

Dominion of Canada,

Ottawa,

Department of Marine and Fisheries,

20th May 1871

Sir,

I beg to enclose for your information the copy of instructions which I have addressed to Captains Scott and Lavoie, in command of the Marine Police Schooners and "La Canadienne", on the subject to which your letter of the 15th instant relates.

The proposed researches which are regarded as of scientific interest and public utility, might be made specially serviceable to the public in connection with the fisheries service under my Department, by embracing

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such as you propose to make,
the extent and condition of
the supplies of natural food
which attracts and sustains
the various kinds of sea
fishes in those parts of
the Gulf and lower
St Lawrence, in order
that the same may
be

be perpetuated, increased
or restored, as found
necessary, in connection with
the protective system established
and carried out by this
Department for the
development of our marine
resources.

I have the honor, to be,

Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant.

P. Mitchell

Minister of Marine & Fisheries.

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the various species

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May 11