sons who have taken a prominent part in

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ment of the present year we had no

connection with our fishing interests.

General Business.

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General Business.

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Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1877.

Not Yet. Some would-be politicians seem to think that because a number of mem bers of the House of Commons have violated the law relating to the independence of Parliament there will be a dissolution and general election. There will be no dissolution, however, unless the aspect of political affairs at Ottawa changes very much.

WarI

Cable despatches state that war has been declared between Russia and Turkey. No engagement has taken place, but a conflict between troops of the respective powers

Bedford all Right. After satisfying himself in refer ence to our representations in connection with the Northwest Miramichi Hatching House, Samuel Wilmot, Esq., proceeded to the establishment on the Sackville River at Bedford, N. S., and we are glad to learn from him that he found there the quantity of ova represented, a large portion of them being already hatched out. The only difficulty is that the facilities at hand are scarcely, sufficient for the proper accommodation of the fry. This, we hope, will be overcome, so that none of the care and labor bestowed upon the work of the past winter will be lost. It is gratifying to know that at the present time there are between 900,000 and 1,000,000 vivified ova and live salmon fry in the Nova Scotia establishment.

The Effect of War.

The Monetary Times says should the threatened war, take place the effect would probably be injurious to Canada. For the second time, in this century, Canada is an importer, not an exporter of wheat; and war would enhance the price of the wheat we have to buy. It is also, possible, that it might have an injurious effect on our lumber interests, as capital now being employed in the erection of buildings in England and Scotland might be swept, through the force of foreign or domestic loans, into the vortex of war.

The Independence of Parliament.

The list of members of Parliamen charged with having contracts with the Government is growing long and it balances pretty well on each side of the House. Mr. Mitchell has, it is said, been receiving a rental of \$400 a year from the Government for the portion of his House in Newcastle which was used as Railway offices and a like sum for the portion used by Mr. Light, C. E., as his residence. Mr. Moffatt of Restiuche is said to have had a share in contract for carrying rails; Mr. Anglin ly, become convinced that it knows nothing has been prefiting by a printing contract; Mr. Burpee and Mr. Domville are also declared to be contractors with Government, indirectly. We have not heard, however, of these gentlemen changing their political views to any extent. Mr. Mitchell has, perhaps, chang- by making thorough enquiries for themed more than any other, having abandoned his leadership of the Party of the Left Centre, but he seems quite as determinedly opposed to the Government

The Miramichi Fisheries Question. We feel that we reflect the sentiment of the people in this section of the North Shore when we say that our most important industry, next to lumbering, has been very badly managed of late years, and we fear it will take a larger influence than can be brought to bear in the right direction to change the system by which the Department at Ottawa is, to a dangerous' degree, made but an engine for giving effect to recommendations and experiments which are fast rendering the term "Fishery Regulations," in Northumberland, a synonym for all that is absurd, ill-advised and opposed to the true interests of those who are affected by them. The policy of those who have to deal with and direct the SHEATHING PAPER. administration of public affairs can only be properly judged by its effects upon the interests treated; -a correct policy will gain adherents and its rulings will, in time, be received as public axioms, while the opposite and its results will gradually lose favor, and even their mention call up adverse sentiments if not execration. believe that when those of our readers who are familiar with fishery management on the Miramichi think of their knowledge and observation in connection with these truisms, they will not be slow to justify this paper in the course it has been forced to take in its discussion and treatment of the important subject referred to. Those who divest their minds of prejudice and New Crop Molasses, think only of the interest involved, who look at the bald facts, as far as they, themselves, know them-divested of official, political or local clap-trap - who really there is energy enough in the proper strive to arrive at as clear an understanding | quarter to secure action upon facts which as possible of what is best for both the present and the future in connection with this great industry, must acknowledge that we

adequate idea of the qualifications for their offices of those who are the recognised represented was in the trays. Statements advisers of the Department at Ottawa, in of similar or worse misrepresentations of facts by those in charge of the establishsupposed, when we took up the Report of ment in previous years were made at the the Department of Marine and Fisheries same time, and the Department, which and read the names of the practical and qualified men who are down on the list as the same person who made the cooked official report from the Hatching House last autumn those of others who are not practical men felt, no doubt, that it must order an investiand are not in any way, qualified for the gation. Mr. Wilmot came to the Mirapaying them for, -that when changes Fisheries for the Province-the latter being ed-fishery officers, fishermen and the affecting the local fisheries were to be made the officer whose report was questioned— general public alike. these practical men would be consulted, and a visit was made to the Hatching House without any notice being sent to the and that the others, who knew little or nothing of their duties, would be prompted gentleman who made the charges. We by policy if not by reason to be governed do not feel that we are at liberty to state what the result of Mr. Wilmot's count of by their advice, but we find that those the ova was, but after the charges were who have taken no trouble to acquire even made the public were informed by the an elementary knowledge of the duties Departmental organ that great losses had which their position in the community taken place during "the past fortnight." would forbid them to perform, have grown and after the visit and count by Mr. Wilsecure from official detection in their inmot the same organ gave a statement which competency and are found delivering their it said was furnished to it by the Inspector opinions on subjects of which they are accounting for losses by "fall freshet" ignorant, -- without reference to their cometc., of nearly one half the ova originally petent associates in office-with an assurance which could only have been gained reported as having been laid down. These losses, the official explanations stated, by the conviction that a strong though sinister defence stands between them and were reported to the Department as they occurred, but the fact is that no such their just deserts. It is almost entirely reports had reached the Department up due to what Shakespere so aptly terms to the time the charges of fraud were "the insolence of office" that those of made (on 4th inst.) The gentleman who our Overseers and Wardens who are best formulated the charges was surprised that qualified are treated as if they had no exthe allegations respecting the official misistence, while their names are used by those who have usurped their authority representations of past years were not

for the purpose of giving point and color gone into by Mr. Wilmot when he was

to representations which, if not knowingly

false, are made in such ignorance of the

facts as would secure their disbelief under

any circumstances save those which are

brought about by the manipulation of the

persons who seem to have been specially

retained for the work of misdirecting and

The existence of this condition of affairs in

the country may be kept from the public

for a time by the means resorted to by

those responsible for it, but the importance

of the interests affected and the intelligence

which is fast sweeping the rubbish of old

and vested official corruption away, must

bring the truth to light. To our general

readers the matter may appear a small one,

but to the people who live on the tidal

waters of the Miramichi and its tributaries

it is otherwise. We shipped fish from our

two railway stations last year which, at a

very moderate estimate, netted over \$50,

000 to the men who caught them-and

that without any expense for curing, etc.,

The shipments by sea must have been very

much larger, the total value being per

haps \$100,000 to \$150,000. It is to our

local interests, and especially to those

such importance as that under considera-

tion, that our people should give their

closest attention, and we ask our readers

who may have, heretofore, looked with

apathy upon the discussions that have been

going on, to think of the matter seriously

and do what they can to assist in break

ing up or reforming what they must be

convinced has been a very faulty and ill-

advised system of management. In the

light of developments which we have come

upon since the commencement of the year,

we have deemed it our duty to oppose

much that has been advanced by the Fish-

eries Department in the Province and the

more we investigate and the closer our con-

tact with its chief provincial Officer neces-

sarily becomes, the greater seems the jus-

tice of the position we have taken and the

more unpleasant, on personal grounds, our

the approval of many of our best and most

respected fellow-citizens, whose sympathy

we are assured of in the matter of the

gross personal attacks which have been made

upon us from time to time by, or through

the inspiration of the officer referred to

but we knew, we might expect any and all

weapons of defence to be brought into

play when we commenced to deal with his

official acts on their merits, and if we al-

lowed him, last week, to escape the just

punishment of conduct which ought to

cause the Department to feel ashamed of

him, the fact may be attributed to the res-

peet which we still entertain for the au-

thority he misrepresents, rather than any

The management of fishery matters in

Northl'd is beginning to attract attention

about it. At all events it has been judi

ciously silent since we secured a partial

investigation of charges made from this

office early in the present month. Another

has touched the matter daintily and then

dropped it, also. Either of these journals

might have done us a great public service

selves and publishing the results. An-

other, the Globe, was misled for a time

last winter. We observe, however, that

it has informed itself more correctly of

late and, referring to some of the state-

"We call the attention of the Minister of

Marine and Fisheries to these statements.

ments made by the ADVANCE says :-

tion at the North Shore."

handled the subject until it has, ap

personal regard for himself.

We are, it is true, encouraged by

isinforming the Department at Ottawa.

what he had stated and leave the onus of non-investigation upon the Department. While on the Miramichi Mr. Wilmot was, we are informed, instructed to make enquiries in connection with the prohibition of bass fishing after the last of March and that of seining for Gaspereaux. Mr. Wilmot got such information as he could, number of gaspereaux and bass fishermen having come to town at the request of the Inspector, Overseer Wyse and others to give their views on points in dispute. We believe that several fishermen and others interested made statements to Mr. Wilmot before and after the open investigation was held, but what the nature of these statements was we can only conecture. At the open investigation but fisherman was called at the request of the editor of the ADVANCE, all the rest being brought forward by Overseer Wyse. and the whole of them may be taken as those on whom the Inspector and Mr. Wyse relied for an endorsement of their past policy and recommendations. The language of the principal witness called by these officers would, we presume, be quite sufficient to give Mr. Wilmot an idea of the kind of authority they rely upon for 'practical information" in reference to points on which they cannot themselves speak from personal observation. We reer to the person who obtained the signatures to the petition asking for the prohibition of bass-seining. He confessed that e did not write the petition or have it written of his own motion, had not witnessed the hauling of a bass seine for thirty years; never saw a small bass destroyed by

here, but he could only offer proofs of

the seines now in use, but was of opinion that great destruction was caused by Overseer Wyse, the only local fishery who has ventured to recomthe prohibition of bass seining, said he formed his opinion in the matter

on the representations of others. He said his specialty was the superintendence or overseeing of bass fishing in Napan, and although he has held the appointment for that specialty between four and five years he had to confess that he never saw a bass seine hauled. The Inspector is similarly situated in reference to this mode of bass fishing. In view of the facts that the Inspector and Overseer Wyse are the only fficers who have recommended the probition, that neither of them has ever taken the trouble to witness the mode of fishing they complain of, and that the official assertion of the Inspector that bass spawn in May in the Miramichi has been utterly and unanswerably disproved; to be invested in other securities?" taking into consideration, also, the fact that the latter officer reported 640,000 ova laid down in the Hatching House. when not more than one half that num- dollar in the bank and have had \$5,000 of outside. One of the dailies in St. John has ber were so laid down, we have a right to maturing paper against him, and at the ask that restrictions placed on our fishery industries at the instance of these of-

> pending enquiries which ought to be coninued until the bearings of the whole question are more fully understood. We do not think that Mr. Wilmotis at all blame because he did not remain on the Miramichi long enough to make anything approaching a thorough investigation, for his enquiries in reference to bass and gasreaux were, under his instructions, understood to be only casual. It was not within his province to make his investigation a judicial one or he might have been asked to note the fact that the Inspector openly, in the room where the inquiry was

ficers, in a most arbitrary unseasonable

inconsiderate manner, be removed,

They come from a source not unfriendly to the Government of which he is a member. conducted, insulted the very men Overseer and they are stated with a positiveness Wyse and himself requested to give testithat appears to have its origin in the consciousness that they are the truth. The Minister is, undoubtedly, animated by a The duty of the Department is to order vears over \$10,000,000. sincere desire to do what is best for the inan enquiry not only in reference to the terests of Canada, and his own Province fisheries of the lower waters of the river, would, particularly get fair play at his but also those of the upper tidal and We know that he is most anxious fluviatic waters; these enquiries should be to do everything that is in his power to advance the interests of the fishermen of made from Portage River and Point Esthe Miramichi, consistent with the public cuminac to the uppermost pools in the main interest. Indeed he could have no other river and tributaries, where spears and feeling On the other hand, there does appear to have been some malign influence at torches do their destructive work unmowork to occasionally thwart his desires. lested by officers. The facts cannot be and to make his efforts futile. We hold fully gathered in Chatham or Newcastle or him and the country will hold him respon any other central point on the River, but sible for the work of his Department, but they should be sought out where the fishno one who knows him would suppose for a moment that, unless acting under sugeries are actually carried on. If the Ingestions from some one in his Department spector and the Overseers performed their who might be supposed to know what is duties properly and their relationships right, he would have made the regulations that from time to time have been made, were what they ought to be towards each and then recalled them and changed them, other, we believe there would be a more the way they have been recalled and changintelligent understanding of the question We do not for a moment say that the influences which have been in operation at headquarters, but, as we before intimathave been intentionally sinister; but it ed, the most incompetent of the officers does seem as if the Minister had been in-(we speak of the portions of the river below tentionally deceived by those in whom he Newcastle) are those who are kept the had a right to place trust and confidence, closest in the confidence of the Departand from whom he had a right to demand undoubted and reliable advice. We shall ment, while those who might be made of be glad if it can be shown that he was not service to it are almost altogether ignored. deceived : but no one can blame him if he We might pursue this subject to an al-

starts upon a rigid enquiry into the causes most indefinite length, but we have prethat, despite his own endeavors to do right, have produced so much dissatisfacsented enough of the facts to enable the ordinary reader to understand some of the bearings of a question which is of great Our cotemporary has struck upon what mportance to the people of the County. is fast growing to be recognised as the key to the whole trouble, but whether are but too apparent is a matter vet to be

Miramichi. The Department had been given hardly credit. Whether those who have bringing about the existing condition of to understand officially that a certain large given the information have, themselves, quantity of salmon ova had been laid down been the victims of misplaced confidence, there, and it was informed by the editor of it is not our business to enquire and were this paper, by a comunication forwarded we to undertake the task we would not on 4th inst. that not one half of the quantity know where to begin. There are few officers in this County who understand where the Department has obtained the information upon which it has acted of late and fewer still who justify the policy pursued. The requirements of the situation are has allowed itself to be misled so long by therefore obvious and we await the action of the Department on the facts that are presented to it with the expectation that it will act fairly and allow no false notions of duty or official etiquette to michi and was met by the Inspector of stand in the way of justice to all concern-

> will be found on the first page of this week's ADVANCE; also a contributed article in reference to the recent demonstration by workingmen at Ottawa. THE KINGHAN AFFAIR AT WELD-FORD is still a subject of considerable interest along the Intercolonial Railway Line. The murder theory is not be-

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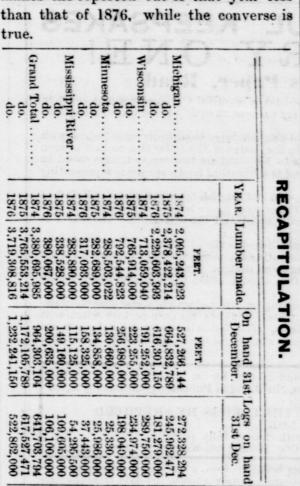
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ing the assertions of a portion of the

The American Lumber Product. We present herewith the most complete ompilation of lumber statistics ever made. and there is but one thing to detract from ts merit, which is the incomplete returns from some of the mills for 1874, which makes the reported cut of that year less than that of 1876, while the converse is



Michigan was to be the great timber reserve of the continent, but, up to the rivers, back from their banks, and on nev streams, has the march continued, until one great section of the lower peninsular is nearly denuded of its pine timber, and such a terrible consumption has occurred all over the Northwest that people may well begin to measure the duration of limited resource, by the demands made upon it. The tables show that in the Northwest there has been consumed, in the manufacture of lumber alone, over 3,600,000,000 of pine timber during the past year, and over one half of this has been cut from the forests of Michigan's lower peninsula, which, making no allowance for the shingles or square timber cut. would consume the entire supply in less than fifteen years. But we do not desire to go on record as expressing the opinion that in fifteen years the entire pine timber supply of that peninsula will be exhausted, for the tables tell a different story; they show how mills are dropping out here and there, and a forced curtailment of the product has already begun. But this does not change the unwelcome fact that in three years, more than one-fourth the estimated standing pine of the lower peninsula of Michigan has been consumed. The tables assure us that, in three years, in lumber alone, 10,865,558,015 feet of standing timber has been consumed. This represented in the estimated wealth of its possessers \$21,731,116.03. The question now to be answered is, "Has its conversion into currency returned to those who have been engaged in the business, after

A man may have his mill in as good pair at the close of the season as at the commencement; he may have had not one close of the season have paid those obligations, contracted no debts, and with \$5,-000 bank balance in his favour, be \$10,000 poorer than at the commencement of the season! If he consumed 10,000,000 feet of stumpage, which is estimated to be worth \$20,000, his assets have been decreased that amount, while the reduction of his indebtedness and the increase of his bank balance account for only one half that sum: consequently he has sustained a loss of \$10,000 on a year's business, and yet is easier at the close than at the beginning of the year, and we feel warranted. from the letters of prominent manufacturers in all parts of the Northwest, in asserting that this has been the average experience, or to state the conclusion more plainly that the assets of lumbermen with-

paying all expenses, that amount of money

have been decreased in the past three The report of one locality, which need not be named, shows that 40,000,000 feet of timber was consumed last year in the manufacture of lumber and shingles. The total value of the products at the mills was \$450,000. The value of the mill property, two years ago, was estimated by the owners at \$600,000. It is estimated to-day at \$300,000, a loss by depreciation of \$300,000 or two-thirds the total value of the products of the locality for the last year, and more than all the profits made by all the manufacturers in the ten years since first the development of the lumber business began there. This same lesson of depreciation is imparted with equal force in other localities, and may be read to a greater or less extent in the experience of every locality and every individual lum-

in the territory embraced in our Review

The amount on hand at the mills, as reported in our tables, is but little in excess of the amount for 1875, and the difference would be covered if the reports for that year were as complete as those for 1876. This shows that there has been a demand for all the lumber manufactured, but there is one instructive fact cennected with these figures that ought not to be lost sight of The total cut, in round numbers, was 3,-600,000,000 feet, the total on hand, is 1, In dealing with the matter as we have 200,000,000 feet, or one-third the cut of done for the past three months, we have last year; or one-third of the demand upon been actuated by a desire to bring the De- the same mills for the coming season, with partment-from the Minister down to the | the same volume of business that was sehumblest Warden-to a more just appre- | cured last year. What does this mean? Many of our readers know that the ciation of the interests involved, and to It simply means an average of four months are doing an important duty when we la- Fisheries Department recently directed arrest the further development of a sys- seasoning before shipping, which is cerbor to effect such reform as will render its Samuel Wilmot, Esq., to visit the Mira- tem of management which has been work- tainly brief enough time to secure the management less deserving of adverse michi and—as a paper which seems to be ing injury to all interested. We are conweeks and caught seventeen salmons, but

After this they remained out for two weeks and caught seventeen salmons, but

THE LARGEST AND CHEAPEST criticism from those who are most compe- the Department's local organ said—look vinced that the Department at Ottawa from this amount reported on hand, a retent to pronounce an opinion on the sub- into fishery matters. The immediate cause has been deceived and misinformed by duction of fully 300,000,000 should be gave Mr. Robinson so extraordinary an adject, and, therefore, the more fully sensible of his visit was the condition of affairs at | those to whom it has looked for official made for lumber sold, leaving unsold on | venture. of the unfitness for their work of the per. the Hatching House on the Northwest local information, to an extent that it can the mill docks only one-fourth of the cut.

ed activity in all branches of industry and every indication seems to warrant the hope; but, in considering the question of the prospects of the lumber trade, we shall base our expressions on the same volume of trade as was realized in 1876.

The total on the bank and in the streams

ten per cent, as compared with the same

total for 1876, and that per cent, of reduction would have occured in the manufac, strike of a magnificent 12 lb. salmon which ture had the anticipated stock been fully he might have had but for his dread of realized. It is more than probable that water. We venture to say he never took the total cut of the mills enumerated in the voyage above described with a salmon these tables for 1877 will not reach over as motive power; nevertheless the letch 3.200,000,000 feet, as compared with 3,- is a very good one-as "a fish story. 616,308,816 feet. But with the same product, and the same demand, the lumbermen are in a better condition, notwithstanding they have produced the lumbernow on hand at a loss. They used stumpage to meet current obligations, and owe less to-day than three years ago; and if they hold firm, as all seemed inclined to, and sell only for cash, the business of 1877

A Whopping Fish Story.

Frederic Robinson is a capital actor,

from N. W. Lumberman.

will present a more inviting retrospect

than that we have just reviewed. - Abridged

one of the best Hamlets at present on the stage, an acceptable Richelieu, a wicked Richard and a Macbeth having few superiors. He is also a thorough angler, having considerable experience on our New Brunswick rivers. He possesses well-marked individuality - which some people mistake for selfishness-an essential quality in the make-up of an angler and he can live and be happy with his rod, flybook, basket of "prog" and the muses for weeks at a time, gathering material, meantime, with which to tickle the palates of the epicures with whom he is acquainted or to "stuff" those of his literary friends who, while they may not know of taking them, are as ready to swallow a New Brunswick fish story as the whale was to take in Jonah, lest he might get wet. Thus, we find a Robinson fish story taken from the New York Dramatic News going the rounds of the Press. The great event is supposed to have taken place last season. It is painfully evident, from the style of expression that however free the writer may be in handling the pen his experience with the rod has been very limited. He says:-

Some four weeks ago, Mr. Fred Robinson, of the Union Square Theatre, with a couple of friends, started for New Brunswick on a fishing excursion. Their tackle was so voluminous and wieldy that it had to be charged as freight. Our informant tells us that Mr. Robinson and his friends. after remaining in St. John for a day. started out for the river where the salmon abound. Fred prides himself on his knowledge of this peculiar kind of sport, but for three days luck was against him. On the first day he lost his tackle with a monster. The second day he didn't have a bite. On the third day he was drenched to the skin, by a storm which threw down their tent and spoiled a good part of their provisions. On the fourth day, while standing on the river bank, he was moodily wondering if he was going to get whitewashed in his salmon fishing when suddenly he felt a bite that almost pulled the rod out of his hand. He let his tackle out and the reel turned with such velocity as to emit sparks. On, on it went, and Fred began to grow anxious as he noticed that there was no opportunity of drawing. He judged that when it came to the end of the line it would snap like a thread, at the rate it was going, so resolved to follow the monster that had his hook himself. Throwins off his hat and coat, and fortunately having nothing but slippers on his feet, the boots having been too wet to get on, he threw himself into the boiling waters .-But the line went faster than he could swim, so tying the end round his right arm he let himself go. Then began a most extraordinary chase. The fisherman instead of dragging the fish was being dragged by t and at a rate which at times took him completely under water. Almost before he could gain breath another plunge would take place. His velocity was such that he literally passed over shallow spots in the river like a flash of lightning. It was the quickest swimming that had ever been accomplished. This kept on for some fifteen minutes, when Fred began to grow anxious about the distance he was getting from camp. But he was now powerless. The line had tightened around his arm and he had no knife to sever it. Gradually a distant roar reached him, and his hair stood on end as he contemplated the possibility of reaching a cataract. The noise grew louder, and he gradually became convinced he was actually doing so and unable to do a thing to avert the peril. He saw a white foam ahead, and then suddenly felt an increased velocity, and before he knew believe all was over. To his surprise he went down very deep but preserved his presence of mind. On coming to the surtace, he looked up and saw some forty feet off a fall about twenty feet high, over which the water was rushing and boiling. He remarked at the same time that the line had ceased to drag him. Every now and then, however, there was a trembling which denoted that the fish was still at the end of the line. He began to draw in the line, and follow it up very slowly. This was a work of some minutes, as the line was some fifty feet long. Gradually he approached the bank of the river, wondering whether the fish had taken refuge on dry land. Approaching nearer, he noticed a small entrance not over two feet broad and very shallow, and on rising to his feet he observed a small circular basin not over eight feet in diameter, and two feet deep. He also saw a perfect monster of a salmon lying on the bottom. When the salmon saw him it made a bolt for the entrance, but Fred was too quick for it and beat it off. At the least movement he made, however, it would endeavor to get out, until he became convinced the only means to employ was to fill up the entrance with stones that lay close at hand. This was a work of some time, and the fish eyed his movements suspiciously, endeavoring to thwart him by lashing the water and blinding him. Spite of this, Fred built up a barrier of stones as high as the surrounding bank. Then he went on terra firma, and tried to pull in the line. But this was snapped like a thread. Then he pursued the fish, and endeavored to seize it bodily, but it evaded his grasp with ease. He at last made up his mind, after half an hour of this work, that no means he had at hand would suffice to catch the monster. So he resolved to return to the camp and get help. He made his barrier of stones stronger and higher, and left for the camp. It took him three hours' walk to get over the ground that it had taken twenty minutes to go by the way of the river. His return was hailed with great joy, as his friends began to think he was lost or drowned. He told them the story,

but they were incredulous, and it took no small persuasion to get them to consent to accompany him. As it was getting late, and all were tired, the excursion was put off till next day. Early in the morning the three friends got into their boat and paddled down the stream. When they heard the roar of the waterfall they landed, and Fred guided them to the small basin where he had left his salmon. Sure enough, there it was. When he saw the three men come down on him, he actually made an attempt to leap over the stones which shut up the passage-way. It was to no purpose. The three men got on three sides of the little basin, and one of them at length, by a dexterous blow of the hook, caught his piscatorial majesty under the gills, and landed him on terra firma. He weighed fifty eight-pounds and was the largest salmon any one of them had ever seen (or any one else). Five hooks were found in his mouth, three of Gold Jewelry & Electro Plate. them half-worn away.

"What are the prospects for the immedi- swimming part of the above story, for ate future?" is an oft-repeated inquiry. Fred is as much afraid of getting out of Every commercial writer predicts increas- his depth in a river as Ophelia ought to have been. The writer was sea-trout fishing with him in June '74 at Indiantown and Renous River, on the S. W. Miramichi, when he would not cross the stream in a "dug-out," because there were no Indians to use the pole and paddle, and he had no faith in the ability of a bluenose to will show a decrease of probably about conduct the voyage properly. The boat was taken over safely however, and he was permitted afterwards to look across at a

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