

GODERICH, ONT., SEPT. 5, 1894.

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Took testimony here of three fishermen, Capt. John Craigie, Capt. James Inkster, and Capt. McLain, all of whom furnished intelligent answers. Their statements covered the area from the head of St. Clair River up to about Kincardine. Gill net fishing is the principal kind of fishing carried on along this shore of Lake Huron, and a number of tugs are used from Goderich and other places farther north. They fish as they do on the Mich. side, and cover a large area. They rarely ever have attempted to fish gill nets south of Point Harris. It is too far away from them, and they do not seem to find much there. They fish all through north of that place, selecting such grounds as they consider suitable. They do not go as far

Garnie to  
Kincardine  
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north as the Big Reef off Alpena, but get pretty well toward it, and also in the vicinity of, and probably on, the Big Reef off Saginaw Bay. They evidently go onto the American side of the line, as their gangs are often set more or less mixed up with the American gangs, and their tugs are frequently close together.

*Trout*  
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Lake trout, they claim, are practically as abundant as ever. They even said they were more abundant. Whitefish, however, are pretty thoroughly cleared out. They used to get about even quantities of trout and whitefish, now they get very few of the latter.

*Herring*  
Gill net fishing for herring is not extensive.

*Seines*  
Seines were formerly employed somewhat extensively, but mainly at the lower part of the lake. This year they have been entire-

ly prohibited by the government. They took many small fish and may be regarded as destructive in proportion to the extent they were used. They had a small mesh, being designed for pickerel, herring etc., and also took many sturgeon.

P. There are not many pounds along this coast, being also most numerous along the lower part of the coast. Some have been put in this spring in place of some of the seines and they are said to have taken many more sturgeon than the seines this one season. The pounds also have a fine mesh, being designed for pickerel, herring, etc.

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Hooks  
Mullet fishing

There are no fykes along this coast. Hook and line fishing is on a very small scale,--not to be considered. Scarcely any winter fishing about Goderich. The ice seldom makes good.

