too large and heavy for our work, and in consequence it takes a much larger time to get up the river and needs extra men. It would therefore be advisable to have a small scow built there, suitable for the purpose. On the 30th of June, I sent three cans with about ten thousand fry to Mr. McIsaac, to be placed in the west river of Pabos, and on the 1st of July he wrote me as follows:—"I received the three cans of young salmon, per steamer, and placed them one, two and three miles above the old dam of the west river, yesterday, and there were only two dead ones in the lot; all of the fry were in excellent condition and quite smart. We had to carry the canoes over land at the old mill-dam, and cut a passage in order to pass our flat, the gaps being filled with drift wood. It is a great pity the gap is not wider in order to allow salmon to get up. I, however, planted the young salmon to my satisfaction."

The number of young fry placed in each river is as follows:—

Dartmouth River.....	650,000
York "	370,000
St. John "	360,000
Malbay "	90,000
Grand "	67,000
Grand Pabos River.....	50,000
Grand Pabos River, West.....	10,000
Total.....	1,597,000

Besides the above-mentioned places of distribution, about fifty thousand were placed in the pond at the establishment, and eight thousand carried to the North-West Lake as an experiment.

The operations connected with the netting of the parent fish were not so successful as last year, owing to their not being as many salmon running up the river as in former years. I append a statement of the number of salmon caught, and the dates on which they were taken. On the 29th May I placed the first fish caught in the pond, and on the 18th July the last one was taken.

June 24th.....	Rain storm, nets taken up.
July 10th and 11th.....	Set nets.
July 23rd.....	Rain storm.
July 24th.....	Took up nets.

After the above-mentioned last date I took up the nets, as the river kept very high, making it impossible to set the nets again.

I may state that out of the one hundred and twelve parent fish captured this season and placed in the pond, not one died during the summer. The fish were seined and put in the cribs ready for manipulation on the 10th day of October; some eggs were taken the same day. There were in all a total of one hundred and twelve fish, eighty-seven females and twenty-five males, also four females and eight males in lower pond, making a grand total of one hundred and twenty-four parent salmon for spawning purposes.

Although some of the fish gave their ova well at first trial many of them were very late, and it was the first week in November before all the fish were manipulated, the weather at the time being very cold.

The fish were all taken around to the main river by scow, and appeared quite lively and healthy. The number of ova taken was as reported to your Department,