

ANGLING SEASON ON ST. JOHN AND MIRAMICHI BEST EVER

Close to Five Hundred Fish Taken at the Hartt's Island Pool—Miramichi Anglers Also Had Good Sport—Substantial Sum of Money Left in Province by Visiting Anglers.

The season for salmon angling in the free waters of the province, particularly the St. John and Miramichi Rivers, which closed on September 30th, is regarded as one of the most successful in the history of the province. Weather and water conditions at the Hartt's Island pool were during the entire month of August and the early part of September pretty close to the ideal. The catch of salmon and grilse at this pool for the season was close to five hundred, a greater

number, the Mail is informed than was taken during the season by members of the Tobique Salmon Club. It was easily the best season that fly fishermen have enjoyed since 1923, but the proportion of adult salmon was not so great as in that year. During the first three weeks of August many grilse weighing from five to six pounds were taken, and on the completion of the netting season on the 15th of the month a number of salmon were caught. The fishing con-

tinued good until the middle of September, when there was a falling off due to the fact that the water dropped to the lowest level in a score of years. There was some rain during exhibition week here, but it failed to improve angling conditions. The Southwest Miramichi River also reached a very low level during the last half of September, with the result that the fish loitered in the deep holes and positively refused to rise to a fly. The water was so low in some parts of the upper reaches of the Southwest that it was difficult to propel a canoe. Experienced salmon anglers fully understand that they have to take a long chance on weather conditions, and unless they are near right the fish will not take the fly with avidity and they have to be content with a minimum catch.

Changed Conditions.

Conditions with respect to salmon angling have greatly changed in Central New Brunswick within the

last twenty-five years. In the old days salmon angling was looked upon as sport for people of wealth only, and less fortunate mortals displayed only a perfunctory interest in it. Prior to the year 1904 salmon angling so far as the St. John River was concerned was not even a dream. What few anglers came to Fredericton headed for the upper waters of the Southwest Miramichi. Some went on to Boiestown and hired guides to pole them up to Burnt Hill pool which meant a long and tedious journey of three days. Others left the train at Bristol, Carleton County, made a portage of twelve miles to the river and canoed down to the salmon pools and then on to Boiestown. The construction of the Transcontinental Railway through the centre of the province and the discovery that salmon in the St. John River would rise to a fly has brought

picked with care. Mr. Griffin's parties last season included H. S. Snyder, former vice-president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Mr. Snyder bought the Rocky Bend pool last year and had Mr. Griffin erect camps near by for his personal use. He made two trips to Rocky Bend during the season.

Mr. Griffin has found his business developing so rapidly that he has found it necessary to establish head-quarter camps on the river near Boiestown. He has purchased a block of land there in a splendid location and has erected several nice bungalows. These he will occupy next season and will provide excellent accommodation for his parties while they are on the way up and down the river. He will also have accommodation available for tourists who happen along.

hooked by other anglers, turned right about and made for the Bay of Fundy and it is presumed eventually reached their destination. These latter were of the tackle smashing type and carried away as souvenirs pretty little artificial flies and pieces of gut leader.

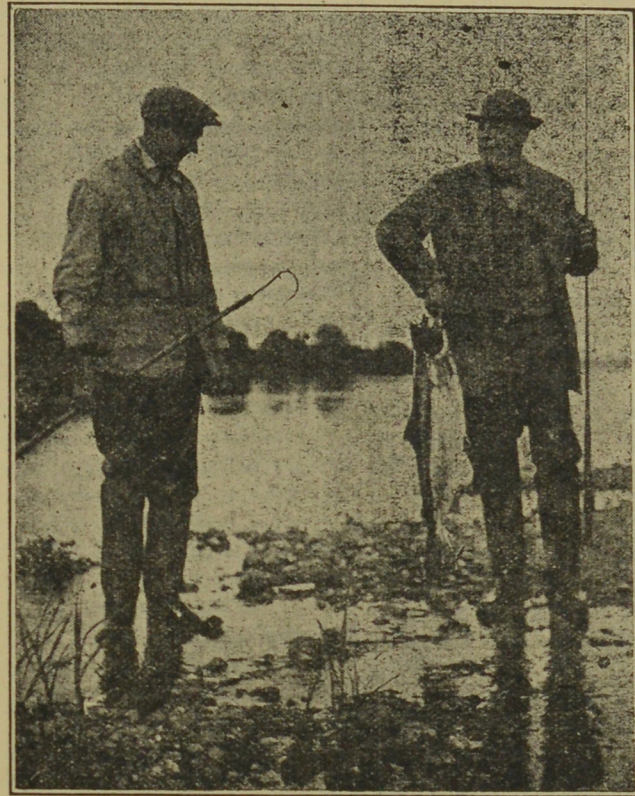
Many Grilse Taken.

Of the five hundred odd fish taken by fly fishermen at the Hartt's Island pool during the season, the larger proportion were grilse, weighing from five to six pounds. Very few salmon were taken until after the nets were lifted on August 15th. The grilse as is usually the case were practically all male fish and were the output of one season. If a six or six and a half inch mesh were used by net fishermen along the river as is the case in St. John Harbor, grilse would have nothing to fear while on their way to the spawning grounds except the fly fishermen, and they would not be net marked when caught as is now quite often happens.

Successful Guides.

Many American anglers fished at the Hartt's Island pool during the season and were all handled by Guides Raymond Currie of this city and Roland Wheeler of Kingsclear. These men are master fishermen themselves and have the camps and other necessary equipment. They are both vendors of angling licenses for the Provincial Government and sold during the season between them upwards of \$500 worth. Considering the fact that during the season of 1925 only \$30 worth of licenses were sold to visiting anglers at this pool it will be seen that there has been a very substantial increase, and Messrs. Currie and Wheeler are largely responsible for it, as their services as guides were engaged by practically all who purchased licenses from them. Both guides declare that the season just closed was the most successful they ever experienced. Mr. Currie, besides guiding many parties to the Hartt's pool and the Southwest Miramichi, also guided a party of Americans on a successful ten days trip to the Gaspé Peninsula. Mr. Wheeler was busy at the Hartt's Island pool from early in July until the end of September; in fact his time was so taken up with visitors that he had scarcely time to catch a fish himself, although he did manage to yank out a fourteen pounder. Mr. Wheeler now finds it more profitable to let some other fellow catch the fish under his direction, and the same may be said of Mr. Currie. Both have a lot of clients who come year after year and will continue to do so. One of Mr. Wheeler's parties, composed of Col. Richardson, Dr. Freeman and H. P. Emery of Worcester, Mass., broke all records at the Hartt's Island pool for non-residents. They landed twenty-five nice fish in four days. Mr. Freeman was so taken with the sport that he extended his

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AN AMERICAN VISITOR AND HIS CATCH AT THE HARTT'S ISLAND POOL.

about a wonderful change and it has meant much to the city of Fredericton. In the old days anglers who came here to fish the streams of Central New Brunswick merely passed through the city; today many of them make Fredericton their headquarters, and motor backward and forward between the Hartt's Island pool and the easily accessible pools of the Miramichi below Boiestown. With respect to the latter the discovery that salmon could be taken along the settled portions of the Miramichi was only made in recent years by non-residents. When conditions are right good sport may be obtained at Kenmore Camps, near Norrad's Bridge, at Porter Cove, and also near Doaktown and at the Mouth of Cain's River. These pools are all easily reached by motor car in a few hours from Fredericton, and enterprising local guides have the necessary equipment to handle all the anglers that come along.

Good Money in it.

Those in position to form an estimate say that between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in good American dollars was left in the Province last season by visiting anglers who fished the St. John and Miramichi Rivers, and the estimate is regarded as a very conservative one. W. Harry Allen, the veteran guide, started the angling season late in April on Cain's River, and had a rush of non-residents which kept him and a corps of guides busy until the end of May. There was a big run of spring salmon and few if any of his parties returned home without making a catch. During the summer months Mr. Allen guided a number of parties to Cain's River for trout and to Rocky Brook for Salmon. Although hampered somewhat by low water he nevertheless had a very successful season.

On the Miramichi.

Coun. William Griffin of Cross Creek operates camps on the upper waters of the Southwest Miramichi, and had a busy and profitable season. His parties travel by the Canadian National Railway to Half Moon Cove, where guides meet them with canoes and run them down to the salmon pools. As the water is pretty strong on the upper reaches of this river it does not take long to cover a distance of eight or ten miles. The guide uses a pole most of the time, and it is necessary for him to keep the frail craft constantly under control, as the river is rocky and in many places the channel is very narrow and has to be

Kenmore Camps.

The Kenmore Camps, located seven miles up the river from Boiestown and managed by Willis Norrad, have had a successful season. These camps are easily reached by auto, and as they are located near the river and boats and guides are always available patrons have a good chance to catch salmon, grilse and trout. Mr. Norrad had many American parties at his camp last season and they invariably went away well pleased with the sport and accommodation provided.

At Porter Cove.

Last season Elmer Pond of Ludlow erected a bungalow at Porter Cove for the accommodation of local and visiting anglers, and during the season just closed found it necessary to erect a second one in order to provide accommodation for those who sought it. On one occasion during last summer Mr. Pond had ten Americans as his guests. Ex-Governor Morrow of Kentucky and Treasurer Cram of the Bangor and Aroostook Railway and his daughter were among other Americans who made his camps their headquarters during a fishing trip on the river. Mr. Pond has a very capable assistant in his wife, who does the cooking and looks after the camps. Both Mr. Pond and his wife made a lot of new friends last season, and they plan to be on the job next season as soon as the ice runs out, and anticipate no difficulty in finding a profitable market for their surplus products of their farm.

The Hartt's Island Pool.

There is no doubt that the Hartt's Island pool on the St. John River, six miles from this city, and better known to the natives as the "dugway," because of the fact that some thirty years ago it was dredged to provide a channel for the passage of steamers, is one of the very best angling propositions on the American continent. It is the first pool of quick water encountered on the river after leaving the city of Saint John, which means that the salmon have to travel ninety miles before they find a resting place where they can be in their element. During the summer months the fish enter this pool just as bright in color and just as full of pep as when they leave the sea. When hooked they will dash about, leap from the water repeatedly, and fight it out to a finish. A local angler who hooked a salmon at this pool during the month of August was one hour and forty-five minutes bringing it to the gaff. Several



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WELL, SOMEBODY WON!!! YOU'D THINK IT WAS A DISGRACE THE WAY THE WINNER KEEPS SILENT—

LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE A STEADY DIET OF BEANS THIS WEEK—

DOWN TO MY LAST NICKEL—I HOPE THE WINNER LOANS ME A FEW BUCKS!

I WON, BOYS, SEE MY BULGING POCKETS!!

THERE OUGHTA BE A DETECTIVE TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY—

TRYING TO DOPE OUT THE WINNER AFTER THE LIL' SESSION IS OVER—

WHOEVER COFFED THE DOUGH AIN'T NOBODY'S FOOL—HE'D BE A LOSER WITH ALL THESE TOUCH-ARTISTS—

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- 8 Children's Home.
- 2 Westmorland and Aberdeen Sts.
- 13 Northumberland and Saunders Sts.
- 14 Brunswick and Smythe Sts.
- 15 Charlotte and Smythe Sts.
- 16 George and Northumberland Sts.
- 17 King and Northumberland Sts.
- 21 York and Queen Sts.
- 23 York and George Sts.
- 24 Queen and Westmorland Sts.
- 26 Brunswick and Westmorland Sts.
- 26 Charlotte and Westmorland Sts.
- 27 King and York Sts.
- 28 Saunders and York Sts.
- 31 Queen and Regent Sts.
- 32 Needham and Regent Sts.
- 34 Queen and Carleton Sts.
- 35 Brunswick and Carleton Sts.
- 36 Charlotte and Carleton Sts.
- 37 George and Regent Sts.
- 38 King and Regent Sts.
- 40 Aberdeen and St. John Sts.
- 44 Queen and St. John Sts.
- 45 Brunswick and St. John Sts.
- 46 Charlotte and St. John Sts.
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- 52 George and Church Sts.
- 53 Union and Church Sts.
- 54 Shore Street and Waterloo Row.
- 55 George Street and University Avenue.
- 56 Lansdowne and Waterloo Row.
- 57 Grey Street and University Ave.
- 112 Aberdeen and Smythe Sts.